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Commissioner Sampson Names New State Librarian ***Kay Shelton Is Division Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums***

Juneau -- Education Commissioner Roger Sampson has named Kay Shelton Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. The appointment also gives Shelton the title of Alaska State Librarian.

Shelton has been acting director of the division since February 1 and was chief librarian of the Alaska State Historical Library since 1987. As chief historical librarian, Shelton was responsible for print and other materials, maps, manuscripts, photographs and other print and non-print historical materials from Alaska and other polar regions. She was also head of the library's public services section, including interlibrary loans, references and periodicals and more.

“Kay Shelton has provided outstanding leadership to the State Libraries, Archives and Museums since day one of her acting appointment,” Sampson said. “I’ve witnessed her outstanding abilities, leadership and vision and I have heard only positive comments about her since her appointment, both from within the organization and from librarians throughout the state. I am confident Kay is the right person in the right job at the right time.”

Shelton started her library career in 1965 in Boston, MA, and held librarian positions in Minnesota before coming to Alaska in 1970. She was an associate professor of Library Science with the University of Alaska in Juneau in the 1970s. Before joining the State Library in 1987, Shelton was a legislative reference librarian for the Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency and an archivist for the Alaska State Archives.

Sampson will ask the State Board of Education & Early Development to approve Shelton’s appointment when the board meets in September.

Note: For a photo of Kay Shelton go to www.eed.state.ak.us and click on “Shelton Appointed To Head Libraries, Archives and Museums.”

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