



**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter  
Minutes, Annual Report  
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**AkLA-J Chapter Chair**

The new Chair for the Juneau chapter, Elise Tomlinson, and the new Secretary, Tish Orr, were officially voted in at the first meeting of the new year on January 12th. Paula Johnson continued on as the Treasurer for another term.

The first order of business was to discuss suggestions for AkLA-J meetings for the coming year. The new Chair shared an AkLA calendar of events produced by the Anchorage chapter, to generate some ideas on what to offer at upcoming meetings. It was decided that it would be more beneficial to AkLA-J members, to try and incorporate short training sessions into each meeting, in addition to regular chapter activities.

## Continuing Education Opportunities

Tracy Swaim gave two separate training sessions on how to better use the Databases for Alaskans. It was a great PowerPoint presentation with accompanying handouts.

Daniel Cornwall presented information and strategies on what to look for when buying a PC. He explained hardware/software features, and costs/benefits for various models.

Rebecca Moorman gave a nice demonstration on the Alaska Periodical Index. She included handouts with search tips and a brief history of the project.

Freya Anderson gave an interesting presentation of statistical sites available for free on the World Wide Web.

The Juneau Chapter tried to participate in the Books and Bytes Teleconference but were unable to, due to local satellite shortfalls. The chapter is currently obtaining a video tape of the conference for future viewing.

for We hosted the recent Sally Wiant Copyright Session this past week which was paid  
17 local by a statewide continuing education grant. This 4 hour workshop was attended by  
current librarians and was considered a big success. We have increased our awareness of  
copyright laws and recognize the need for more work in this area.

#### Alaska Statewide Databases

funding Another area of importance for the Juneau chapter this year has been the continued  
the of the Alaska Statewide Databases. The chapter voted to contribute to the fee for  
AkLA Chair's attendance to a Republican fund raiser. The AkLA-J Chair attended with  
Eldon Mulder lobbyist Clark Gruening and was able to talk with many legislators, including  
Databases. of the Appropriations Subcommittee, about funding for the Alaska Statewide

encouraged Chapter members participated in a letter writing campaign to legislators and

community members to do the same. Several members also attended public hearings on the

issue and provided testimony in support of database funding. Many people throughout the

area rallied behind this cause and were very excited when the databases were ultimately

included in the budget. State Librarian Karen Crane did an excellent job of keeping

everyone up to date on the issue as new information became available. Elise Tomlinson

delivered the thank you letters and portfolios to Juneau area representatives.

#### Continued Promotion

With the most current funding problem resolved, the Juneau chapter continues to look at

ways of educating the public about the Statewide Databases. Karen Crane and Elise

Tomlinson were interviewed on a local radio/television program "Capital Chat" about the

Databases. Freya Anderson wrote a PSA which she submitted to local radio stations. We

are also in the process of creating mini posters to hang in various locations around town.

## Statewide Taxcap Initiative

that We discussed the probable effects of the Statewide Taxcap Initiative. It was agreed  
that we should seek ways to lobby against the initiative and discuss these options in the  
future.

Elise Tomlinson was voted to be AkLA-J's representative to the Alaskan's United  
Against the Cap campaign. Continued efforts need to be made on this issue as the  
November election nears.

## Legislative Priorities

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- 1.support of State Library budget and grants
  - 2.support of statewide databases (money will be in the university budget, we hope  
get it into the operating budget soon)
  - 3.support expansion of telecommunications infrastructure to allow extension of  
information services to all Alaskans
  - 4.It is understood that AkLA will continue to work against threats to intellectual  
freedom

## Additional Lobbying Efforts

Juneau Cathy Boutin discussed the lobbying efforts of the Juneau school librarians to the School Board. Their goal is to get in writing a commitment to have full time librarians in each school library.

the Daniel Cornwall gave a brief presentation on the proposed federal funding cuts to the GPO budget and asked each member to lobby against those cuts.

## Treasurer's Report

Our chapter's account currently has \$770.29.

## Donations

The Juneau chapter voted to give Follett Book Bonanza Fund Raiser in Ketchikan a

\$50.00 donation.

## Membership

local  
and  
Our current membership is up to 24 dues paying members who are active in the chapter with an additional 12 people on our local E-mail list who attend meetings and training opportunities on occasion.

## New Hires and Vaccancies

February.  
BJ Gardner was hired as a part-time librarian by the Tlingit Haida VTRC in

Tish Orr was hired by the State Library as a new reference librarian in February.

Freya Anderson was hired by the State Library as a new ILL Librarian in March.

the new  
Lynn Shepherd was hired by the University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library as

Assistant Director, in July.

Computing  
Services

The Library Director position at UAS continues to be vacant after two unsuccessful searches. The language of the job description has been re-written without the Services component, which has gone to a newly created Director of Computing position. Carol Hedlin continues to be the Interim Director as the Library Director position will remain open until filled.

State

There is one entry level reference librarian position that continues to be open at the library here in Juneau.

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Ron Reed in the ILL department of the State Library in Juneau, retired after 17 years of loyal service. He is now in the MAT program at UAS. Good luck Ron!