

# Northern Libraries Bulletin

A news bulletin of the Northern Libraries Colloquy furnishing information on northern libraries activities, developments and cooperation; serving as an informal link for a northern libraries network. Send inquiries or news items to: Phyllis Nottingham, Alaska Division of State Libraries, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, has recently completed and released a two volume report: *Northwest Territories Municipal Finance and Services Study; A Comparative Analysis of Selected Municipalities in the N.W.T and the Western Provinces*; As a miscellaneous publication, it will not be sent out on an exchange basis. Copies are available for ten dollars for the set of two volumes and summary from the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton T6G 2E9.

The *Library Association of Alberta Bulletin*, Vol. 5, No. 2, April 1974 includes *The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies Library, an information centre on the North* by Nita Cooke. It has been mailed as part of the Library's contribution series to those who receive them on exchange. Copies will be sent on request to the Institute.

Presently *The Yukon Bibliography*, 1971-1973 is being key-punched and the Boreal Institute hopes it will be available in March 1975.

Nita Cooke and Anne Hemstock, Librarians at the Boreal Institute, have called to our attention the following publication and information.

An important new bibliography has just been published by the Canadian Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. It is *Ecology of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago: Selected References* compiled and annotated by N. Merle Peterson. It is in two volumes and can be obtained from Dr. R. M. Strang, ALUR Program, D.I.N.A., Ottawa. It is INA Publication No. QS-1572-010-EE-A1 and Information Canada Catalogue No. R57-8/1974-1. As far as is known, the bibliography is free on request. The annotations are detailed and often more than a page in length. Terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats are included. Another unique feature is that the geographic coordinates of the study area are given for each reference. Subject and geographic indexes are included. N.M. Peterson tells us that it is hoped to keep the bibliography continuously updated on an annual basis.

The Hudson's Bay Company Library is described in an article by its librarian Judi Dowdall in the *Canadian Library Journal* for June 1974. This library is maintained as part of the Public Relations Department in the Company's Head Office in Winnipeg. The library is open to the public and their interests usually involve the Company's history. The collection contains books, periodicals, pamphlets, and hundreds of vertical files. It is the latter which are of the most importance to most researchers. They cover a variety of subjects from Aklavik to York Factory emphasizing the Company's forts, employees, and the native peoples of Canada. The books, mostly current publications, focus on the history of the Northwest, the fur trade, and the Hudson's Bay Company. The collection is small, specialized and non-circulating. The library also houses a small, rare book collection. The Archives of the Hudson's Bay Company, now in London, England, will be arriving in Winnipeg in late 1974. They will be administered under the Provincial Library and housed in the new Provincial Library and Archives Building. This will provide the public with access to the original journals, logs and account books which have been accumulating since the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1670.

Professor Louis-Edmond Hamelin, of Laval University, Quebec City, Canada, has been named an officer of the Order of Canada. He was director of the Centre d'Etudes Nordique at Laval and is one of the last government appointees to the Council of the Northwest Territories. This is soon to become an elected council, similar to that operating for the Yukon.



Garth Graham, Director of Library Service for the Yukon Territory at Whitehorse, relayed the following news notes by phone. Brian Speirs, Yukon Archivist, has completed organizing the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad records which includes their original holdings and those transferred to the Yukon Archives by the Alaska Historical Library at Juneau. These records will now be microfilmed and a microfilm copy will then be available at the Alaska Historical Library. Also the Yukon Archives is acquiring on microfilm the records of the Northwest Highway Command that helped with the building of the Alaska Highway.

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Jennie Riggen, Librarian in the Alaska Historical Library at Juneau will edit the next issue of *Northern Libraries Bulletin* while your editor attends a semester of graduate school at the University of Hawaii beginning in January.

Several Klondike manuscripts have been received by the Alaska Historical Library. A typescript of the letters of Fred W. Dewey's trip from Minnesota to the Klondike and his search for gold from 1898-1899, were presented by his grandson Fred M. Dewey of Sedalia, Colorado. The fifty page booklet of letters includes a list of gear taken to the Klondike, cost of supplies, details of the trip and those he meets, and information on various mines and mining methods. There are several photos and sketch maps in the volume.

Dorothy Prescott of Belmont, Massachusetts has presented the Klondike papers of her uncles Fred and John H. Best to the library. A finding aid is in preparation for this collection which includes 50 letters, 12 diaries, miscellaneous photos and clippings. The material covers a time span of 1897 through 1917 primarily concerning the activities of Fred Best who hauled freight and did a variety of work around Dawson and Yukon River area. In 1903 Fred Best purchased Cassiar House at the mouth of Cassiar Creek Y. T., which he operated with his native wife Annie and Frank Purdy who is also from Massachusetts. These manuscripts give an over-view of living in the North with a primary emphasis on family affairs.

