State of the State 2016

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Alaska State State Librarian
What does the State Library do for you?

• Consultants for public and school libraries – Julie Niederhauser and Jared Shucha
• Consultants for E-Rate and OWL and technology – Val Oliver and Daniel Cornwall
• Consultant for early literacy – Samantha Blanquart
• Continuing education grants for public and school librarians
• Workshops – SLIM, SLICE, DirLead, SPCL, Project Outcome, Lead the Change, and PNLA Leads and more…
• AkLA conference grant
• AkLA scholarships
• Library science collection for lending
What does the State Library do for your library?

- Alaska Library Network – Tracy Swaim
- Grants – Public Library, Interlibrary Cooperation, School Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG)
- 800# ILL Reference Backup Service
- Ready to Read Resource Center
- OWL - Online With Libraries
- SLED - databases and support
- Summer reading program
- Early literacy grants
- Library site visits
What does the State Library do for all Alaskans?

• Alaska Mail Services – books by mail to rural patrons
• Talking Book Center (Contracted with Utah State Library)
• Alaska Digital Library – buying books through ALN
• Author visits – Victoria Jamieson and Ernestine Hayes (Alaska Reads)
• Live Homework Help
• Battle of the Books grant
• Alaska’s Digital Archives
What other services does the State Library offer?

- Reference and research services for government
- Circulating collection of Alaskana and public policy materials
- State depository program for government publications
- Alaska Historical Library – collects and preserves books, state documents, journals, business records, photographs, and maps
How Do You Think LSTA Grant Funds Should Be Used?

- IMLS awards $950,000 to State Library every year to assist with library development in Alaska
- Used for ILC and CE grants and many projects
- Every five years, a new LSTA State Plan for Alaska is created to guide how we use LSTA
- Hand-out on your table showing three goals
- We will collect your handouts at the door
- Please give us your input today!
Library News – Good and Bad – From Around Alaska
New Alaska State Library
New Nome Library
New North Pole Library
New Wasilla Library
Anchorage Library Renovation
Sitka Library Renovation
Library and Librarian Awards

- ATALM Outstanding Project Award to Haines PL and Chilkoot Indian Association for Doorways to the Past, Gateways to the Future Project
- I Love My Librarian award to Dona Helmer at College Gate School in Anchorage
- Follett Challenge Grand Prize winner to Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High
- Mendenhall Valley PL honored by Alaska Chapter American Institute of Architects
- Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building in Juneau honored by National Mosaic and Terrazzo Assoc.
Library Journal’s 2016 STAR Libraries in Alaska

- Craig
- Delta
- Haines
- Homer
- Unalaska

Based on FY2014 per capita statistics for circulation, e-circulation, visits, program attendance, & internet computer use
Library Grants

• Curiosity Grant to Kenai PL to develop creative programming
• YALSA Future Ready with the Library Grant to Kodiak PL to develop career and college readiness services for middle schoolers
• Craig PL awarded NOAA Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement (PLACE) Grant ($1,000)
• Homer PL received an ALSC Curiosity Creates! grant for an after-school maker club for middle school students
Library Grants

• Francis Henne/YALSA/VOYA grant to Deborah Rinio at Hutchison HS
• James Paterson Award and matching Scholastic grant buy ipads and books awarded to Leigh Horner at Haines Schools
• Delta PL received $10,000 from Pogo Mine for new staff computers
• Rasmuson Foundation grant funds are supporting the Cyril George Alaska Native Knowledge Center at UAS Egan Library
Library News

• Claudia Haines of Homer PL taught Media Mentorship and Family Engagement class through U. of Wisconsin Madison SLIS
• Juneau PL, which has long managed CBJ web pages, revised those pages this year
• Fairbanks PL holds monthly Bricktastic building programs for children in the Berry Room
• Unalaska PL hosted 25 people for a minigolf tournament in the library
• Caitlin Jacobson of Ketchikan HS chairs Robert F. Sibert Medal Selection Comm.
Library News

• Iditarod SD is transferring Lake Minchumina school to Homeowners Assoc., so library and post office now have their own permanent home
• Tuzzy Consortium Library in Utqiagvik is Alaska’s newest and America’s northernmost Federal Depository Library
• Anchorage PL has interns from Masters in Social Work program visit Loussac two days a week to help people who are homeless
Library News

• Library interns arranged by State Library worked last summer on different projects at Homer, Juneau and Kodiak public libraries
• Mt. View Library in Anchorage and two partners held a job fair and are providing ongoing services to help job seekers
• Homer PL can now function as a shelter or communications center in an emergency or natural disaster and got Homeland Security grant funds to install a back-up generator
Library News

- Anchorage PL and SD partnered to get library cards to 34,000 students so they have access to books and databases
- Sarah Preskitt at Anchorage PL came up with the idea for a Library-A-Go-Go on an electric bike
## Alaska’s Public Libraries – By the Numbers

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Joint Library Catalog

Consortium of 77 public, academic, special, and K-12 libraries who serve 65% of the population of Alaska with a shared catalog of 1.8 million titles.

Alaska State Library (2)  Anchorage Public Library (5)
Big Lake Public Library  Juneau Public Library (3)
MatSu Boro. School District Libraries (38)  Palmer Public Library
Sealaska Heritage Institute  Sitka Public Library
Sutton Public Library  Trapper Creek Public Library
UAS Juneau  Wasilla Public Library
Anchorage Museum  ARLIS
Haines Borough Public Library  Kenai Community Library
Mt. Edgecumbe High School Library  Petersburg Public Library
Seward Community Library & Museum  Soldotna Public Library
Talkeetna Public Library  UAA Campus Libraries (5)
Valdez Consortium Library  Willow Public Library
Bad News

- CBJ budget cut of $4M led to cuts at Juneau PL
- State Library budget cut of $400K for staff alone
- Furniture vandalized at Kenai PL
- Other bad news?
Goodbye to Anchorage Office
Goodbye to Shane and Alex
The State Library Will Definitely Need Your Help This Spring

$3,000,000,000

• The state budget deficit is a lot of money
• Last year, the State Library took a $400,000 cut in personnel alone and OWL was cut by $100,000
• This year, when the call comes out on the AkLA listserve to defend the State Library’s budget

PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY
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International Federation of Library Associations’ Code of Ethics for Librarians and other Information Workers

Librarians strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing their knowledge and skills.

Librarians share their professional experience with colleagues.

Librarians help and guide new professionals to enter the professional community and develop their skills.

Librarians contribute to the activities of their professional association.

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