

# Native Women to Speak in Fairbanks Programs

Native-born Alaskan women will have their say in the first of a series of programs to be presented in Fairbanks early in March.

Plans are rapidly being completed for this first series of programs to be offered under a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library entitled "The Challenges of Becoming - Women and the Humanities."

Project Director Grace Moore said the first series, "Alaskan Roots," is scheduled to begin in the Noel Wien Library

auditorium Sunday, March 1, at 3 PM. Each program will be repeated at the library the following Monday at noon.

"This first program will feature Native-born Alaskan women who will reflect on the people, the land, and changes in Alaska in their lifetimes," Moore said. "The independent and self-reliant spirit of Alaskans will be revealed as these women relate their experiences in face of a constantly changing environment."

Moore said one of the objectives of the program is to fill a void in the community.

"What is not being provided is the intellectual stimulus of lectures by knowledgeable and distinguished authorities with opportunities for questioning and discussion," she said. "The library can fill this void by providing exposure to and exploration of the humanities."

Other programs in the series will be "Frontiers That Foster," a look at how pioneer women thrived in Alaska and maintained those elements of civilization which are a part of a rich cultural life; "In Non-traditional Roles," an examination of women who pursued untraditional

vocational roles; and "Beyond the Marketplace," based on women who have gone beyond one particular field and developed a second interest, an avocation, to a professional level.

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