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Glenn Cook Named Deputy Director of Libraries, Archives & Museums

JUNEAU – State Archivist Glenn Cook has been named Deputy Director of the Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums.

The division -- which is an integral part of the educational mission of the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development -- operates the Alaska State Museums in Juneau and Sitka; the Alaska State Library which is comprised of the Talking Book Library in Anchorage, the State Historical Collections and the State Information Services Library in Juneau; and the Alaska State Archives in Juneau.

Additionally, the State Museums and the State Libraries provide grants and services to local institutions across Alaska, and the State Archives provides record-keeping guidelines to local governments and the state government.

Cook has served as Alaska State Archivist since March 2008. The state will recruit for a replacement.

Cook's professional background is predominantly in libraries and archives, although he also spent 10 years as an underground miner in southwestern states. Additionally, he has served as Acting Chief Curator for the Alaska State Museums since July 2009.

Cook holds a bachelor's degree in history with minors in public and special libraries and K-12 library media from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. He holds a master's degree in library and information studies with an emphasis in archives from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Cook has previously served as a librarian and/or archivist at federal agencies, private companies, and universities.

The division is moving in the direction of providing more links with educational programs and more support for lifelong learning programs, and furthering the digitization of the state's holdings in libraries, archives and museums, Cook said.



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“The big issue is connectivity statewide – how do we get library resources, archive resources, museum resources out to the remote communities so they can use them to educate their public,” Cook said.

“Glenn is results-oriented,” said Linda Thibodeau, Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums and the State Librarian. “He tackles multiple complex tasks and completes them. His understanding of archives, libraries and museums will help our division in its mission to serve Alaska”.

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