

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 World Data Centre A: Glaciology of the U.S. Geological Survey in Tacoma, Washington is organizing its extensive collection of aerial photography for information retrieval. This collection includes photography taken by Austin Post, USGS Glaciologist, whose annual missions generate 2,000 - 4,000 exposures of glaciers and snowlines. The development of a PHOTO Microfilm Information Retrieval (MFIR) System will access photography on 16mm blip-coded cartridged microfilm.

A microfilm classification system will be developed that is compatible with other EROS Data Center (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and accommodate photography generated in Canada. Suggestions and advice on these projects is welcome.

Glacier photography (aerial and terrestrial) and ERTS (Land Sat) satellite imagery supply primary data for the study of annual snow and ice distribution and the extent of perennial glaciation. Observation of glacier movement and fluctuations of the position of glacier termini are used to reconstruct climatic trends. Glacier variations also cause changes in water storage as ice, and thus as streamflow.

The Data Centre has a collection of almost 100,000 frames in various roll film formats covering glacierized areas of western North America for the past 15 years. Earlier photography includes invaluable trimetrogon photography taken by the Army Air Force in the 1940's and terrestrial photography such as the Matthes Collection from the late 1890's. Unique historical material will be microfilmed and indexed. Nora Tamberg, Librarian and Information Specialist would like to invite those interested in glaciology to visit the Centre.

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POLAR AND POLAR REGIONS LIBRARY RESOURCES: A DIRECTORY Compiled and edited by Nora T. Corley. Ottawa, Northern Libraries Colloquy, 1975. 1v. unpagd.

POLAR AND COLD REGIONS LIBRARY RESOURCES: A DIRECTORY was published in May 1975 by the Northern Libraries Colloquy. It lists 153 libraries (in 20 different countries) whose collections deal with the Arctic, the Antarctic and/or cold regions research. Some of the libraries are actually situated in the North. Complete names, addresses, telephone and telex numbers are given, as well as a short history and description of the libraries and their resources. Entries run from a few lines to several pages, depending on the size of the library. Three indexes are included: 1) name of library, including translations, acronyms and former names, 2) personal names; and 3) subject. The directory, compiled and edited by Nora T. Corley, for many

years Librarian of the Arctic Institute of North America in Montreal, Canada is available from: Polar Libraries Directory, c/o Mrs. G. A. Cooke, Librarian, Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, at a cost of Can. \$5.00, including handling and postage (book rate). If first class or air mail is requested there will be an extra charge for the postage. Checks, money orders, etc., should be made payable to "Polar Libraries Directory, c/o Mrs. G. A. Cooke."

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Lorna Taylor has replaced Joan Elliott as librarian at the Institute for Northern Studies at the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon).

The Institute is in the preliminary stages of planning its new building with occupancy scheduled for mid 1977. The library will (hopefully) be considerably expanded to accommodate the rapidly growing collection according to Lorna Taylor.

The library recently sent approximately 300 duplicate volumes to the Arctic Research and Training Centre, Rankin Inlet, N.W.T. to add to their present collection. The Centre is affiliated with the Institute as a training facility for people doing research on the north.

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Dartmouth College Library and Xerox University Microfilms have issued a microfilm edition of the following works of Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARCTICA. 27 reels. 450.00
ARCTIC EXPEDITION DIARIES OF VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON. 3 reels.
\$60.00. (Records three Arctic expeditions during the years
1906-1918)

Order from Series Product Manager, Xerox University Microfilms, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106.

Mrs. Erika Parmi, Librarian for the Stefansson Collection at Dartmouth would like librarians who own DICTIONARY CATALOG OF THE STEFANSSON COLLECTION ON THE POLAR REGIONS to be aware of an error in publication. In volume one the section on Alaska is found on pages 66-106 and 128-182 with items beginning with Ah-Alar in between.

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The ARCTIC BULLETIN published by the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20500 is available free on request. The Vol. 1, no. 5, 1975 issue includes articles on the Alaska pipeline and environment, the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory at Barrow, Alaska, the eastern Canadian research program of the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, and sea ice research in the USSR.

The fiscal 1974 report of the U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee has been published as ARCTIC BULLETIN Vol. 1, no. 6, 1975. The report includes discipline summaries of the research results and agency reports describing projects and programs of 12 Federal agencies.

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Notice of Forthcoming Publication:

The Publications Committee of the Alaska Historical Society announces that the reprinted edition of Frederica deLaguna's THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF COOK INLET, ALASKA will be available in paperback in November, 1975. The original (1934) publication will remain essentially unchanged, with 263 pages and 72 plates, plus an additional chapter by the author reviewing developments in the prehistory of the North Pacific area of Alaska since this monograph was completed more than 40 years ago. A limited number of copies will be printed. Further information may be obtained by writing George A. Hall, Treasurer, Alaska Historical Society, Box 4108, Star Route A, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.

