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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education
Date: May 12, 2021
Thru: Commissioner Michael Johnson
Telephone: 907-465-2911
Subject: Report to the State Board of Education & Early Development Covering February through April 2021
From: Patience Frederiksen
Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums

Staffing:

- **Holly Fogus** started March 31 as Webmaster/Publications Specialist for the Division.
- **Jennifer Treadway** reigned her position as Records Analyst III as of April 9.
- **Janet Madsen** retired from her School Librarian Coordinator position on April 30.

Division News:



February – Lisa Golisek received a pin, certificate, and letter from the Governor for her 35 years of service in state government.

Image of certificate of appreciation from Governor Dunleavy



February 25 – Virtual online exhibit opens for Peter Williams: Tradition Innovation at <https://lam.alaska.gov/peter-williams> “An exhibition of garments, artwork, objects and film that highlights the lifestyle and creation of Alaska Native and environmental-based art by Peter Williams.”
Image of color TV with display of fur artwork on screen of TV

TINY BOOKS

A Virtual Workshop for ages 7-12 with artist Evon Zerbetz



Saturday, March 20
10:00-11:30 am
OR 1:00-2:30 pm

Make your own mini book with hard covers. Learn basic bookmaking skills and the language of bookmaking with this no-sew project. Choose a blank book for your personal story or make yours with Evon's design inside.

Evon Zerbetz is one of the featured artists in *Illustrating Alaska*, on display at the Alaska State Museum through April 3. She has dabbled in making homemade books out of boxes, canvas, scraps, and sticks for longer than she has been illustrating books.

This workshop is open to Juneau residents only. Participants will need a webcam and to be able to access a Zoom meeting. Space is limited - 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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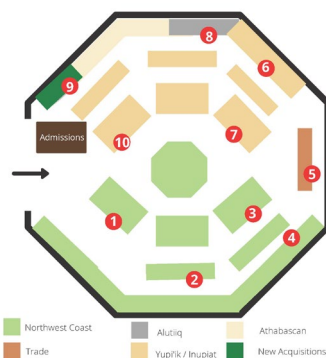
February 26 – Youth learned basic bookmaking skills and the language of bookmaking with Evon Zerbetz during a no-sew workshop titled *Tiny Books*. Attendees chose a blank book for their personal story or made one with Evon's design inside. Evon Zerbetz has dabbled in making homemade books out of boxes, canvas, scraps, and sticks for longer than she has been illustrating books.

Image of post card announcing Tiny Books workshop

March 13 – Sheldon Jackson Museum hosted Richard Jackson in a zoom presentation *Continuing the Legacy of Taalyei* about the work of his mother, Esther Shea. Jackson shared stories and images of his mother and her artwork, talked about her experience as a student at Sheldon Jackson, and shared how he has continued in her footsteps through his own work with the Tongass Tlingit Cultural Heritage Institute.

March 20 - Sheldon Jackson Museum hosted an ocean life themed scavenger hunt for K-12 students. Using a numbered map, children and adults found listed artifacts in the gallery and answered questions about them. All questions were designed to heighten curiosity and build some form of connection with different cultures and peoples of Alaska. Everyone who worked on the scavenger hunt was offered a small craft project to take home.

SJM Spring Break V-1 Scavenger Hunt



Sheldon Jackson Museum | Ocean Life Scavenger Hunt

V-1

Inupiat Small Umiaq
Wooden framed boats with seal hide stretched around the outside. Traditionally used for hunting and transportation, several people could fit comfortably inside. This is a smaller Umiaq. Have you ever ridden in an open boat this size? Yes No

Whale Bone
This natural resource has been used for tools, building materials, and carved into art. Looking closely, you can see little holes in the bone. The bone's porous nature made the whale lighter and more buoyant. What other animals have porous bones?

Children's Mukluks
Fish skin sewed by skilled seamstresses could make water and wind proof mukluks. What were their socks made of?

Seal Trinket Box
This beautifully carved wooden box is shaped as a mother seal with a pup on her back, and is inlaid with blue beads and ivory. What items might have been stored in it?

Bag
What multi-legged sea creature inspired the design of this bag? These were popular pieces of regalia worn during potlaches & ceremonies.

Serving Ladle
This large carved serving ladle would have been used by women serving food to their families. It has mythical animal figures painted in black. How many do you see?

Alut Guit Parka
Women's seamstress skills were highly prized. Regular tight stitching of seal gut resulted in water proof clothing that would protect the wearer from the elements. Do you know how to sew? Yes No

Walrus and Carib
Created for the art or souvenir market, this vest and cap have been carved out of ivory. Where can you find ivory in nature?

Octopus Argillite Plate
Argillite was found in the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia, also called Haida Gwaii. It has been carved and traded for over 200 years. What tools were used to carve Argillite?

Baidarra Models
Skin covered boats were used for hunting sea mammals. Models like these could have been used during hunting festivals or sold as souvenirs. Have you ever made a model of something? Yes No

Bonust!
How many Polar Bears did you find in the museum?

Image of museum floor plan and list of scavenger hunt items to be found in museum exhibit cases

March 31 - The State Libraries and State Archives added more open hours for spring 2021. Both units moved from 16 hours a week over four days to 24 hours over four days for April and the first week of May. We expect both units will return to the pre-pandemic five-day schedule on May 10.

April 3 – SJM hosted Chuna McIntyre for his virtual presentation *Reserved & Quiet Splendor: Central Yup'ik Clothing and Ceremonial Accoutrements*. McIntyre shared images of traditional Yup'ik ceremonial garments and accoutrements such as dance fans and masks.

April 28 – Karen Gray, State Archivist, is part of a National Archives and Records Administration team to review the website design for the rollout of the 1950 Federal Census listing millions of names of Americans <https://aotus.blogs.archives.gov/2021/03/24/preparing-for-the-1950-census/> The team reviews the website look and feel; monitors download rates, usability, and search terms; and provides feedback on the website's functionality.