

VALDEZ MUSEUM & HISTORICAL ARCHIVE ASSOCIATION INC.

LIST OF CORE SERVICES

GENERAL OPERATIONS: THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGES IN MAINTAINING AND OPERATING MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES, AND SITES FOR COLLECTIONS.

COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS: THE COLLECTIONS CONTAIN BOTH ARCHIVAL MATERIAL AND ARTIFACTS THAT REPRESENT THE HISTORY OF OUR REGION. THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING THESE PHYSICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF OUR PAST IS TO PRESERVE THEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND TO PROVIDE OUR OWN GENERATION WITH THE EVIDENCE OF HUMAN SOCIETY BEFORE US AND TO MAKE THE COLLECTIONS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

THE EXHIBITS WITHIN THE MUSEUM TELL VARIOUS STORIES ABOUT THE REGION'S HISTORY BASED ON THE COLLECTIONS. VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES ARE USED TO INTERPRET THE PAST, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON AUTHENTICITY, ACCURACY, AND INCLUSIVITY. THE EXHIBITS ARE INTENDED TO EDUCATE AND ENLIGHTEN VISITORS AS WELL AS LEAVE THEM WITH A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY, HUMANITY, AND THEMSELVES.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS: THE EDUCATION PROGRAM EXISTS TO DEVELOP IN LOCAL CHILDREN A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR HISTORY AND HUMAN EXPERIENCE. THE PROGRAM IS BASED ON PARTNERSHIP WITH VALDEZ CITY SCHOOLS AND IN USING PRIMARY SOURCES TO HELP CHILDREN EXPLORE HISTORY WITH THEIR OWN MINDS AND HANDS AND FIND MEANING FOR THEMSELVES.

THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT THE DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE IN VALDEZ'S PAST AND PRESENT, SERVE AS FORUMS FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND FINDING COMMON GROUND, PROVIDE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS, OFFER A MEETING GROUND FOR VISITORS AND LOCALS, AND OPEN THE EYES OF RESIDENTS TO A WORLD OF EXPERIENCE BEYOND OUR OWN COMMUNITY. LECTURES, SPECIAL EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS, RECEPTIONS, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS TARGET AN EVER-BROADENING RANGE OF AUDIENCES.