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Possible Government Shutdown July 1st

As of press time (June 19th), it seemed possible that State Government might largely shut down on July 1st. This would include both the State Libraries, Archives and Museums (APK) in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka. If our facilities are forced into a shutdown, we will post a closure notice on

<http://lam.alaska.gov> and on all of our section

home pages for a closure notice.

If there appears to be no budget as of June 30th, we will send out a closure message via our At APK and SJM mailing list. When we're back we'll send an "open for business" message. We truly hope this will be news you will NOT have to use in July.

Special reading JUNE 30th: Fairies out of Alaska

Friday, June 30th, 4:00-5:00 pm, **APK**, Lecture Hall

Selected readings from Maureen Longworth's play *Fairies out of Alaska*. Selected scenes will be read by Zebadiah Bodine, Patricia Hull, Brandon Demery and others. The play is based on historical events in Juneau in the 1960s.

Holiday Closure July 4th

Whether or not the state government shuts down in July, both our Juneau and Sitka buildings will be closed in honor of Independence Day. For fun facts about this holiday, visit the Library of Congress's Today in History – July 4 page at <https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-04/>.

Summer Lecture Series at the APK

This month paper conservator Seth Irwin will give the second lecture in our summer series at the APK. We will have two more. Read about them at http://library.alaska.gov/announcements/2017_summer_lectures.pdf.

How to subscribe to the newsletter

If you received this newsletter from a friend, you can subscribe yourself to this newsletter by clicking on the “Sign up” button on our newsletter archives page at <http://lam.alaska.gov/atapksjm>. If you enjoy this newsletter, please forward it to family, friends and coworkers.

Events In July

APK = Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (Juneau)

SJM = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

Friday French Language Practice Group

Every Friday, Noon-1 pm, **APK**, OWL Room in Alaska State Library, and other Alaskan locations via OWL videoconferencing.

Open to all language levels. Come learn and practice the French language in a fun, no-pressure environment.



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Residency Recap Talk by Abel Ryan, Tsimshian wood carver and silver engraver

Saturday, July 1st, 2:00-3:00 pm, **SJM**

Abel Ryan will share the artwork he has created while in residence at the Sheldon Jackson Museum and some of the sources of inspiration he found at the museum in this informal recap talk. The talk is free and open to the public.

Abel Ryan is a Tsimshian artist of the Laxiboo Clan of Metlakatla, AK. He studied Tsimshian Arts from Master Carver Jack Hudson in Metlakatla as a child. He has degrees from both Sheldon Jackson College and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He enjoys wood carving and metal engraving making things masks bowls, spoons, bracelets, rattles, earrings, pendants, and painting. Abel is a full time artist and currently lives in Juneau, AK.

Benjamin Schleifman Tlingit wood carver, silver engraver, and graphic artist working in the Gallery

Tuesday, July 5th through Saturday, July 22nd, 1:30-4:30 pm, **SJM**

Tuesday, July 18th through Saturday July 22nd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, **SJM**

Benjamin Schleifman is a Tlingit artist based in Anchorage, AK. He began wood carving under the tutelage of his uncle, Jim Schoppert at the age of three. When he was five, his uncle gave him a knife and his career as an artist began. He honed his skills and has expanded his vision of what Tlingit art can be through decades of learning from anyone who would teach him. He has studied with Keni Jackson from Teslin, Yukon Territory, Doug Chilton from Juneau, Alaska, and Israel Shotridge. With a strong background in teaching, Benjamin has traveled the north teaching workshops in metal working, and wood carving. Passing on the knowledge that was left in his care so the following generations can do likewise. Benjamin will be working at the museum gallery as part of the Native Artist Residency Program.



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Rock around the block party with DJ Manu

Friday, July 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, **APK**, Plaza and JACC

Free concert and dancing with DJ Manu. For more about our joint Rock Around the Block Party series, visit <https://jahc.org/box-office/rock-around-the-block-parties/>.

First Friday: Free Museum admission during extended hours

Friday, July 7th, 4:30-7:00 pm, **APK**, Alaska State Museum

Adults and seniors enjoy free admission to the Alaska State Museum. Children 18 and under are ALWAYS free.

