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

- Monday, February 18 (President's Day)

1/26/2018 Help us to help genealogists everywhere!

Have fun while helping to make Alaska's past accessible to all!

Join Alaska State Library staff in transcribing text from dot matrix printouts of an Alaskan vital statistics index in order to make them machine readable and accessible to everyone with internet access. We thought we'd do a little more to make this really fun, so we'll have tunes and snacks and, of course, great company! So, be one pair of the many hands making light work, and have fun with friends at the same time!

What: Transcribe Alaskan vital statistics index. We'll provide everything needed, including computers and instructions.

Where: Classroom, behind the eagle tree at the APK

When: Saturday, January 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, come when you like, stay as long as you like.

NOTE: The Juneau Cabaret is playing at 2 pm in the Lecture Hall, so you'll be all set to segue into a great concert!

Questions? Ideas? Contact Freya Anderson at 465-1315 or Katie Fearer at 465-1300, or email asl@alaska.gov.

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.

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Events This Month

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.

First Friday Opening Reception: Donny Varnell's The Crybabies

Friday, February 1st, 4:30-7:00 pm, **APK**, Museum Galleries

Haida carver Donny 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 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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The Museum will offer free admission from 4:30-7:00 pm and light refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum.

Gallery Tour with Donny Varnell

Friday, February 1st, 6:00 pm, **APK**, Museum Galleries

Alaska State Museum Solo Artist Donny Varnell will lead a tour of his exhibit as part of the First Friday opening. This tour will be recorded for later broadcast on 360 North and online at www.360north.org/at-the-apk/.

Screening of the Film, Keep Talking

Saturday, February 2nd, 2:00 pm, **SJM**

Keep Talking follows four Alaska Native women fighting to save Kodiak Alutiiq, an endangered language now spoken by less than 40 remaining fluent Native Elders. Their small community travels to remote Afognak Island to start teaching kids Alutiiq. Sadie, 13, is inspired to begin learning the language and dances of her ancestors. Instead of getting swept up in the wake of historical trauma, these women overcome personal demons and build toward a brighter future.

Keep Talking reveals the ultimate impact of language and culture revitalization; joy and hope.

At Saxan Art Activity - Make an embossed Tlingit Lovebird design

Saturday, February 9th, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, **SJM**

Join us for an At Saxan Art Activity to make an embossed Lovebirds design for a Valentine's Day Gift for yourself or a friend or family members. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum, is free, and best for children 6-11. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call (907) 747-8981 to register.

Deer Program

Tuesday, February 12th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, **SJM**



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On Tues., Feb. 12th from 3-4pm, the Sheldon Jackson Museum, in conjunction with 4H, the Sitka Conservation Society, and the Sitka National Historical Park, will host a program for youth to learn about deer and see deer-related artifacts. Prior to coming to the museum to see the artifacts in the cases and examine hands-on deer hides, moccasins, and drums, children will make a venison soup, do a formline project depicting a deer, and hear traditional Tlingit stories about deer. Registration will be required for the program and limited to ages 6-11. For more information, call (907) 747-8981.

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

Tuesday, February 12th, 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 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.

Screening of the film, Herring Opera

Saturday, February 23rd, 2:00 pm, **SJM**



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The documentary *Herring Opera* made by local film maker Ellie Shmidt takes a look at the complicated but beautiful flurry of activity that happens in Sitka in the spring— when the herring arrive to spawn. Shmidt will be present and lead a Q&A after the short film.

Online Programs

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.

Current Exhibitions

Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau

- *Amy Meissner (LAST MONTH)– 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.
- *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



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- *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.

Second Floor Level

- *Alaska and World War I: A Centennial Exhibit (LAST MONTH)*- 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 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.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Troll, Ray – Cruising the fossil coastline

May 3 – October 19, 2019

Be prepared to look at the world in a whole new way – through the eyes of a walrus-and ammonite-obsessed scientist and an artist with a fondness for cheeseburgers, ratfish and trilobites – in this exhibition on Alaska fossils.

Alaska artist Ray Troll and paleontologist Kirk Johnson, director of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, logged more than 10,000 miles and 250 days traveling the North American coast in search of fossils and the stories they tell. They visited museums, dove into research collections, hung out with fellow scientists and artists, and visited active dig sites via automobile, small airplane and boat.

This exhibition focuses on their Alaska fossil adventures and the remarkable stories that fossils reveal.



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Visitor Information

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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