

AkLA Anchorage Chapter May 2011 Report

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So far, 2011 has been a busy year! We've updated our Bylaws, updated and approved our Chapter Handbook, and started using a Google Calendar for keeping up with future meetings and important dates.

Our January meeting took place at Crush Wine Bar, in Downtown Anchorage. We elected our officers for the year: Coral Sheldon-Hess and Jim Curran as co-Presidents, Patience Frederiksen as Vice President, Sigrid Brudie and Doug McAllister as co-Secretaries, and Nina Prockish as Treasurer.

In February Mike Robinson showed us the UAA/APU Consortium Library's mobile website.

In April we held a Library Networking Night, consisting of a panel of hiring managers, a panel of new graduates and current students, and a presentation, reprised from annual conference, entitled "Get the Library Job You Want." The last hour of the meeting consisted of social/networking time. We're considering holding another meeting along these lines, perhaps focused on distance education, next year.

In May we held a Tech Tools meeting, where people showed off iPads, a Nook, two kinds of Kindle, a Sony Reader, cameras, and mobile phones. We also met on a Saturday to clean up part of downtown Anchorage, as part of the annual Citywide Cleanup.

To continue our community involvement, we're planning to sponsor a flower basket downtown and to make a donation to the BizBee, in support of the Alaska Literacy Project. Our members have also contributed to the Teen Underground and Loussac Library, and the Chapter and several individual members contributed to Beyond the Stacks, in support of the Anchorage Public Library.

Our next few meetings will be a picnic, book talk, and book swap outside Loussac Library; a barbecue; and a tour of a book store (hopefully Barnes & Noble). We announce all of our meetings on the AkLA Anchorage listserv and [at least most of them] on the AkLA Facebook and Twitter.