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## **CONSULTING ARCHIVIST PROGRAM**

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) has initiated a program to provide hands-on consultation to six small field archives across Alaska. Experienced archivists from the Sealaska Heritage Institute, UAA Archives & Special Collections, UAF Alaska & Polar Regions Collections, and Alaska State Archives will conduct preliminary work and travel to rural locations between mid-February and May to selected institutions to make best practices recommendations at no cost to the field institution.

The Program, sponsored by the ASHRAB and the National Historical Publications & Records Commission will provide three days on-site consultation about archival policies, procedures, and confidentiality of materials. The visiting archivist will address appraisal, description, arrangement, conservation needs, access, and security of archival documents. The archivist will provide training to assist staff in managing and preserving unique, irreplaceable materials.

Those interested in participating in the program must complete an *Application Questionnaire* by January 30, 2014. ASHRAB will select the institutions to receive assistance in mid-February.

For an *Application Questionnaire* or more information contact State Archivist Dean Dawson at [dean.dawson@alaska.gov](mailto:dean.dawson@alaska.gov).

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