
- Alaska State Plan 2013-2017 (5 year plan)

http://akstateplan.ideascale.com/


Share ideas, get inspired, and participate in the conversation!
• Legislative Update.

See link for brief SLAM discussion exchange between the Senate Finance Committee and the Admin Services director for the Dept. of Education, skip to 9:11am – 9:14 am.

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_audio.asp?session=27&chamber=S&comm=FIN&date1=3/2/2012&start=0909

Summary: There is $20 million in the Governor’s capital budget for SLAM, which is a $100 m ($120 m?) project. AkLA Lobbyist Clark Gruening stated it could be likely matched by the Legislature.

Any other comments about legislative updates? Status of 2008 School Library Grant?
• AkLA website (oooooooh!! ahhhhhh!!)

AkLA E-Council voted to disband three inactive committees/roundtables and activate a new one called the Library Advocacy Committee. Consider joining. Jodi has a non-official handout explaining committee.

• New(ish) Roundtable!

Coral is Chair of the New Members Roundtable!
Continuing Education Opportunity! [http://akdigitalintro.blogspot.com/]

AkLA-Juneau, AkASL, and the AkLA Continuing Education Committee presents *Introduction to Alaska Digital Resources*, a self-paced course that empowers library staff, trustee, friends and members of library foundations to explore the rich resources of the Digital Pipeline and SLED. Continuing education hours and UAA college credit can be earned for this 10 week course. Each lesson will take 15-30 minutes to work through. **Course began on March 5 but it's not too late!!!** See FAQ blurb below:

**FAQs blurb (from [http://akdigitalintro.blogspot.com/p/faq.html](http://akdigitalintro.blogspot.com/p/faq.html))**:

**Can I receive college credit for this?**

Yes! You may register for 1 college credit if you are doing the program between March 5, 2012 and May 31, 2012. All blog posts and the final project are due no later than May 31, 2012. You must register separately with UAA Online by March 11 if you want to do this for credit. If you are interested in signing up after the online deadline contact Ann (annmorgester@gmail.com) before March 25 and we will see if there are spaces left - all work must still be completed by May 31.

**Will I receive Continuing Education (CE) Contact Hours for this?**

Yes! If you work in a library. This class is eligible for continuing education contact hours towards the total required for Public Library Assistance Grants, even if you don’t take it for UAA credit. You’ll need to register your blog with the course instructors and complete the entire course. Contact Aja Razumny or Patience Frederiksen at the Alaska State Library if you have any questions about this option.
• National ALA issue: now-banned Mexican American Studies program in Tucson Unified School District.

The Tucson Unified School District has banned their Mexican American Studies program and removed all books in the school district related to Mexican American studies, including works of Shakespeare. This act of censorship is one that AkLA-A a). should be aware of, and b). will continue to follow for further developments.

Suggested blog to follow the issue: http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/
• Snapshot Day!


• 2013 AkLA Conference

Valdez! Late March! Mark your calendars 😊

• Anything I missed?

• The 2012 AkLA Conference was a great experience for this first-time attendee. Thank you to everyone who put in so much effort into this successful event. I strongly encourage all AkLA-A members to attend 2013 if you are able!