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### *Upcoming State Holiday Closures*

The Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum (Juneau) will be closed:

- Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
- Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Day)

The Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka) will be closed:

- Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

### *Online Events Calendar*

Events are sometimes cancelled, added or rescheduled after press time. See our online events calendar at <http://lam.alaska.gov/calendar> for calendar updates.

### *How to subscribe to the newsletter*

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## Events This Month

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

**SJM** = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

### *Friday French Language Practice Group*

Every Friday, Noon – 1:00 pm, APK OWL Room (Alaska State Library) & other OWL videoconferencing locations.

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

### *Chill with the Family Fair*

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, APK, Whole Building

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun activities in the library, archives, and museum! No registration is required for this event and you can drop in for all or part of the afternoon. Come take your picture in our slide projector photo booth, make a miniature book, try writing with a quill pen, design your own trade token, fold origami Alaska animals, make Alaska action figures, and play winter games throughout the APK. 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. Find more information at [lam.alaska.gov/youthart](http://lam.alaska.gov/youthart).

### *Screening of the Film, Lineage*

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, SJM

“Lineage: Tlingit Art Across Generations” is a film produced in Juneau, Alaska in collaboration with Tlingit poet and storyteller Khaagwáask' Ishmael Hope as co-director. The one-hour documentary takes viewers on an intimate journey into the lives of Tlingit artists, culture bearers, bead artists, musicians, and more. As Khaagwáask' writes, “the film spends time with families whose works are present and of today, yet they’d make their ancestors proud, and their stories speak to the future.”



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## *Videoconference - Social Security 101: Everything You Wanted to Know About Social Security – includes Q&A*

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 1:30 pm, APK OWL Room (Alaska State Library) & other OWL videoconferencing locations.

A FREE workshop from Social Security covering these topics and more.

- When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- Do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits?
- How do you get the most from your benefit?
- What is the future of Social Security?
- When should you file for Medicare?

Learn how to use my Social Security online account and other online services. You should go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) to create a My Social Security account and print out your Social Security Statement before attending the workshop.

This workshop will NOT be recorded. Attendance is limited to 14 people. Please register by e-mailing [Daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov](mailto:Daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov).

## *Screening of The Last Walk*

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, SJM

***The Last Walk* is a film produced by Anna Hoover (Unangan).** Naknek filmmaker, Anna Hoover, screened her short film *The Last Walk* at the Skábmagovat Film Festival in Finland in January 2017. Beginning in 2015, members of the Arctic Film Circle, an international partnership of nine film makers from five indigenous arctic areas, including Hoover who is based in Naknek, began meeting to plan a film project. The nine artists each independently made a film in their respective locations based upon the same story of two sisters. One of the sisters is involved in an accident or tragedy and it affects the other greatly. Hoover has made documentaries before, but this is her first fictional film.



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*At Saxan Art Activity – Make a Qupqugiag (10-legged polar bear)*

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, SJM

Join us for an At Saxan Art Activity to learn the legend of Qupqugiag (10-legged polar bear) and to make one using colored paper, scissors and glue. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and is free. Registration is required. Call (907) 747-8981 to register.

*Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Annual Meeting*

Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Call for time, SJM

Join the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum for their Annual Meeting. This year's guest speaker will be Michael Beasley. He will give a presentation called "Celebrating Alaska Native Watercraft." The presentation will explore design and construction techniques of the many types of watercraft used by Alaska Natives, focusing on the dugout canoes of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples of the northern Northwest Coast. Historical and contemporary watercraft will be covered.

Daanawaak Michael Beasley is a journeyman artist, carver and canoe builder. Since 1987, he has focused on the study and implementation of classic Tlingit art forms. Beasley, a Raven of the L'uknax.adi (Coho) Clan, graduated from the University of Washington with a BFA in Metal Design in 1987.

