



MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development
Date: November 3, 2021

Thru: Commissioner Michael Johnson
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From: Patience Frederiksen
Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums
Subject: Agenda 10B. Libraries, Archives and Museums Standing Report

Staffing

- Chris Hieb moved from the Division Operations Manager back to his Archivist 3 position on August 23.
- Claire Imamura was promoted from Librarian 2 to 3 on August 23 and transferred from Information Services into Library Development.
- Wayne Norlund, Archives' Administrative Assistant 3, resigned his position August 31 to take a promotion to a position in School Facilities.
- Chelsea Kilgore, Museum Protection and Visitor Services Assistant, resigned her position effective September 18.
- Jennifer Quinto, Education Associate 2, resigned her position effective September 24.
- Clint Farr started as the new LAM Division Operations Manager on October 11.
- Kate Dunn, Serials Librarian 1 in Information Services, resigned her position effective October 22.

Events



July 30 – Julie Niederhauser, Public Library Coordinator, was the driving force behind a three-year grant awarded to the Alaska Library Network (ALN) for \$728k from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. ALN, in partnership with the American Library Association, the Alaska State Library, and San José State University, will provide financial and scaffolded student support to 15 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian graduate students to earn master’s degrees in library and information science. The grant will support the recruitment, training, and development of these Indigenous librarians and contribute to growing a diverse and skilled professional workforce.

Image of IMLS logo.



July 28 – Ellen Carrlee and interns take advantage of a sunny day to give Nimbus a much-needed facial.

Image of museum staff washing Nimbus, the large green sculpture in front of the Andrew P. Kashevaroff (APK) Building in Juneau.



August 6 - Kathy Rado did a talk at the APK on *Weaving with Sea Otter Fur*. She has been weaving in the raven’s tail style for three decades and wove this sea otter fur robe for her husband. Raven’s tail is a very old hand-weaving technique featuring geometric patterns that predates the more familiar Chilkat robes. This geometric style died out in the early 1800s, and today, only a dozen early robes (or fragments thereof) exist in museums around the world. Kathy based this robe on two surviving similar fur-warp robes currently located in a museum in Russia.

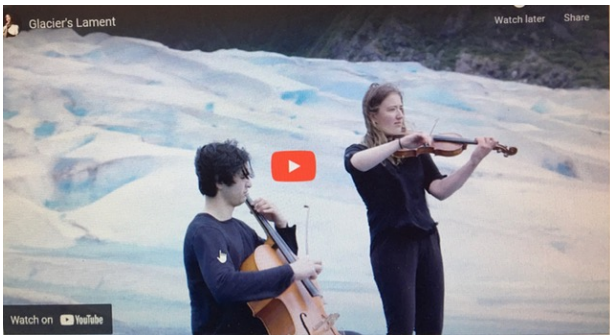
Image of *One Within Another Robe* by Kathy Rado.
Image courtesy of Brian Wallace.

One Within Another Robe by Kathy Rado, 1991.
Photograph by Brian Williams



August 6 - *Illustrating Alaska* traveling exhibit hits the road at the Sitka Public Library. The pop-up exhibit highlights the work of illustrators Jim Fowler, Evon Zerbetz, Mitchell Watley, and Caldecott winner Michaela Goade. The exhibit is comprised of sketches, drafts, and a final work to show the iterative process. The exhibit then moved on to the Huffman School Library.

Photo of people viewing display at Sitka Public Library. Image courtesy of Maite Lorente.



August 28 – In a panel at the APK, artist and filmmaker Jiabao Li and collaborators Lindsay Clark and Cooper Galvin discussed the creative process of the series of works created on Alaska's glaciers. The film *Glacier's Lament* was shot on the Mendenhall Glacier and featured music and dance choreographed from the data about glaciers melting over the past years.

Image of two musicians playing on the ice of the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau.



This summer, contractors installed a new roof and upgraded the cupola at the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

Picture of the new roof at the Sheldon Jackson Museum during a late summer rainstorm.



September 17 – Anastasia Tarmann and Christopher Russell, librarians working on the Alaska newspaper digitization project, presented a session on copyright issues with old newspapers. Their talk focused on the *Tundra Times*, a newspaper whose copyright is legally unrestricted and in the public domain, but a title for which ownership was transferred to an Alaskan Native group out of respect. This mixture of law and indigenous copyright had to be addressed with great care by program staff. Christopher continues to blog about his discoveries in these newspapers at <https://akdnp.wordpress.com>. The clipping shown here appears in his August 25 blog titled: *A Missing Totem Pole in the Golden Age of Hollywood*.

Image of a 1933 clipping from the *Daily Alaska Empire* depicting actor John Barrymore and family on their yacht trip to Juneau.

NATURAL DYE WORKSHOP

A Youth Activity for ages 8-18 with Lily Hope



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
10:30 AM-12:30 PM OR 1:00-3:00 PM

Learn how art and science combine in natural dyes and create your own dyed yarn with Tlingit weaver Lily Hope. Lily is an artist, teacher, and community facilitator who specializes in Chilkat and Ravenstail weaving and has taught natural dye techniques, spinning, and weaving both locally and internationally.

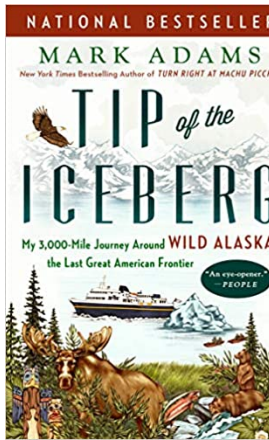
This workshop will be **OUTDOORS** at the APK and is recommended for ages 8 and up. Request a spot by filling out the [participation form](#).

This program is partially funded by the citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau through sales tax revenues and is sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum.

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Image of postcard announcing a Natural Dye Workshop at the APK Building.



September 22 - The Talking Book Center is starting a new **Virtual Alaska Story Hour for Adults** as part of Alaska Book Week. Each Friday, listeners will gather online to listen to the *Tip of the Iceberg: My 1,000 Mile Journey around Wild Alaska, The Last Great American Frontier* by Mark Adams. The author will read the prologue during week one, followed by others reading the rest of the book until it is finished. In *Tip of the Iceberg*, Adams follows the path of the 1899 Harriman Expedition, exploring where, how, and why things have changed...or stayed the same. Free. [Register online](#) or by phone at 907-465-2920 to obtain access info. Open to all Alaska residents.

Image of book cover of Mark Adams' *Tip of the Iceberg*.

October 11 - As part of Archives month in October, archivists Leah Geibel and Karen Gray participated in a podcast about the State Archives. The podcast was posted on Friday, October 8, appropriately on Electronic Records Day, and can be found at <https://archives.consortiumlibrary.org/2021/10/08/archiving-ak-2-3/>.



October 23 – The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum hosted a talk by State Museum Conservator Ellen Carrlee. In July, Ellen and her two conservation interns, Adrienne Gendron and Alyssa Rino, went to the Sitka to condition report, repair, and re-mount 4 grass and cedar bark mats on exhibit in the gallery. They used a new hanging system designed by exhibit staff Jackie Manning and Aaron Elmore in Juneau.

Picture of Ellen and her interns discussing a grass and cedar bark mat at the Sheldon Jackson Museum.