

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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STATE LIBRARY REOPENS & STATE ARCHIVES WILL OPEN 9/8

The Alaska State Library reopened to the public on 8/24/2009 with the stacks off-limits to continue processing State Archives boxes frozen in the wake of the 8/17 flood. Now that processing volume has dropped, the State Archives is pleased to announce that they will reopen to researchers this coming Tuesday on 9/8/2009.

According to the State Archives' most current estimates, approximately 1,000 boxes of records were impacted by water. Of these, 260 boxes were placed into frozen storage to arrest possible mold buildup. Staff of the State Archives and State Library should have the last of the frozen materials unboxed and drying today. The Alaska State Museum assisted Archives staff in preparing a plan to provide follow-up monitoring of dried boxes.

We have previously given our thanks to the attendees of the Western Association of Art Conservators (WAAC) conference who gave up part of their conference to help us save archival records. For a report on their efforts and other WAAC activities last week, please visit Ellen Carrlee's Conservation blog post at <http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com/2009/08/17/waac-2009-in-juneau-angels-in-overdrive/>. The entry is appropriately titled, "WAAC 2009 in Juneau: Angels in Overdrive."

PALIN/PARNELL WEB ARCHIVE UNAVAILABLE ON 9/8

Our preservation partners at the Internet Archive have sent us a note stating, "Due to some routine maintenance at our Redwood City data center, the Archive-It service will be interrupted starting at 7 am PT on Tuesday September 8. The interruption could last for up to 12 hours." This means that our archived version of the Palin/Parnell website at

<http://archive-it.org/collections/1200> will be unavailable during that time. We regret the inconvenience.

MINER RESCUE VIRTUAL EXHIBIT NOW ONLINE

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum has posted a new virtual exhibit called Miner Rescue. The exhibit is available at <http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/exhibits/exhibit3/vexmain3.htm>. These photographs document the 1910 Taku basin rescue party's journey, and the method used to bring the injured man to a place where he could receive medical attention. Hat tip to Alysia McClain for this item.

TLINGIT AND HAIDA HISTORY RECORDINGS TO SHI

Zach Jones of the Sealaska Heritage Institute Special Collections has posted a new blog entry about tape recordings on Tlingit and Haida history received by the Institute. According to the blog entry at <http://shispecialcollections.blogspot.com/2009/08/new-audio-recordings-obtained-from.html>, the recordings consist of:

“In regards to the recordings of Walter Williams, on these two cassettes Williams reads a story about the history of Glacier Bay, then discusses this story and adds traditional information to the story from his Tlingit perspective. The third cassette by David and Annabell Peele contains stories about how Haida Indians entered Southeast Alaska, various histories of places, people, and clans, as well as a discussion of the Haida language.”

ROLLINS REPORTS FROM UAA

This is the first of two reports from Steve Rollins about resources and happenings at the University of Alaska at Anchorage that seem to be of interest statewide.

New Research Guides

The UAA/APU Consortium Library has licensed the use of LibGuides as a tool to create new Research Guides. LibGuides is a versatile web 2.0 tool for organizing and maintaining subject guides, course specific guides, and research information. With LibGuides the Library can explore new ways for collaborating with the university faculty, communicating with the students, and delivering library instruction. The guides help to locate library resources for specific subject disciplines as well as for particular courses. More than 30 Research Guides have been developed so far. To check out the new research guides, click here: <http://libguides.consortiumlibrary.org/>.

New Online Tutorials

The Library Tutorials Project provides access to nine online videos explaining how to use several of the UAA/APU Consortium library services and how to locate resources. This new tool will be useful to both on campus and distance education students. <http://consortiumlibrary.org/tutorials/>.

UAA/APU Consortium Library Open Later On Saturdays

Last fall, the UAA/APU Consortium Library commissioned the LibQUAL survey. Based on the survey results, there is a demand for more library hours. Since the Library previously extended Friday night hours until 11pm, the Library will be open two additional hours on Saturday night, closing at 8pm.

Stay tuned for other UAA news items next week. If your library, archives or museums has changed its hours or provided new web resources, please drop a line to *Friday Bulletin* and we'll tell anyone who will listen.

ESTER LIBRARY GOES TO MARKET

Deirdre Helfferich of the Ester Public Library sent in the note below in response to our story on Gustavus Public Library's participation in their town's Summer Farmer's Market:

"We do this too! We sell t-shirts and sweatshirts with the library logo, plus duplicate books. We had a table almost every week from June through August at the Ester Community Market (it's a weekly market), and sold an average of a shirt a market day, plus a couple of other items. We made close to \$250. I was there in my capacity as book publisher as well as gardener selling starts, so the time was well spent. The last official market day was August 27. We also had music:

Kate Billington, Melinda Harris (who has helped on fundraising events and is a former library board member), and myself all play ukulele, and our uke band would have practices there from time to time. Kate Billington, Nancy Burnham, and Monique Musick, all active members of the library committee, also had tables at the market, so the library was quite well represented.

It really helped with the visibility of the library. I brought down the plans for our new building and talked with people about them, got feedback on the plans and how we could organize the library as a nonprofit (a process we started this spring), and it made people aware that the library existed. The Ester library is quite small but well-used, but I still run into locals who don't know about it. So attending the market helped us both financially and to make people aware of their neighborhood library."

WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY HARD TIMES RESOURCE GOES LIVE

We've spent the last few months exhaustively scouring the web and compiling quality resources to help library users across Washington State. The result? A thorough guide with detailed resources and techniques to help you and your users navigate this tough economy. We've covered numerous subjects, including health and nutrition, family and parenting, finances, job-seeking, and a whole lot more. Check it out now at www.secstate.wa.gov/library/hardtimes. (From Washington State Library Update, September 2, 2009)

AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANTS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation have announced the 2010 guidelines for the American Heritage

Preservation Program. This public-private partnership will fund the preservation of endangered and fragile art works, rare books, scientific specimens, and historical documents (photographs, maps, deeds, etc.) held in small and medium-sized museums, archives, and libraries.

The grants of up to \$3,000 are aimed at completing stand-alone conservation projects that convey the essential character and experience of the United States. Examples of fundable projects are provided in the grant guidelines. The deadline for application is September 15, 2009. Read more at www.ims.gov/news/2009/071609.shtm. (From Washington State Library Update, September 2, 2009)

H1N1 (SWINE) FLU FLYERS AND RACK CARDS FROM HSS

If your institution is looking for some official looking handouts on avoiding the spread of flu (H1N1 or other), check out these promotional materials from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services:

H1N1 Spread flyer

http://www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov/PDFs/H1N1spread_flyer.pdf

H1N1 Rack Card (prints 3 cards on a page)

http://www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov/PDFs/H1N1_RackCard.pdf

COST OF LIVING IN ALASKA

The high cost of living in Alaska is the focus of the August 2009 issue of *Alaska Economic Trends*. The issue can be found at <http://labor.state.ak.us/trends/aug09.pdf> and may be useful in budgeting or answering reference questions on relocation. This issue also includes the results of a geographic cost study, as well as an economic look at the Northwest Arctic Borough. *Alaska Economic Trends* is just one of the many publications collected and preserved through the Alaska State Publications Program. For more information about the Alaska State Publications Program, you may either visit the program page at <http://library.state.ak.us/asp/asp.html> or contact Sheri Somerville, our government publications librarian at sheri.somerville@alaska.gov.

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