*Musical Reflections of Alaska's History; A List of Songs and Music* in the Alaska Historical Library has recently been compiled. This list includes Alaska and Klondike related songs in the library's collection. The library is interested in locating or hearing about other Alaska/Klondike music files. A copy of the list will be sent on request made to the library, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

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Since the next Northern Libraries Colloquy will be held in Finland during May 1975, Martha Andrews, Librarian at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado at Boulder sends this suggestion. Investigate the possibility of charter flights to Finland. Most organizations require a 6 month membership to be eligible for charter rates. For example, Martha has a brochure from the American Scandinavian foundation in New York whose membership fee is \$20.00. Information on their travel program is as follows:

"A selection of charter and group flights and land tours are offered as an exclusive benefit to ASF's Associate membership. Also, through the Foundation's travel agents, individual travel programs can be arranged in connection with ASF flights to and from Scandinavia." Martha Andrews also said she would like to hear about other travel possibilities to Finland.

A special edition *Arctic and Alpine Research*, Vol. 5, No. 3, Part 2, Proceedings IGU High Altitude Geocology Commission Meeting, Calgary, August 1972, was published in the late summer 1973. It was necessary to make a charge both to subscribers and non-subscribers for this issue which is twice the usual length of a number of *Arctic and Alpine Research*. Prices are \$5.00 to libraries & \$3.00 to individuals and students who are subscribers; non-subscribers rates are \$6.50 to libraries and \$4.00 to individuals and students. Write *Arctic and Alpine Research*, University of Colorado, Boulder 80302.

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The Institute for Northern Studies, University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, sponsors a monthly series of lectures each fall and spring called "The Musk-ox Circle". The guests are northern-oriented people who speak on pertinent questions of importance in northern Canada. In the fall term the Musk-ox Circle is presenting three meetings concerning the Northwest Territories Land Claims according to Jean Elliott, Institute librarian. These speakers will be James Wah-skee, leader of the NWT Indian Brotherhood on October 8, 1974; Otto Long, Minister of Justice, on November 12, 1974; and Dr. Lloyd Barber, Commissioner of Indian Claims on December 10, 1974. These lectures will be published as *Papers of the Musk-ox Circle* and should be available for purchase from the Institute a month or so after their presentation.

Other *Papers of the Musk-ox Circle* available include:

Paper Number 1 "The Churchill River Study", by Walter O. Kupsch, Director, Churchill River Study, presented on Dec. 3, 1973.

Paper Number 2 "Justice Northern Style", by Judge Robert P. Francis, Judge for Northern Saskatchewan, presented on November 6, 1973.

Paper Number 3 "Northern Medical Services", by F. Silversides. A. P. Abbott, and Maria Holobowski, presented on Feb. 5, 1974.

Paper Number 4 "Education in the North", by Frank Darnell, Director, Center for Educational Research, presented on March 5, 1974.

The Papers of the Musk-Ox Circle are available at \$1.00 each by writing to:

Mrs. Pat Potts, Publications  
Institute for Northern Studies  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7N 0W0

For information on upcoming meetings of The Musk-Ox Circle and future papers contact:

Danni Wilson, Program Organizer  
Institute for Northern Studies  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the Alaska Historical Library at Juneau have received copies of the four volume report *Dawson City, Y. T. Conservation Study*, prepared by Canada's Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in 1974. This study discusses in detail the conservation, preservation and proposed reconstruction of Dawson City. The first volume reports on the project while the second contains maps illustrating land use in Dawson City as of 1973, with historical maps of the 1897 through 1903 era. Volume Three has streetscapes in the historic area both for the time 1898-1900 as well as in the most recent years while volume four describes Dawson's history. A number of the photographs used in this publication were made from the collection of the Archives and Manuscript Collections in the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library. This detailed study is a useful reference for those interested in Dawson or concerned with preserving historic buildings.

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library has just published *Early Alaska Imprints*, compiled by Charles H. Parr. It is a listing of materials printed in Alaska through 1913 and shows holdings in Alaska libraries. Arranged chronologically, the listing of 237 entries includes title, personal name and locality indexes, an index by media (except newspapers), and a brief history of printing in Alaska. Among the interesting items listed are *Glacier*, a monthly published at the Thlinkit Training Academy in Wrangell from 1885 to 1888, and George Carmack's *Christmas Thoughts* published on Christmas Eve., 1888 by Camp Hades No. 23 of the Arctic Brotherhood. *Early Alaska Imprints* was published as No. 3 in the Library's series of Occasional Papers and is available for \$2.00 from the Administrative Secretary, c/o Director of Libraries, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701.



