Alaska Earthquake

November 30th, 2018

Communication, Response & Planning

KAREN GRAY, STATE ARCHIVIST
Everything is bigger in Alaska!
2018 saw > 55,000 earthquakes in Alaska
November 30th

- 8:29 am Pacific plate ruptured 20 miles under Point Mackenzie, lasting 11 seconds (translating to 20 seconds or more of shaking)

- Emails sent to Alaska Museums, Archivists, and to City Clerks @ Alaska Municipal League

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ALL

Responding to today’s earthquake:

- The safety of museum employees and volunteers is of paramount concern. Do not assess the state of your collections unless you are certain that the building is safe. Check gas lines, the electrical systems, water lines, etc., before you make your assessment. START with assessing damage to your building.

- Once you are certain it is safe to enter the building or collections area, determine if you need to wear protective gear.

- As you begin assessing damage to your collections, take lots of photo or video of the damage. Don’t rush salvage efforts.

Know that ASM and LAAA join Museums Alaska in being available to assist you.

- Please contact Ellen Carrieri (ASM’s conservator) for guidance on responding to damaged collections; 907-485-2796, ellen.carrieri@alaska.gov
- Please contact Chris Heib at the Alaska State Archives for guidance on archival and paper-based materials; 907-465-2245, chris.heib@alaska.gov
- Please contact me (Anjuli Grantham) if you need emergency supplies and other resources; 907-485-2806, anjuli.grantham@alaska.gov

Hoping for the best,
Anjuli

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Co-Owner of Statewide Services

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2018 Anchorage Earthquake and Aftershocks
Anchorage, Minnesota Drive

AP Photo/Dan Joling
November 30\textsuperscript{th}

- Director hears from University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Library and Anchorage Public Library
- Receive photos from UAA Archives
University of Alaska Archives
Google Maps can get you there!
December 1\textsuperscript{st} thru December 4\textsuperscript{th}

- Learn Records Center Servers down
- Barbara Teague from CoSA checks in!
- Lori Foley, FEMA/HENTF
- Felicia Owens, Society of American Archivists
- Janelle Matz, National Heritage Responders
- December 3\textsuperscript{rd}: Governor Michael J. Dunleavy inaugurated
“Given the nature and aftermath of Friday’s earthquake, Lt. Governor Valerie Nurr’araaluk Davidson and I will remain in Anchorage to assist with the reopening of state facilities and damaged infrastructure. I discussed this plan of action with Governor-elect Mike Dunleavy at the State Emergency Operation Center at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson on Friday. I wish him and his Administration the best as they take office and assume control of the recovery efforts.”

- Governor Bill Walker
December 4\(^{th}\) thru December 7\(^{th}\)

- Museum staff visit Cultural Heritage Facilities and send daily reports
- Schools report to Records & Information Management
- December 6\(^{th}\): Some Commissioners, Directors & Records Officers gone!
# Earthquake Assistance for Libraries, Archives and Museums

## General Assistance

American Institute for Conservation (AIC), National Heritage Responders (NHR) 🔗

Available 24/7. (907) 691-6868

Anchorage Contact:

- Janelle Matz, Artcare
  - 907-230-2184

The National Heritage Responders (NHR) - formerly the American Institute for Conservation - Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC-CERT) - responds to the needs of cultural institutions during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors and the public. Volunteers can provide advice and referrals by phone at the number above.

Requests for onsite assistance will be forwarded by the volunteer to the NHR Coordinator and Emergency Programs Coordinator for response. Less urgent questions can also be answered by email: info@conservation-us.org

### Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF)

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), co-sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Smithsonian Institution, is a partnership of 51 national service organizations and federal agencies.

**HENTF’s mission** is to protect cultural heritage in our nation’s states, tribes, territories, and local communities from the damaging effects of natural disasters and other emergencies.

### Library of Congress

- Emergency Management
- Additional Emergency Resources

### Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) 🔗

24/7 Collections Emergency Phone Assistance

## Comments? Questions?

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**Share Your Updates With Us**

Library
Eagle River Elementary School

December 4, 2018
Anchorage Daily News @adndotcom
BREAKING: Anchorage schools will be closed all week as the district repairs earthquake damage. The first day back for students, either at their home school or an alternate site, will be 12/10. adn.com/alaska-news/ed...
Dec 2, 2018 (retweeted Dec 2, 2018 by Governor Bill Walker)

Anchorage Police Department @APDInfo
"Hospitals are open, the airports remain open. The Port completed its preliminary assessments and everything looked good. Nothing that should impede operations." - Municipal Manager Bill Falsey #Anchorage #AlaskaEarthquake2018 #AlaskaQuake
Dec 2, 2018 (retweeted Dec 2, 2018 by Governor Bill Walker)
December 14th thru December 31st

- Division staff review earthquake response; form 3 committees
  - Southeast Regional response to disasters
  - Division response to Cultural Heritage Organizations
    - Internal response to an external disaster
  - Internal disaster planning review
- Midnight December 22nd, Federal Government Shutdown
OPEN WITH FREE ADMISSION THROUGH FRIDAY

The Anchorage Museum opened to the public today at 10 a.m. with free admission, after a three-day closure due to the Nov. 30 earthquake. Free admission remains through Friday, Dec. 7. In response to school closures this week, family-friendly activities are scheduled for the atrium and Art Lab during open hours. There will be games in the atrium, movies in the auditorium and free planetarium programs through Friday. EasyPark parking garages and surface lots will also be free through 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.
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