

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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6TH ANNUAL NORTHERN LIBRARIES COLLOQUY
July 12-16, 1976
University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Preliminary Program

Sunday, July 11, 1976

Evening

Reception and Registration

Monday, July 12, 1976

Morning - 1st Session

Afternoon - 2nd Session

Evening

University of Alaska Libraries

Public Libraries in Alaska

Dinner on Riverboat DISCOVERY

Tuesday, July 13, 1976

Morning - 3rd Session

Afternoon

Evening

Special Libraries in Alaska

Tour

Dinner in private homes

Wednesday, July 14, 1976

Morning - 4th Session

Afternoon - 5th Session

Evening

Research in the North

Regional and International
Information Exchange

Colloquy Banquet

Thursday, July 15, 1976

Morning - 6th Session

Noon

Reports and Business Meeting

Adjournment

Contact Ted Ryberg, Director of Libraries, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701, for Colloquy information. Also the Tours Committee has planned a pre-Colloquy tour of Mount McKinley National Park via the Alaska Railroad.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Colyer, Librarian, Aeronautical Library, Division of Mechanical Engineering, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa K1A 0R6, provided the following information on some of their projects.

The Low Speed Aerodynamics Laboratory of the National Aeronautical Establishment has developed a wind turbine designed to generate electricity particularly in isolated areas. It is now being manufactured by Dominion Alcan Fabricating Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario. All research reports and papers concerning this project are available free from this library. Also the library has published a bibliography entitled Wind Power which is also free for the asking.

Recent work in the Air Cushion Vehicle field has been directed to the use of ACV's as heavy transporters over weak terrain such as snow, ice, muskeg and unimproved roads. An updated version of Air Cushion Technology in Canada is available for \$2.00. Newsletters and reports published in connection with this research are available free of charge through the library, with a list of newsletters available on request.

Another recent publication by the Aeronautical Library is a revised edition of List of Subject Headings Used in the Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering Branch of the National Science Library. This publication is being accepted as an authority in these fields and is available at a cost of \$20.00.

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The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich Selo, England is now in the final stages of preparing for publication a Guide to the personal collections of manuscripts in their holdings. This section contains a number of important collections of Arctic explorers, including Sir Richard Collinson (1811-1883), Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), Sir Leopold McClintock (1819-1907), Sir A. H. Markham (1841-1918) and Sir Henry Stephenson (1847-1919).

The Museum has recently acquired three journals kept by Samuel Wilkes in the Heda, during Parry's second voyage, 1821-23, and a diary of William Harvey (?) kept during the 1850-51 expedition in search of Sir John Franklin.

The recently refitted Arctic gallery, which contains, among other things relics of Sir John Franklin's lost expedition and sledges, crockery, ice tools, etc. from the Nares expedition 1875-76, continues to interest visitors to the Museum.

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A Guide to Alaska Native Corporation Publications prepared by Phyllis Nottingham has been published as Alaska State Library Historical Monograph No. 5. The Guide is an annotated guide to publications issued by the 13 regional native corporations and village corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Publications of native associations and other material useful for studying about the Act, native corporations, etc., are also included. Microfiche copies have been prepared for those native corporation publications which are not generally available and these are being distributed to Alaska libraries and the depository system. A copy of the Guide is available on request to the Alaska State Library, Pouch G, Juneau 99811. A microfiche copy of native corporation and association publications is available through interlibrary loan.

Mr. Robert Allen Kinzie, Jr. of Santa Cruz, California has donated material concerning the Treadwell group of mines on Douglas Island to the Alaska Historical Library. In 1904 Mr. Kinzie's father, a graduate of the University of California, became superintendent of the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company which yielded more than 67.5 million dollars in gold and silver during its 37 years of production. The manuscript collection includes architectural drawings of the mining, milling and power facilities of the Treadwell mines, annual reports of the mines beginning 1890 through 1915 and 16 photographs of the mines and environs.

The Clyda Schott Greely Collection of photographs has been donated to the Alaska Historical Library by J. Harve Richardson of Marysville, California, nephew and administrator of the Greely estate. The collection consists of approximately 800 photographs collected by the Louis Schott family, including family photos. Mrs. Greely's father, Louis Schott, joined the Alaska Packers Association when they organized and worked at various cannery sites, such as Garnet Lodge near Wrangell in 1897, in 1908 as superintendent of the Alitak cannery, and also canneries at Karluk, Point Highfield, etc. The photographs show people, boats, canneries, scenery, etc. of the Wrangell area, Juneau, Sitka, Kodiak, Karluk, Nushagak, Uyak, etc. Many of the photographs were done by Thwaites. One album called A Big Game Hunt in Alaska, 1918 shows a hunting expedition up the Stikine River into the Cassiar.