Leanne Ingle, Assistant Arctic Bibliographer at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, writes that a new bibliography on Alaska is available and should be useful for libraries collecting Alaska material. The book compiled by Elsie Tourville is titled *Alaska, a Bibliography 1570-1970 With Subject Index*. It was published in Boston by G.K. Hall in 1974 and sells for \$28.00 (LC Card No. 74-8468). Elsie Tourville has limited the scope of her work by excluding all publications of the United States government and those of the State (or Territory) of Alaska, all serial publications and all unpublished works. There remains a corpus of 5040 entries. Arrangement is alphabetical by author. Entries are cross-referenced and the subject index also indicates the general geographic setting of the work.

The Institute of Polar Studies at the Ohio State University has updated and republished the *List of Publications of the Institute of Polar Studies*. The list contains listings of reports and contributions to journals by researchers at the Institute. Copies are available from Peter J. Anderson, Assistant Director, Institute of Polar Studies, The Ohio State University, 125 S. Oval Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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Those interested in receiving the 1974 Lapland bibliography or accessions list titled *Lapponica* should contact the Librarian, Lapponica Department, Rovaniemi Library, Hallituskatu 9, 91600 Rovaniemi 10, Finland.

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*The Arctic Bulletin*, published by the National Science Foundation for the Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee, is available to northern libraries and persons interested in arctic research. It includes articles on current and planned U. S. government-sponsored research, research plans of other nations, technological or managerial innovations relevant to arctic research, and other items of interest. One issue each year is devoted to a report of research funded by member agencies. Requests for copies should be sent to the editor, *Arctic Bulletin*, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. 20550.

Translations of several Soviet publications are available. *Problems of the Arctic and Antarctic*, Vol. 36-37, 1970, (TT 72-52006) Vol. 38, 1971, (TT 72-52007), and Vol. 40, 1972, and *Water Circulation in the Arctic Basin*, 1972, (TT 72-5088) have been translated. Each is edited by A. F. Treshnikov. Hard copies and microfiche are available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151. Order by title and translation number.

A list of Soviet polar translations is available from the National Science Foundation, Polar Information Service, Washington, D. C. 20550. Scientists may recommend titles of significant works for translation to the Polar Information Service.

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Early in September letters and questionnaires were sent out to 161 libraries for the *Directory of Northern Libraries*. By 22d October (the 15th was the deadline) 91 questionnaires had been returned. It is hoped that the remaining libraries will soon send in their questionnaires, so that as many polar libraries/collections as possible will be represented. Several extra names for inclusion in the *Directory* have been supplied by answering libraries. Letters and questionnaires have been sent off to them, with a later deadline. Nora Corley wrote that it is interesting to note that replies have been received most quickly from the libraries furthest away: Norway, Finland, Italy, Iceland, Argentina, New Zealand and Japan. Eastern Canada and U. S. have been the slowest. Please complete the up-date or fill out your questionnaire and send it off immediately to the Editor, Nora T. Corley, 185 Kamloops Avenue, Ottawa, Canada, K1V 7E1. The Editor will send a questionnaire to any library who did not receive one, and who would like to be included, upon receipt of such a request.

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The Institute of Marine Science Library, University of Alaska at Fairbanks, has received the gift of books, reports and a very large reprint collection from the estate of Dr. Mary Belle Allen, world renown psychologist.

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A fund to commemorate David Kootook the 14 year old Eskimo who died following a plane crash a couple of years ago has been turned over to the Northwest Territories Public Library Services, writes Patricia Smith, Chief of Library Services at Hay River, N.W.T. With it, cassette equipment will be purchased to enable young Northerners to hear much of the folklore and music, drama and poetry from other cultures. The fund has been placed in a suspended account, separate from other Government revenue and it will be possible for people to continue to make donations to it if they wish.

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The 1973 *Annual Report* of the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto, included a second year progress report on the studies of oil spills on the soil fauna, terrestrial and aquatic vegetation in the Canadian Arctic. Work is being done under an Arctic Land Use Research (ALUR), Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Grant. The final 1973 report is being published by Information Canada and the final report on the two year study to date is in preparation.

A number of papers have been published on oil spills in scientific journals or at symposiums which are also available through the Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A4.

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Several new publications have been issued by the Institute of Social Economic and Government Research, University of Alaska at Fairbanks 99701.

*Bristol Bay*, a Socioeconomic Study, by David Kresge, et al, and *A Forecast of Industrial and Occupational Employment in Alaska*, prepared by Human Resources Planning Institute are the two latest reports published by the ISEGR as part of the Man in the Arctic Program. These reports provide background information of possible utilization to the many people involved in regional and statewide decision making.

The Man in the Arctic Program, funded by the National Science Foundation, is a long-range research effort intended to develop a basic understanding of the forces of change in Alaska, and to apply this understanding in dealing with social and economic development in Alaska and the arctic. The subject of the next map socioeconomic study will be the Gulf of Alaska.

Information and prices of ISEGR publications can be obtained from the Institute's librarian, Carolynn Simeone.

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