

University of Alaska Southeast William A. Egan Library



Good Luck Thane and Yana!

Library patrons will soon notice the absence of the helpful, witty gentleman with the quizzical look when Thane Brown, Circulation Desk Co-Supervisor, moves to California at the end of May with his wife, Yana Polyakovna.

For the past 6 years, Thane has been co-managing circulation procedures and student staff as well as answering reference questions. He obtained his library staff position after being a student assistant for three years. He was a key player in helping the recent transition to a new circulation system and has applied his artistic talents to creating library displays. Thane obtained his BLA at UAS in 2001 and is seeking library employment in Monterey, California.

The Brown/Polyakovna team is moving to Monterey as Yana has enrolled in the Monterey Institute of International Studies to pursue a 2-year program leading to an MA in Translation and Interpretation. Yana is a native of Vladivostok, Russia. During the 8 years (minus one year in Quebec) that she has been in Juneau, she has obtained a BLA from UAS, studied in the Bread Loaf program, worked as a student assistant in the Department of Education and has taught English. The couple is expecting their first child in September.

Describing himself, Thane says he is a "pessimistically, cynical optimist". His avocation is art, and oil painting is his preferred medium. He has painted an extensive mural for the IT Services Helpdesk and has ceramics displayed in a number of offices. He is an avid reader, particularly of history and international affairs.

When asked to describe the Egan Library, Thane says "fantastic in all respects". What he has enjoyed the most about his job is "helping people". When asked to describe UAS, he says it is a "good and comfortable place to study". He singles out George Parker (former UAS art faculty) as a professor who influenced him and reminded him that "there is life after science". He will miss the "people in Juneau, the countryside and the clean air".

He is looking forward to fatherhood and exploring a new area of the country. He hopes the future holds international experiences as the couple plans to raise their child as bi-culturally as possible.

The Egan Library will miss them very much and wish them the best as they begin their adventures.

New Titles in ebrary Electronic Book Collection

Link to a list of new titles recently added to the Egan Library's **ebrary** electronic book collection.
<http://triallist.ebrary.com/document/display.jsp?docID=10051344> A similar list for all titles available in the Academic Complete collection is at:
<http://triallist.ebrary.com/document/display.jsp?docID=10051346> The list is sorted by subject and Library of Congress subtopics. This makes it easier to see the extent of coverage within each disciplinary area.

Science Journals Reinstated

Following the transfer of Juneau School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences library services to UAF in Fall 2003, library director Carol Hedlin requested funds from President Hamilton to reinstate journals for UAS Natural Sciences programs. President Hamilton offered a one-time contribution of \$12,000 which was necessary to extend subscriptions for another year while the library seeks permanent funding.



**An Archive of Life
Science Journals**

Egan Library recently added another 146 journal titles to its collections by linking to **PubMed Central (PMC)**, an archive of full-text journals in the life sciences from the National Library of Medicine.

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>

Articles in PMC journals are free and searchable because each PDF (portable document format) digital file of an article is backed up by a computer-searchable text file.

The collection includes core science journals, such as the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* and *British Medical Journal*, several plant biology and ecology titles, the new open-access *Public Library of Science Biology*, and all **BioMed Central** titles, in addition to many health sciences and public health titles.

PMC will continue to add new titles and extend backfiles for existing titles. Egan Library includes all PMC titles in its A-Z list of journals ('Search for Journals' link on the homepage) so it's possible to follow up on citations in these journals.



The Egan Library is currently participating in a statewide virtual reference program which provides online reference assistance from 3-9 PM on Sundays, 12-7 PM Mon-Thurs and 12-6 PM on Fridays. Links to this service may be reached via the State Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) at: <http://sled.alaska.edu>

Library Info Literacy Courses fight Infobesity!

Infobesity, a term coined by James H. Morris, the dean of the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University, is defined as follows:

Infobesity - A By-Product of Googlelization

- * A Junk-Food Information Diet
- * Users Ingest Mass Quantities of Low-Quality Information
- * Outcome is Low Quality Research
- * The "Supersize" Mentality Shifted to Information Retrieval

To fight infobesity and insure UAS graduates are information literate, staff and faculty advisors should encourage students to consider taking one of the 1-credit library and information science courses being taught through the Egan Library. LS110 (Library Resources and Information Literacy) and LS111 (Library Information Literacy for Distance Students) have been very favorably received by students (see excerpts below).

Alec Christopher: "I wish this class had been offered during my first semester in college! It will be a valuable tool I will take with me into the masters program and beyond."

Risa Robertson: "This class has been an amazing asset to me- my toolbox has some shiny new doo-dads I can use for years to come."

For more information contact Elise Tomlinson at ex. 6440

Searching for a Specific Journal Article?

Many of the library's licensed databases now provide more than just citations and abstracts. There are often links to full-text articles, and the number of links increases every year. Each time we renew a database license, we find that publishers have increased the extent of backfiles and/or added and withdrawn full-text titles. This happens so often that we cannot afford to add or update a journal's record in the *online catalog* that Egan Library shares with other Juneau libraries (CCLIC).

Nevertheless, we want you to know where to find full-text articles for particular titles when you need to follow up on a citation. So, we subscribe to a service which maintains an up-to-date listing of *all full-text journal titles in our licensed databases + all titles for which Egan Library has print, microfilm, or electronic subscriptions*. It's an A-Z listing of all periodicals to which Egan Library provides access.

To search this A-Z list, click on the **Search for Journals** link on the library's homepage. You'll be prompted to type in one or more words from the journal's title (source). If full-text articles are available for that title *anywhere* in Egan Library's collections (electronic, print, or microfilm); the title will show up on a result list along with hyperlinks to the library's catalog (title in print or microfilm) or to one or more databases (title in PDF or HTML format). Use the citation information (volume, issue, date) to determine whether the article you're seeking falls within the holdings limits (e.g. 1998-present).

Sometimes, publishers will not make the most recent articles available in online databases for fear of losing revenue from subscriptions; hence there may be an 'embargo period' (e.g. 3, 6, 9, or 12 months) during which full-text online articles are not viewable, *even though* the A-Z listing may indicate holdings as 2002-present. If the article you want falls within the embargo period, you may want to ask for a copy by using our interlibrary loan service.

Faculty Members Needed for Summer Weeding



No, we're not talking about dandelions; in library lingo weeding is the process of removing outdated items from the collection to create room for new acquisitions.

Input from faculty is vitally important to keeping a collection up-to-date and relevant. If you are interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact your library liaison. Lynn Shepherd - Career Ed, Natural Sciences, Business; Elise Tomlinson - Humanities; Jennifer Brown - Education; Wayne Haas - Social Sciences



Frank Fisher Bequest Added to the Egan Library Collection

The Egan Library is currently processing nearly 500 titles donated by the estate of the long-time UAS employee Frank Fisher. The collection is largely comprised of history titles (ancient to modern) many related directly to military history. 90% of those books are part of a special edition, leather-bound series.

25% of the titles are literature-related, targeted towards the complete writings -- e.g., short stories, novels, essays, etc. -- of prominent American and English authors. Almost all of these books are part of a special collection series.

The remainder of the collection is strongly oriented to political science/current social issues, but includes a smattering of art, classical philosophy, anthropology, space exploration and astronomy books.

Sample Titles:

- The Bacchae and Medea / Euripedes
- Principia / Isaac Newton
- Democracy in America / Alexis de Tocqueville
- The Dinosaur Heresies / Robert T. Bakker