Looking great at 150: Preparing Treaty of Cession maps and manuscripts for their exhibit debut

Saturday, July 8th, 2:00 pm, **APK**, Lecture Hall

Paper conservator Seth Irwin will join us via Online With Libraries videoconferencing to share the process of preparing 150-year old Treaty of Cession maps, certificates, and manuscripts for display in the sesquicentennial exhibit at the Alaska State Museum, opening this fall. He will also answer questions about how to care for your own family papers and photographs. Seth's work was a Treaty of Cession project funded by the Alaska Historical Commission. This event will also [be livestreamed](#)

Talk on Shamanic Art by Benjamin Schleifman Tlingit wood carver, silver engraver, and graphic artist

Saturday, July 8th 1:30-2:30 pm, **SJM**

Benjamin Schleifman will give a presentation on Shamanic art. The talk is free and open to the public.



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Two-Part Tlingit Paper Mache Mask Making Class taught by Schleifman Tlingit wood carver, silver engraver, and graphic artist

Part 1: Saturday, July 8th 3:00-4:30 pm, **SJM**

Part 2: Saturday, July 15th, 2:00-4:00 pm, **SJM**

The mask making class taught by Benjamin is free, but registration is required and **participants will need to be present at both part I and part II.** The class is best for ages 10 and up. Interested parties may register by calling (907) 747-8981. Participants will need to bring a few basic supplies to the class.

Rock around the block party with Juneau Soul

Friday, July 14th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, **APK**, Plaza and JACC

Free concert and dancing with Juneau Soul. For more about our joint Rock Around the Block Party series, visit <https://jahc.org/box-office/rock-around-the-block-parties/>.

Rock around the block party with Alyssa Fischer

Friday, July 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, **APK**, Plaza and JACC

Free concert and dancing with Alyssa Fischer. Learn more about Ms. Fischer from her music Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AlyssaFischerMusic/about/>. For more about our joint Rock Around the Block Party series, visit <https://jahc.org/box-office/rock-around-the-block-parties/>.

Erin Katherine Gingrich Inupiaq wood carver and mask maker working in the Gallery

Tuesday, July 26th through Saturday, July 29th 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm, **SJM**

Erin Gingrich is a contemporary Alaska Native artist whose work reconnects with the historically traditional beliefs of her ancestors on the value of our natural environment as gifts gathered from the land. Gingrich describes her art as being deeply influenced by her childhood in Alaska, the state's biological diversity, and "sacred subsistence lifeways, the true value of



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our state's ecosystems." To re-establish these beliefs, Gingrich's work explores representations of the resources that make our environment unique through carved, painted, and beaded sculptural masks forms.

Gingrich will be working at the museum gallery as part of the Native Artist Residency Program.

Rock around the block party with TBA

Friday, July 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, **APK**, Plaza and JACC

Free concert and dancing with a band to be announced. For more about our joint Rock Around the Block Party series, visit <https://jahc.org/box-office/rock-around-the-block-parties/>.

Talk entitled, "Carved, Painted & Beaded" by Erin Katherine Gingrich Inupiaq wood carver and mask maker working in the Gallery

Saturday, July 29th 2:00-3:00 pm, **SJM**

Erin Gingrich's talk entitled, "Carved, Painted & Beaded", will focus on her process, sources of inspiration, and masks. The talk is free and open to the public.

Online Programs

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Seth's work was a Treaty of Cession project funded by the Alaska Historical Commission. Visit <http://lam.alaska.gov/lookinggreatat150> for our live stream of this lecture.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Sesquicentennial Anniversary

Fall 2017, APK, Alaska State Museum

The Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums is gearing up for an exhibit related to the 150 year anniversary of Alaska's transfer from Russia to the United States. The exhibit will feature significant maps, photographs, documents, and objects related to the 1867 transfer, most of which will be exhibited for the first time. The exhibit will be held in the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building, Juneau, in summer and fall 2017.

Exhibitions on Display in July

- Decolonizing Alaska (May 3-Oct 13), **APK**, Alaska State Museum
- Grand Visions of the Great Land: Historic and Contemporary Art from the Alaska State Museum Collection (May 3-Oct 13), **APK**, Alaska State Museum

Visitor Information

Hours and Admission Fees

Juneau:

- [Alaska State Museum](#): 9am-5pm, Daily. Cost is \$12 per adult. \$11 for seniors. **18 and younger are admitted free of charge.**
- [Library and Historical Collections](#) and [Archives](#): 10 am—4 pm, Tues-Fri, Open for research appointments on Monday, No admission fee.



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Sitka:

- [Sheldon Jackson Museum](#): 9am-4:30pm, Tues – Sat, Cost is \$7 for adult, \$6 for seniors, 18 and younger are admitted free of charge.



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