

Library Advisory Committee
Faculty Senate Report and Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2006

In attendance: Anne Bridges, Ashley Hice, Janice High, Garry Kaulitz, Cora Neal, Steve Rollins

Dean Rollins gave the committee an update on the activities of the Consortium Library. On December 14th, the Consortium Library and University Advancement hosted a reception to recognize the efforts of several individuals and to thank the Rasmuson Foundation for their \$1,000,000 grant in support of the Alaska Virtual Library and Digital Archives program. The Davis Family generously donated four paintings, two by Jules Dahlager, one by Sydney Laurence, and one by Eustace Ziegler, which will be on permanent display in the library. Alden Todd and his son donated to the library, *Abraham Lincoln: A History* by John G. Nicolay and John Hay. This ten-volume work is the most comprehensive biography on Lincoln. The library also received 20 works by contemporary Alaskan artists from a resident of Anchorage who wishes to remain anonymous. This collection will be first displayed in March and then on a rotating basis as part of the library's art collections.

In March, the library's art gallery on the main floor will display a calligraphy exhibit organized by Hiroko Harada, chair of UAA's Languages Department. On the third floor, the All State Alaska High School Art Show will be on display. And for something a bit different, the library will be home for 1,000 paper cranes for most of the spring semester. Thanks to UAA honors student, Umair Igbal, students from the Anchorage middle schools are making origami cranes as part of the Model U.N. program. The cranes will be on display until they are shipped to Japan to their permanent home at the Hiroshima International School.

Dean Rollins gave a presentation on the Digital Archives, which is an amazing collection of cross-referenced photographs, moving images, maps and physical objects from libraries, museums, and archives throughout Alaska. I encourage you to take a look at the wealth of information contained there. The Digital Archives can be accessed at www.SLED.alaska.edu.

Each month the Library Advisory Committee tries to have a presentation on some aspect of the library. In March we will hear from Sally Bremen about HSIS and health resources. In April we hope to hear from Kevin Keating about the library instruction program. Meetings are held at 11:45 on the first Friday of each month in the Dean's Conference room on the third floor of the library. Anyone who is interested may attend.