The Alaska Historical Society will hold its annual meeting this November in Juneau. This will provide an opportunity for a visit to state agencies having materials useful for historical research. Programs and visits are planned at the Alaska Historical Library, Alaska State Archives and Alaska State Museum on November 1, 1975. Information on the meeting can be obtained from William Jorgenson, 635 Alder Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

The following article reviews efforts for improving communication about northern information:

Adams, W. P. and W. Barr 1975. "Collection, transmission and exchange of information on the North." MCGILL SUB-ARCTIC RESEARCH PAPERS, 27, 11-38.

A paper presented at the Fifth Canadian Universities Northern Science (Training) Conference held in Schefferville, Quebec, April 1974. It deals specifically with the roles of Special Libraries, mentioning the Northern Libraries Colloquy, the NORTHERN LIBRARIES BULLETIN and the DIRECTORY OF NORTHERN LIBRARIES and including basic statistics on northern library holdings; the place of bibliographies, annotated and otherwise including ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY; the principal northern journals including a brief comparison of the contents of principal ones; and the general area of book and report publication in the North. Lists of Soviet and European northern research institutions and of major journals which carry arctic research are appended. Dr. Adams was Chairman of the Information Programme Committee of the Arctic Institute of North America and is Professor and Chairman of Geography at Trent University, Canada. Dr. Barr is Editor of THE MUSK OX and is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

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The Alaska Historical Library has received the first 133 pages of "Alaska Excerpts from the Memoirs of Dr. Bertrand K. Wilbur," a medical missionary to Sitka, Alaska from 1894 - 1901. The memoir begins with Dr. Wilbur's decision to apply for the position of "homeopathic surgeon to take charge of the hospital at Sitka, Alaska" and covers years that he spent in Sitka until September 1901. Many names of Sitka residents, descriptions of places and events, accounts of medical practice and social life of the period and a wealth of material about the Tlingit culture are included in the journals. Dr. Wilbur was appointed first Surgeon General of the Territory of Alaska in July 1899 by Governor Brady.

The memoir is being presented by Dr. Ross T. Wilbur of Princeton Junction, New Jersey, a son of Dr. Wilbur. Over 400 pages are to come, by the end of the year, as copying is completed.

The Alaska Historical Library in Juneau is preparing a series of Alaska community albums using photographs and documentary material to show the history of Alaska's towns. Communities will receive a copy of their album. Copies will also be available through interlibrary loan from the Alaska State Library. The series will be placed in Alaska's regional library centers and the Alaska Division of Parks which helped fund the project.

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The 1975 spring meeting of the Board of Governors of the Arctic Institute of North America met in Calgary on May 9 - 10 authorizing the move of the Institute's headquarters and library to Calgary. R.G.S. Currie was requested to proceed with the completion of negotiations with the Province of Alberta and the University of Calgary for moving the eastern offices at Montreal to Calgary and the Washington D.C. office began its move to Anchorage, Alaska in 1974. At the same time the Board decided to maintain at the Institute's Montreal Office an Information Centre for Arctic Science and Technology and to continue its publication programme in Montreal for an indefinite period. These provisions will mean that there will be little if any vacuum created and identical services will be maintained in the Montreal area, if the necessary funds can be provided. Assuming the satisfactory completion of negotiations with the Government of Alberta, the Institute in the future will be provided with long-range financial security. At the University of Calgary, the Institute will be provided with ample modern building space. The prospect of achieving financial independence within a period of years was the prime consideration in the Board's decision. Another major factor was that a large portion of the economic, commercial and social activity in the north and in the Arctic is conducted through the Province of Alberta and without a main base in that Province, the Institute would not be in the best position to serve its objectives. As well as maintaining a substantial Information Centre in Montreal, the Institute plans to establish one in Winnipeg and to tie into that which exists already in Anchorage, Alaska, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the University of Alaska. It is thought that the Institute's

facilities will then blanket the main North American centres serving the North. At the Calgary meeting also there was a discussion of the appointment of a new Executive Director. It was deemed advisable to have somebody thoroughly familiar with the Institute to put into effect the changes involved in making the move to Calgary. Mr. Robert C. Faylor, Director of the Alaska and Washington Offices, was appointed Acting Director with effect from 1 June 1975. Mr. K. de la Barre will continue as Director of the Montreal Office. When appointed the new Executive Director will reside at the Institute's headquarters location in Calgary.

Irene Coutinho, Librarian at the Arctic Institute of North America, writes that work is underway to standardize subject headings and establish a subject headings authority file. The Institute will publish SUBJECT HEADINGS USED IN THE AINA LIBRARY if enough libraries would be interested in obtaining a copy. Contact Irene at the Institute, 1020 Pine Avenue West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 1A2. Those wanting a copy of THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH NORTHERN LIBRARIES COLLOQUIY can obtain it from the Institute.

Several new books received by the AINA Library may be of interest to readers.

Ivanov, S; ANCIENT MASKS OF SIBERIAN PEOPLES. Photographs by V. Stukalov. Leningrad, Aurora Art Publishers, 1975.
A Collection of fifty coloured plates describing the little known crafts of the Siberian peoples. The album consists of face, burial, hunting, and shaman masks from antiquity to the beginning of the twentieth century.

