



Annual Report to the Founders Board: 2009

ARLIS began the year with a new five-year MOU and a renewed commitment to improving access to its growing number of unique collections and resources. An equipment upgrade during the year replaced end-of-life network infrastructure and enabled staff to provide more and better information services at the reference desk and online. Special

project funds supported additional staff time to accomplish an increased amount of cataloging and technical processing.

2009 Highlights:

Collections and Resources:

- Added Library of Anchorage Field Office, FWS
- Began work on BLM Iditarod Historic National Trail Collection
- Completed the Point Thomson EIS Collection project
- Increased access to e-journals and full text in abstracting and indexing databases
- Digitized Susitna Hydropower Project reports

Services and Events:

- Developed new finding aids for Maps, for Furs, Mounts & Skulls, and for "hidden" Special Collections
- Improved access to Public Review Documents
- Accessioned, organized and made accessible Ice records from Alaska Climate Center
- Provided event support for EVOS 20th anniversary, Oceans Policy Task Force, Marine Science Symposium
- Held open house for consultants and other private sector researchers

Equipment:

- Velo and wire binding courtesy of ADF&G
- Additional scanner courtesy of FWS
- Four new servers and seven new computers supporting more online resources:
 - New finding aids
 - TAPS database accessible via Refworks
 - New Books List at ARLIS

Staff:

- ARLIS cataloger and cataloging technician received UAA service awards
- NPS sponsored Youth Conservation Corps summer interns
- ARLIS welcomed new BLM librarian

ARLIS At-A-Glance 2009:

Three new major collections added
10,117 items cataloged
13,453 reference questions answered
11,579 interlibrary loans provided
49,933 visitors welcomed
13,597 books circulated
173,567 PDFs accessed via ARLIS website

2009 Publications:

[Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: Resources for Teachers and Students](#). EVOS 20th anniversary annotated bibliography and resource guide
[Point Thomson EIS Reference Collection](#). Bibliography with links to PDFs of documents
[Hidden Collections: What's NOT in the Catalog!](#)
Instructional brochure for non-circulating collections

And in 2010, ARLIS introduces a newly redesigned website with quicker access to more resources at www.arlis.org

