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Calendar

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

SJM = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

News

Holiday Closures in February

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

- **Presidents’ Day**, Monday, February 17th.

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.

Lecture: Nancy Yaw Davis

Saturday, February 1st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, SJM

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will host guest speaker and anthropologist Nancy Yaw Davis. Yaw Davis will give a talk on her experience working in Western Alaska and her collecting of oral histories from numerous Alaska Native communities and villages in the region. The title of her talk, which will be augmented by a slide show or Power Point presentation, is *People of the North Pacific Coast: Shared Currents, Coasts, and Kinship*. The event will be free of charge and open to all and take place in the museum gallery.

First Friday: Opening Reception for Lowlands, a Solo Artist Exhibit by Sara Tabbert

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

Free admission and extended hours for the opening of *Lowlands*, a solo artist exhibit by Sara Tabbert. *Lowlands* will highlight new sculptural skills and techniques and will explore the strange and beautiful landscapes of interior Alaska. Sara Tabbert of Fairbanks creates woodblock prints and panels that reveal oft-overlooked subjects and environments.

There will be a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum.

First Friday: Artist Talk with Sara Tabbert

Friday, February 7th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, APK, Lecture Hall

Join solo artist Sara Tabbert for an exploration of her work as a printmaker and the new sculptural skills and techniques that she developed for her exhibit *Lowlands* to portray the strange and beautiful landscapes of interior Alaska. This program will be recorded for later broadcast on 360North.

Youth Activity: Printmaking with Sara Tabbert

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am-noon (ages 6-9) and 1:00-3:00 pm (ages 8-12), APK, Classroom

Participants will tour the *Lowlands* exhibit with the artist, Sara Tabbert, and then learn printmaking techniques to create their own relief prints. This activity will be messy so participants should wear art-appropriate clothing. The workshop is free but space is limited and registration is highly recommended. Call the Museum at 465-2901 to register. 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.

Film Screening and Discussion: Project Chariot

Saturday, February 8th, 2:30 - 3:30 pm, SJM

The documentary *Project Chariot* will be shown in the museum gallery as part of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Winter Film Series. *Project Chariot*, made by Inupiaq filmmaker Rachel Naninaaq Edwardson, shown right, tells the story of how in 1958, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission planned to detonate thermonuclear bombs near North America's oldest continually inhabited settlement, and how the Inupiaq village stopped the most powerful agency of its time.

Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 15th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, SJM

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will host their Annual Board Meeting on Sat., Feb. 15th at 1pm. The board will provide a brief overview of the past year, give updates, and elect three new board members to the Board of Directors. After the meeting, starting at 2pm, Sven Haakanson, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington and the Curator of North American Anthropology at Burke Museum, will give a presentation entitled, *Reading Between the Lines of Historical Accounts Written by Alphonse Pinart Between 1871-72*. Images of the Alphonse Pinart Collection of masks at the Musee Sur Boulogne in France will be shared during the presentation. Prior to working at the Burke Museum, Haakanson served for 13 years as Executive Director of the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak, Alaska. As a Native Sugpiaq from Kodiak, an archaeologist and artist, he straddles worlds in an effort to share, preserve and give contemporary

meaning to Indigenous histories and traditions.

Film Screening and Discussion: *The Public*

Saturday, February 22nd, 1:00-3:00 pm (film),
3:00-4:00 pm (discussion), APK, Lecture Hall

The Public, an independent film written and directed by Emilio Estevez, tells the story of a group of homeless library patrons who refuse to leave the Cincinnati public library during a brutal Midwestern cold front. What begins as a nonviolent Occupy-style sit-in and ragtag act of civil disobedience quickly escalates into a standoff with local riot police and two librarians are caught in the middle. After the film, there will be a panel discussion about homelessness in Juneau and the ways that art, libraries, and the community respond to homelessness issues.

Creative Play

Creative Play, Saturday, February 22nd, 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.

Leap into Family History

Saturday, February 29, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, APK, Lecture Hall and Library

Spend your leap day learning about and exploring genealogy and family history resources at the Alaska State Library and Archives. From 10:30-noon, FamilySearch volunteers Richard and

Laura Carmack will present *Leap-SLAM-Dunk: Capturing Alaska's Past*, about the seven years of collaboration between FamilySearch and the Alaska State Archives to capture a selection of Alaska's archival records for online familysearch.org databases. From 12:30-1:30 pm, Electronic Resources Librarian Kate Dunn will present *What's In A Name? An Ancestry Library Edition Workshop* to walk you through using Ancestry (available at the Alaska State Library). The Reading Room will be open from 10:00 am-2:00 pm for genealogical research, and volunteers and staff will be on hand to help you sign up, sign in, and use genealogical resources.

Current Exhibitions

Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau

» *Alaska Positive* – LAST MONTH On display until February 15, 2020.

» *Lowlands* by Sara Tabbert - On display through April 6, 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 - LAST MONTH. 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.

» *Survivance*: An exhibit of photographs and documents from Alaska State Library's historical collections depicting Alaska Native life under colonialism.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Rarefied Light, Opening March 6th. - A statewide juried photography exhibit organized by the Alaska Photographic Center. The Center was formed in 1983 with a mission to promote fine art photography in Alaska.

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) 465-2912 up to a week prior to an event to make any necessary arrangements.