

Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds
February 2017-June 2017

Accomplishments:

1. Completed revision of “Small but Powerful Guide to Building Support for Your Rural Library” Toolkit.

2. Finalized plans for the revision of TRAILS Toolkit.

3. Webinar in May. This 1 hour webinar session introduced two online toolkits: "TRAILS" and "Small but Powerful" developed by ODLOS and the ALA Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK) in 2008 and recently updated in 2017, as well as provided updates from the ODLOS Office. This Webinar showcased health information updated in the TRAILS workbook, explained how to use TRAILS in a setting up a tribal or rural library, and explained how to engage in outreach to underserved communities.

4. Presentation at Annual. The American Library Association (ALA) Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK) hosted two presentations during its Spotlight on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries: From Fresno to Alaska program at Annual Conference. The first presentation, “Supporting Native Voices, Cultures and Stories Through Multicultural Programming and Community and Campus Engagement at Fresno State,” presented by Raymond Pun and Julie Renee Moore, discussed how academic librarians at Fresno State collaborated on creating a variety of academic outreach activities, exhibits and resources to encourage learning and understanding of indigenous cultures in multidisciplinary studies, including health, language, history and cultural experiences.

Immediately following was “Implementation of the Mukurtu CMS at Utqia vik Alaska; a joint partnership between the North Slope Borough Iñupiat History Language and Culture department and I isa vik College Tuzzy Consortium Library,” presented by Jason Russell. Russell’s presentation focused on his library’s participation in the Institute of Museum and Library Services-sponsored Tribal Stewardship Cohort Program: Digital Heritage Management, Archiving and Mukurtu CMS Training. Russell discussed the Tuzzy Consortium Library’s goals for the project, including digitization of its various collections while safeguarding existing culturally sensitive material, utilizing the library as another tool for language development via the Mukurtu Dictionary module’s multi-media functionality, and providing ways village communities served by the library can safely house family collections of archival material.

5. Participated in ODLOS Advisory Committee Activities

6. RNTLOAK Committee Meeting at Annual on June 23, 2017.

Planned activities:

Continue working on TRAILS Update with anticipated completion date by Midwinter 2018.

Interactions with other units within ALA:

Will work with AILA to complete TRAILS Update in 2018.