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Calendar

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

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

SJM = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

News

Holiday Closures in January

All Division facilities will be closed on the following State Holidays:

- **New Year's Day**, Wednesday, January 1st.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr Day**, Monday, January 20th

Events this month

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: Extended Hours

Friday, January 3rd, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, APK, Alaska State Museum

As always, the Museum will offer free admission from 4:30-7:00 pm for First Friday.

Chill with the Family Fair: Travel around Alaska with the Library, Archives, and Museum!

Friday, January 3rd, 1:00-4:00 pm, APK

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun! We'll travel around Alaska with activities inspired by the collections of the Library, Archives, and Museum. Create a blueprint inspired by historic Alaskan machines or imagine one of your own, pose for a portrait in the Archives photo studio, make Alaska action figures with gut parkas, learn about Alaskan animals with the

Department of Fish & Game, and more! 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. All ages are welcome and registration is not required. Families are welcome to come for all or part of the afternoon and the Museum will offer free admission for an adult accompanied by a child 18 years or younger.

Traditional AK Native Clothing Paper Doll Activity

Saturday, January 11th, 10:00-11:30 am, SJM

The Sheldon Jackson Museum will host a free Alaska Native Clothing Paper Doll Activity. This free activity involving coloring and cutting out shapes of traditional Alaska Native garments is best for children ages 5-9. After the activity, children and their families are encouraged to explore traditional garments on exhibit in the museum gallery. A parent must be present and should call (907) 747-8981 to register. Admission will be waived during this activity.

Film Screening – Bowhead Hunting in the Arctic

Saturday, January 18th, 3:00 pm, SJM

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will sponsor a free screening of the film *Bowhead Hunting in the Arctic* or the cruise of the Whaler "Herman." In this silent film, the sailing ship Herman under Capt. Pederson travels from San Francisco to Unalaska, Dutch Harbor, St. Lawrence Island, Point Barrow, Point Hope, Herschel Island, King Island and St. Michael. Includes scenes of trading with Eskimos, whaling, scraping whalebone, walrus hunting, supplies for Stefánsson camp at Bank Island, and rescue of the Stefánsson expedition with views of its wrecked ships in the ice, Capt. Bartlett and ship Karluk. Portraits of

Eskimos and their dances, dog teams, views of pet polar bears, feeding of a baby walrus on shipboard, reindeer herds and their branding, and views of ship's rigging and sailing on high seas provide a feeling for the life on an arctic whaling ship at the turn of the century. Admission will be waived during the screening. For more information, call (907) 747-8981.

Illuminating Subjects: Snippets of Lighthouse History and Preservation in Alaska

Thursday, January 23rd, 5:30-6:30 pm, APK

Lighthouses played a vital role in navigation for nearly a hundred years in Alaska. Their lights saved countless lives from fisherman, freighters, and passenger ships. Today this critical function is performed by automated lights, radar, AIS, and Global Position Systems. Yet lighthouses remain fixed both physically on our rocky shoreline and also in our imagination. Built to ensure safety at sea for all who see their light perhaps no other type of structure built by humans reflect such altruistic intentions. Andrew Washburn, Vice President of the Cape Decision Lighthouse Society and Museum Registrar at the Alaska State Museum, brings a multifaceted perspective to the subject of Alaska Lighthouses. His presentation begins with the story of Florence E. Tobin (sister to the widely known founder of the Alaska Sportsman Emery Tobin) a clerk for the United States Lighthouse Service district headquarters and later with the Coast Guard in Ketchikan from 1921 to 1950. Washburn will share images from a collection of memorabilia donated by her to Alaska State Museum as well as other historic images. The presentation will continue to highlight recent and current efforts to preserve lighthouses in Alaska. Stories and images of places like Cape Decision, Mary Island, Scotch Cap, and Eldred Rock will highlight the challenges and the rewards of historic preservation in isolated locations.

Creative Play

Creative Play, Saturday, January 25th, 10:00-11:00 am, SJM

Join us at the Sheldon Jackson Museum for Creative Play - our program for Children ages 5 and under. Creative Play focuses on fostering social skills, movement, and creativity and gives parents and their youth 5 and under a place to gather for imaginative play with sensory toys. A parent must be present and should call (907) 747-8981 to register. Admission will be waived during this activity.

Current Exhibitions

Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau

» *All-Alaska Biennial* – LAST MONTH On display until January 11, 2020.

APK Display Cases - Juneau

Mezzanine Level

» Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff – This exhibit shows scenes from the life of the very first curator of the Alaska State Museum and Historical Library.

Second Floor Level

» 30th Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill - An exhibit remembering the 30th Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. The exhibit will feature materials from the collections of the Alaska State Archives and Alaska State Library Historical Collections and show aspects of this 10.8 million gallon oil spill in Alaskan waters. The exhibit will be on display until the end of 2019.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Solo Artist Sara Tabbert, Lowlands, Opening February 7th.!

Visitor Information

Visit or Call

Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building:

395 Whittier St., Juneau

(907) 465-4837

Sheldon Jackson Museum:

104 College Dr., Sitka

(907) 747-8981

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 per adult. \$4 for seniors (65 and older). 18 and younger are admitted free of charge.

Special Hours

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

Food, Coffee and Gifts (Juneau)

Raven Café:

» Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Store at the APK:

» Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Accessibility Notice

A person experiencing a disability who needs accommodation for events hosted by the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum can contact the Division's ADA coordinator at (907) 465-4809 up to a week prior to an event to make any necessary arrangements..