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Re.: **Bears** Art / Science Collaborative

The Pratt Museum is excited to announce a new Art / Science Collaborative project, focusing upon brown and black bears of the lower Cook Inlet region. Beginning in October 2015, the museum will host a series of talks and presentations all about bears. Featuring biologists, wildlife managers, ecotourism professionals and Native cultural specialists, this series will span genetics and ecology through traditional and contemporary life in bear country.



Black bear visits the Pratt Museum's parking lot, 2004.

We are also extending an open call to Alaskan artists to create new works (one per artist) on the theme of our regional bear population, and encourage artists to draw from the presentation series for information and inspiration. The culminating exhibition (title to be determined), running from May 6 through July 31, 2016, will feature new works of art as well as selected content from the preceding events.

This exhibition project is being conducted, in part, as a prototype for new permanent exhibits in the Pratt Museum. Artists are required to express their intent to participate by March 1, 2016, with works due to the museum by April 29 at 5 pm. For a project overview, upcoming events, resources, and to submit artists' intent to participate, please visit [www.prattmuseum.org/exhibits/bears](http://www.prattmuseum.org/exhibits/bears).

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