The Friends will provide light fare and refreshments, have a brief board meeting to share highlights of the past year with the public and invite members to vote upon new board members, and sell raffle tickets for the prizes.



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## Online Programs

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Our television collaboration with KTOO and 360 North, *At the APK*, is available online. If you missed one of our recent lectures, you can watch it any time online via [360 North's website](#).

The most recently posted show is [Author Talk with Daniel Lee Henry](#) posted in October 2018.

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## Current Exhibitions

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### *Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau*

- *Amy Meissner – Inheritance: Makers. Memory. Myth.* On display from December 7, 2018 – February 9, 2019  
Artist Amy Meissner explores domesticity and motherhood. She describes herself as a memoirist, whose preferred medium is textiles and preferred language is the stitch. Meissner's textile art combines traditional handwork and contemporary imagery to explore memory, fragility and the literal, physical and emotional work of women. Her materials are vintage, discarded or found and manipulate unknown histories to shape a narrative of myth for each artwork. The works in this exhibition include contemporary mixed media work created from donated, abandoned, rescued, and crowdsourced domestic linens.
- **(LAST MONTH)** *McNeil, Real Indian (and Curtis).* On display November 2, 2018 – January 12, 2019  
Larry McNeil and Edward Curtis have both made their careers out of photographing the Indigenous people of North America. This "Real Indians" exhibition examines the ongoing visual dialogue about the question of what the concept of "Real Indians" is all about. Is it the colonial romanticized view from outsiders like Edward Curtis, Larry McNeil's classic yet contemporary inside view, or a mix of both?



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- *Grand Visions of the Great Land: Historic & Contemporary Art from the Alaska State Museum Collection* curated by Jinx Whitaker, Steve Henrikson, and Jackie Manning – On display for the foreseeable future.

## *APK Display Cases - Juneau*

### Mezzanine Level

- *View from the Future: Fifty Years after the Alaska Purchase Centennial* – View buildings across Alaska built in 1967 with federal funds provided in connection with the Alaska Purchase Centennial.
- *AEL&P History* – AEL&P is celebrating 125 years of power generation in Juneau and they have shared a visual time line of their history with us. Stop by and check out how they've kept the lights on in Juneau for over a century!

### Second Floor Level

- *Alaska and World War I: A Centennial Exhibit* - The Alaska State Archives and Alaska State Library Historical Collections have installed an exhibit on Alaska and the First World War. The centennial exhibit features photographs and documents that tell the story of Alaska's men and women who served as soldiers and in the Red Cross, as well as how the War affected the home front. Can't make it to Juneau? Visit [archives.alaska.gov](http://archives.alaska.gov) and look for the exhibit under "Popular Resources."
- *Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff* – This exhibit shows scenes from the life of the very first curator of the Alaska State Museum and Historical Library.

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## Upcoming Exhibitions

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*Donald Varnell – The Crybabies.* Coming February 2019

Haida carver Donald Varnell brings diverse themes to his art and does not regulate his work to one specific medium. Using skills acquired through apprenticeships as well as an awareness that stems from autodidactic effort, Varnell's work transforms traditional



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Northwest Coast design into something new and distinctive. With this exhibit, Varnell will contribute to the ever-evolving zeitgeist of the human condition.

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## Visitor Information

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### *Hours and Admission Fees*

Juneau:

- [Library and Historical Collections](#) and [Archives](#): Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. No admission fee.
- [Alaska State Museum](#): Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$7 per adult. \$6 for seniors (65 and older). **18 and younger are admitted free of charge.**

Sitka:

- [Sheldon Jackson Museum](#): Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Cost is \$5 for adult, \$4 for seniors (65 and older), **18 and younger are admitted free of charge.**

### *Food, Coffee and Gifts (Juneau)*

- Raven Café: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
- Store at the APK: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

### *Special Notes:*

- The Alaska State Museum (APK - Juneau) and the Store at the APK are open the First Friday of every month until 7:00 pm.



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