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## Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### **Statehood Talk Slated at Museum**

Spend your lunch hour Wednesday, March 10, exploring the history of Alaska statehood with librarian Daniel Cornwall, Head of Information Services for the Alaska State Library. The one-hour lecture is free and takes place at the Alaska State Museum.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view artifacts, documents, books and web sites related to statehood, and learn what Alaskans were concerned about in 1959. Materials presented will come from the Alaska State Library and Museum collections. The 50th anniversary of statehood occurred last year.

The lecture series takes place every Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., through March 31. It is sponsored by the state Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums. The series features recent research on the museum and library collections by staff and visiting scholars. In operation for over a century, the division houses a world-class collection of materials that is central to the study of Alaska history, Native cultures, and art.

Future brown bag lecture topics scheduled are:

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| March 17 | Mary Ellen Frank, doll artist, on Alaskan Art Dolls   |
| March 24 | Anastasia Tarmann, Alaska State Library Historical Collections, discusses "The Men Behind the Masks: Letters of Alaska Native Mask Carvers from the Donald Burrus Collection" |
| March 31 | Ellen Carrlee, Conservator, Alaska State Museums, on "Fur, Fuzz, and Fibers: Materials ID at the Museum"  |

Hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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