

March 10, 2015

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*Letter of Support to name the new Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum facility in Juneau as the Father Kashevaroff Library, Archives, and Museum.*

The naming of a new public building is a significant symbolic act serving as a cornerstone in placing the facility in its proper social and cultural context. As the new facility for the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum is a place for all Alaskans it is fitting that the building is named after an individual who was uniquely familiar with many aspects of our local cultures. Father Kashevaroff was such an individual. Living as a descendant of Alaskan Natives and Russian explorers he worked as an educator, historian, priest, lecturer, musician, choir leader and author. A new building often is named after its principal founder or sponsor, and Father Kashevaroff had this role as well. Father Kashevaroff was the State Museum's first curator and the Library's first librarian. For more than twenty years, he acquired hundreds of Russian objects and publications and thousands of Native artifacts and worked to garner support for the Museum and the Library. Father Kashevaroff's family relations, his rural experiences, language skills, and cultural connections afforded him access to many groups all for the benefit of the Museum and the Library.

As a historical figure in Alaska, as its founding father, first librarian and first curator, and as a collector of artifacts and documents, Father Kashevaroff defined the future and mission of the State Library and Museum. It is appropriate that the new facility is named in honor of his legacy.

Sincerely,



Steve Rollins  
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February 18, 2015

To whom it may concern:

The Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people have been in Southeast Alaska since time immemorial. Our culture and history have helped shape Southeast Alaska into what it is today and it is important that Alaskan's Native and Non-natives remember and know of the rich history of this area. The Alaska State Library, Archives & Museum in Juneau will help preserve and protect important artifacts, objects and educational materials for generations to come.

Andrew P. Kashevaroff knew the importance of preserving and protecting Alaska's History and Culture and was an integral part of building the Alaska State Library. He worked throughout his life creating a museum and educational facility that still serves Alaskans today.

Sealaska Heritage Institute supports the choice of the Alaska State Library and Museum to name the new facility the Andrew P. Kashvaroff Library, Archives & Museum. It is only right that tribute be made to one of the first men in Alaska to realize the importance of Alaska Native and Alaska History and want to share his knowledge in the same way that the State Library, Archives & Museum continues to do so today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosita Worl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Rosita Worl, Ph.D.  
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March 8, 2015

To whom it may concern:

I was greatly excited to hear that legislation has been introduced to name our new state library, archive and museum building in honor of the late Rev. Andrew Kasheveroff. Right away, that tells you I'm a bit of a history geek, but this is an inspired suggestion. Naming the building in honor of Fr. Kasheveroff honors Alaska's Native heritage, its Russian-American past, and its culture of hard work and dedication to the past and future.

I heartily support SB 63, and urge its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol M. Sturgulewski  
Author, "White House of the North"

Kashevaroff is a perfect choice for the name for the new building. He was a great scholar and teacher.

As kids some of us used to go to the museum when it was in what was then the Federal Building. He would show us various exhibits. He treated us with dignity and respect, (even if some of us were only six), and we were not accompanied by adults. He got our attention even then. I look forward to visiting the building named for him.

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March 9, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

The Alaska Center for the Book supports the bill to name the new Alaska State Library, Archives & Museum facility in Juneau the *Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff Library, Archives and Museum*. Given the scope of his work as the museum's first curator and the library's first librarian and his commitment to preserving the artifacts and written history of Alaska's culture, we believe it is fitting to name the building after Father Kashevaroff.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Camille Oliver', written in a cursive style.

**Camille Oliver**  
President, Alaska Center for the Book.

*The Alaska Center for the Book, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization and an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book.*

FATHER ANDREW P. KASHEVAROFF

I AM VERY HUMBLLED TO WRITE THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT TO HAVE THE ALASKA STATE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM NAMED AFTER FATHER <sup>INSERT</sup> KASHEVAROFF. *Aandane'i*

I REMEMBER GOING TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL, STANDING UP MOST OF THE TIME, REMEMBER THE INSENCE. I REMEMBER HIM ASKING MY NAME AFTER THE SERVICE, I WOULD TELL HIM "MABEL." FATHER KASHEVAROFF WOULD CORRECT ME AND SAY "YOUR NAME IS MARIA." I HAD JUST MOVED TO JUNEAU FROM SITKA AND JUST STARTED SCHOOL. THAT IS OVER 80 YEARS AGO! MY OLDER SISTER HAS THE SAME NAME AS HIS DAUGHTER, LEGIA. I REMEMBER GOING TO THE MUSEUM MANY TIMES ABOVE THE FEDERAL BLDG., THAT HOUSED THE POST OFFICE. WHEN HE MARRIED MARTHA, A TLINGIT KIKSADI FROM SITKA, WE BECAME RELATIVES THROUGH MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO TLINGIT CULTURE. MY FATHER, JAMES WILLIAMS , WAS KIKSADI FROM SITKA AND COMES FROM S'E HIT. I LOVED TO WANDER THROUGH THE MUSEUM AND LISTEN TO FATHER TELL ME ABOUT ITEMS, ESPECIALLY THAT LARGE SLICE OF A VERY OLD TREE THAT TREE RINGS WITH THE YEARS OF HISTORIC DATES, IE. WHEN RUSSIA SOLD ALASKA TO THE UNITED STATES.

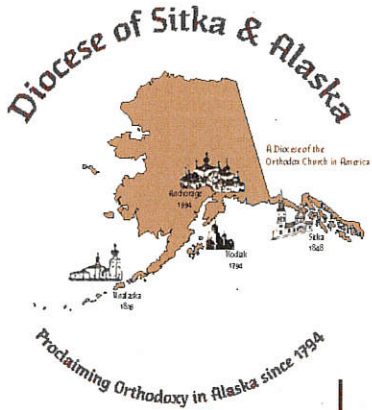
I AM SURE MY FATHER'S MOTHER, SHXAASTI, WHO WAS KIKSADI WOULD BE PROUD THAT I AM WRITING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FATHER KASHEVAROFF, SHE WAS DEVOTED TO THE RUSSIAN CHURCH, ST. MICHAEL, IN SITKA. THAT IS WHERE I WAS BAPTISED.

IT IS HISTORICALLY CORRECT THAT OUR NEW STATE MUSEUM, LIBRARY, ARCHIVES BE NAMED FOR FATHER ANDREW P. KASHEVAROFF

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*Please insert his tlingit name Aandane'i*



February 27, 2015

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Ms. Thibodeau,

It is with great pleasure that I offer the support of the Orthodox Diocese of Alaska in the dedication of the new State Library, Archives and Museum in honor of Fr. Andrew P. Kashaverof. Fr. Andrew was a very dedicated priest who served the Orthodox Church in Alaska for many years with great distinction. This dedication is a fitting tribute to a great Alaskan and a pious priest. The entire Diocese and I wish to fully support this project.

+ *David*  
+DAVID (Mahaffey)  
Bishop of Sitka & Alaska