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The Institute for Northern Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon S7N 0W0, has published a 6-volume report entitled Northern Saskatchewan Information System which has been over two years in preparation. The information system described in the report is a geographically-based, user-operated, visual display system utilizing a low-cost minicomputer as a base for research and planning by government agencies, the system as proposed would be available for use by community organizations and independent researchers.

A large-scale project to index the entire periodical collection is underway in the Institute library. Each major article or paper pertaining to the north will be catalogued for subject matter in approximately 150 ongoing subscriptions dating back about 10 years.

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The U. S. Federal arctic research results for fiscal 1975 are given in the Vol. 2, No. 8 issue of the Arctic Bulletin. This issue includes discipline summaries and reports from 12 Federal agencies.

The Arctic Bulletin is published quarterly by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee. Issues are free from the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. 20550.

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The Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, was established in 1961 for the purpose of conducting interdisciplinary research in the social sciences and related fields. In addition to the Alaska Review of Business and Economic Conditions (free on request), the institute publishes ISEGR Reports, Occasional Papers, Research Notes (free on request), and other special publications. Recent institute publications include:
Alaska's Constitutional Convention, Victor Fischer, \$4.00. (ISEGR Report 45)
Patterns of Village Growth and Decline in the Aleutians, Dorothy M. Jones, \$1.00. (Occasional Paper)
Alaskan Population Growth and Movements, 1960-1972, Daniel A. Seiver and Susan R. Fison. (Research Note)
Fiscal Data for Alaska, Neville O. Beharie. (Review)

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The Alaska-Yukon Magazine, 1905-1912 is an important reference source for information on Alaska and the Yukon Territory. It is available on microfilm from Kraus Thomson Organization, Ltd., Route 100, Millwood, N. Y. 10546 for \$60.00.

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Dr. B. Ladanyi, Director of the Centre D'Ingenierie Nordique Ecole Polytechnique located at the University of Montreal, writes that their library specializes in Northern engineering material. This library did not get listed in the Directory of Polar and Cold Regions Library Resources, so those with northern collections should take note of this Northern Engineering Centre library.

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The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, has finished an inventory of their Skinner Collection (Alaska/Polar regions). There are now 18,832 cataloged volumes in the collection not including the Rare Book Collection. This represents a growth of 124% from 1971 to 1976.

A recent addition to the Manuscript Collection of the University Archives are the Papers of noted naturalist Charles Sheldon, 1867-1928 donated by his son William of Brewster, Massachusetts. Charles Sheldon, an authority on big game animals and officer of the Boone and Crockett Club, engaged in activities regarding game laws and National Parks. He became closely associated with the U. S. Biological Survey, an association reflected in his correspondence with E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, George B. Grinnell, Harry Karsten and others. His Alaska journals, 1904-1909 are daily records of his explorations and hunting activities on Pacific Coast Islands, the Upper Yukon and Denali regions which are filled with field notes and observations. Of special interest are his observations during his trips to the Denali wilderness, 1906-1908. His intimate knowledge of the area and interest in creating more National Parks made him a strong proponent in the drive which eventually led to the creation of the Mt. McKinley National Park in 1917.

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Now available from the Division of Building Research, National Research Council of Canada:

NRCC 14966 Permafrost investigations in Quebec and Newfoundland (Labrador) by R. J. E. Brown, Dec. 1975. 51p
(DBR Technical Paper No. 449). \$1.00

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The Second Conference on Alaskan History is scheduled June 16-18, 1976, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, under sponsorship of the University and several federal and state agencies. A variety of papers and panels will be given, such as "The Problem of Writing Alaska's Native Histories", "Emerging Views of Political History: Researching Alaskan Biography", and "Toward Alaskan Commercial History". Professor Herman Slotnick, University of Alaska at Fairbanks, will edit the Conference Proceedings which will be published by the Alaska Historical Commission, 3221 Providence Avenue, Senior College Academic Building, Anchorage 99504.

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