Ornstein, Toby: THE FIRST PEOPLES IN QUEBEC. Prepared at the Native North American Studies Institute under the direction of G. William Craig. 3 vols. Thunderbird Press, 1973.
This study based on printed and available materials is a reference work on the history, economy, and legal position of the Indians and Inuit of Quebec.

A large colorful map titled NATIVE PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES produced by the Alaska Native Language Center shows what language is spoken in each native village. Only native villages and towns with over 10 per cent native population are shown and the extent to which the language has been passed on to the younger generation. There are twenty Alaska native languages. Copies are available from:

Center for Northern Educational Research
University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Single copy \$4.00 - 4th Class
Postpaid \$5.00 - Airmail

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The following meeting date has been set for the 6th Northern Libraries Colloquy: July 12-16, 1976 at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Colloquy Chairman is Ted Ryberg, Director of Libraries, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. He reminds everyone to reserve these dates now for attending the colloquy.

The Institute of Northern Studies, University of Saskatchewan did a special issue of THE MUSK OX, Publication no. 15, 1975 on Churchill River. This issue contains historical information, hydroelectric developments and political geography of the Churchill River area. This issue sells for two dollars or an annual subscription is \$3.00 per year for individuals and \$5.00 for institutions. Orders should be sent to Mrs. Pat Potts, Institute for Northern Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon S7N0W0.

NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN NORTH, a monthly compilation of newspaper clippings from the EDMONTON JOURNAL, the STAR-PHEONIX, and THE LEADER-POST CONTAINS ARTICLES ON THE Yukon and Northwest Territories, Northern Saskatchewan and Canadian Indians. The cost is \$25.00 per year and back issues are available for 1972-1974 including indexes from 1974. Available from the Institute for Northern Studies.

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The Alaska Native Education Board has produced native language books and oral language teaching units in Inupiaq, Upper Tanana, Koyukon and Gwich'in. Such materials are useful for learning to speak and read these native languages. Literacy aids, such as flash-cards and dictionaries and teacher manuals have been produced.

Those interested in these publications can obtain ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION BOARD REVISED PRICE LIST (effective August 1, 1975) direct from Alaska Native Education Board, 4510 International Airport Road, No. 3, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.

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The Library of the Istituto Geografico Polare, Civitanova Marche (Macerata), Italy has acquired a very rare booklet printed in Genoa about 1830 which has a very long title.

"Notizie/ curiose ed interessanti/ sugli abitanti del Mar Gelato/ e sulla/ Giovane Equimaude/ arrivata in Francia il 27 luglio 1827/, in compagnia dell'Indiani selvatici, venuti d'America, presenti/ a S.M. il Re Carlo X, nel suo palazzo reale di S.Cloud, il 15 agosto/ 1827, che il Signor Paganini espone alla pubblica vista./ Compendio/ della Nascita e dei Costumi di questa giovane Esquimaude,/ ed altre particolarita degne di rimarco e dell'attenzione pubblica./ Genova/ Tipografia Fazona, Strada Giustiniani, N.854./ Con permissione".

The story is about an Eskimo girl who was brought to Europe and then shown to the Italian public for payment.

The booklet (cm 14,5 x 20, pages 16) has been described recently by Silvio Zavatti (UN RARISSIMO OPUSCOLO GENOVESE RIGUARDANTE GLI ESCHIMESI in the book: F. Surdich, MISCELLANEA DI STORIA ESPLORAZIONI, Genova, 1975.)

Miss Valeria Prat, Genoa, has presented for her Doctor's degree, a thesis titled: FELICE PEDRONI, IL FONDATORE DI FAIRBANKS (Felice Pedroni, the Founder of Fairbanks).

The thesis, now in the Library of the Istituto Geografico Polare, is rich in unpublished documents. It is the first successful attempt to write a complete biography of the Italian prospector who on September 8, 1902 founded Fairbanks.

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New bibliographies on the Law of the Sea and Outer Continental Shelf are being compiled at the Alaska State Library, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

A GUIDE TO THE LAW OF THE SEA HOLDINGS IN JUNEAU was completed in June and distributed to libraries and individuals with a special interest in the Law of the Sea question. An update with additional entries was available July 30.

A longer bibliography on the Outer Continental Shelf and Coastal Zone Planning is being compiled. The main purpose of these bibliographies is to identify local information on the Law of the Sea and OCS and make it readily available. Kay Rosier, Interlibrary Loan Librarian has been systematically listing the holdings of the Alaska State Library, Department libraries and individual collections to compile these bibliographies. When completed, they will give locations and catalogue information to facilitate access and encourage sharing of material

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The Fifth Northern Libraries Colloquy met at the Rovaniemi Library in Rovaniemi, Finland from May 26 - 30, 1975. Colloquy participants enjoyed an informative meeting and visits to several libraries. Ros Wayland prepared an ideograph of the colloquy, which synthesizes concepts and ideas in interesting visual form, such as that used in Egyptian hierographs, North American pictograms, etc.

Ideograph of the Fifth Northern Libraries Colloquy, Rovaniemi, Finland follows on the last page.



Sun snow



men women

from



libraries

meet (shake
hands)



good (beautiful)
talk



food and drink



memories happy



Sauna

River