

Senate Report from the Library Advisory Committee
Minutes from April 7th, 2006

In attendance: Sally Bremner, Anne Bridges, Hiroko Harada, Janice High, Virginia Juettner, Sean Licka, Robert McCoy, Steve Rollins, and Steve Shore.

Dean Rollins presented a comprehensive report on the Library's major accomplishments and announcements for March. This included the fact that the course, Professional Studies in Library Science (LS A591) has been very well-received by Anchorage teachers and librarians. Registration for both classes reached maximum capacity. Assistant Professor Deborah Mole is teaching Exploring Electronic Databases and Assistant Professor Ian Chan will teach Web Page Design for Librarians.

Thanks to the generosity of Associate Professor Ralph Courtney, the library will have a set of the complete works of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. Standing in the shadow of his famous father, Johann Sebastian Bach, C.P.E. Bach is sometimes overlooked by historians for his ground-breaking keyboard *Sonatas* and his significant contribution to Protestant Church music in the second half of the Eighteenth Century. The recovery in 1999 of the archives of the Sing-Akademie zu Berlin, which include many unique copies of Bach's Hamburg Passions and cantatas once thought to have been lost during the Second World War, has made it possible to present for the first time the complete works of this important composer. *Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach: The Complete Works* is an editorial and publishing project of the Packard Humanities Institute, in cooperation with the Bach-Archiv Leipzig, the Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig, and Harvard University.

As part of the statewide Databases for Alaskans program (sled.alaska.edu), the Consortium Library now has access to Heritage Quest. This online genealogical resource includes the US Federal Census records from 1790 -1930, genealogical books and periodical indexes, Revolutionary War records and Freedman's Bank records.

The library's new display on the third floor, *Journeys* is an interactive exhibit containing paintings, prints and photographs by various artists. The art work was donated to the library by an anonymous local donor. With quotes, maps, and travel souvenirs, the exhibit encourages visitors to explore the concept of travel and to think about the journeys that they have made.

Thirty-five library instruction classes were held in the library during March, and more than 50 events or meetings are scheduled during April.

Kevin Keating gave a presentation to LAC members on library instruction.

The next committee meeting will be Friday May 5th, 2006.

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