Submitted by Rachel Seale, chair

2014-2015 activities

- New chair elected annual meeting February 2014
- Created spot for SLRT on AkLA Commons to put reports & other documents
- Contacted by M.J. Grande regarding any conference presentations or content for SLRT & provided feedback (disaster planning, session on AkLA records at UAF)
- Corresponded with former chair Teressa Williams & got another idea for presentations/content & passed on to M.J. Grande (past-president of Special Libraries Association Cindy Romaine had come up to do some sessions for AkLA 2012, suggested inviting her again)
- Submitted proposal for AkLA Juneau 2015 includes short presentation identifying Alaska’s special libraries and the annual roundtable meeting and election. Proposal accepted and annual meeting scheduled for March 1 from 8-8:30 am.
- Put a call on SLRT listserv for nominations regarding next year’s chair (September 2014 & February 2015) on the roundtable listserv, no response at time of report submission
- Teressa Williams (past chair) will run meeting/session in Juneau if session/meeting in program because current chair cannot attend.
- Teressa Williams reappointed as Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC) representative for another year
- Partial directory of special libraries in Alaska will be posted on wiki (https://akla.org/commons/wiki/special-libraries-roundtable/). Partial because only libraries that responded were included, can be added to once roundtable has defined “special libraries”

2015-2016 suggested goals

- Define what a special library is amongst roundtable members and add definition somewhere on AkLA site (and handbook or by-laws, if appropriate)
- May lead to increase in membership. Noticed there was some question on what the definition of “special libraries” meant to AkLA members.
- Have more programming at 2016 conference
  - Sessions that could be identified as special library programming from 2015 conference, though I think very few include SLRT members
    - Developing Library Resources to Support Yup’ik Language Students
    - Identifying Photographs in the Archives
    - From Alaska to Wisconsin: Building Mutually Beneficial Partnerships with Tribal Communities
    - Bringing the Unique into the Classroom: Incorporating Archival Materials into Library Instruction
    - Lessons for Libraries from the Alaska State Museum Collections Move