

Northern Libraries Bulletin



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The Alaska Library Association has completed editing of its Native Oral Literature tapes and has placed cassette copies of these tapes in each of seven locations in the state. The new material is contained on 98 cassettes from 23 villages and represents seven different native languages (Han, Tanana, Koyukon, Kutchin, Ingalik and Holikachuk Athapascan; Eyak and Inupiak). Some stories are in English.

This brings to 238 the number of cassettes in each Alaska Native Oral Literature bank. These banks are located at University of Alaska Rasmuson Library (Fairbanks), Fairbanks North Star Borough Library, University of Alaska Anchorage Library, Alaska Film Library (Anchorage), and Alaska State Library (Juneau).

A new index to the Alaska Native Literature tapes is being compiled and should be ready in early 1978. The approximate cost will be \$5.00 and it can be ordered from Nancy Lesh, Alaska Library Association, % University of Alaska Library, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Ak. 99504.

Tapes are available for non-profit, educational use. Those interested in copies of particular tapes should direct their inquiry to Peggy Cummings, Alaska State Library, Pouch G, Juneau, Ak. 99811.

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The current issue of Arctic Bulletin (Vol. 2, No. 10) has articles on Arctic coastal research on sea ice and offshore permafrost, ice engineering research at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Caribou-Poker Creeks Research Watershed, and storage, transfer, and usage of Alaskan environmental information.

Free subscriptions for the Arctic Bulletin are available by writing to the Editor, Arctic Bulletin, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. 20550.

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The Alaska Science Conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Alaska Division will be held September 22-24th in Anchorage. "Science Information Exchange in Alaska" is the theme of the annual meeting. Both panel presentations and invited papers will focus on both the availability of Science information in the state and the North, as well as the needs and applications of information. This will be an opportunity for the scientists and the information sources and resource people to get together and find out from each other not only what is available now through libraries, automated computer systems, networks etc, as well as an overview of the research being done in the state. For information please write to 707 A Street, Anchorage, Ak. 99501.

A number of Colloquy members will be represented at the Science Conference. Cathie Innes-Taylor, Librarian at the University of Alaska Library in Anchorage, will serve as a chairperson on a panel discussing the new U. S. Copyright Law which goes into effect January 1, 1978.

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"Stefansson's Correspondence", by Erika S. Parmi, an article in the Dartmouth College Library Bulletin, April 1977, may be of interest to northern libraries. Two groups of correspondence are discussed. The first is between Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Inglis Fletcher, the historical novelist, and covers the period 1921-1961. The second concerns Stefansson's involvement with R. Buckminster Fuller's unsuccessful Dymaxion car project and covers the period 1933-1934. Copies of the article may be obtained for \$1.00 from the Editor, Room 115, Baker Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 03755.

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R. M. Bone, Director of the Institute for Northern Studies, University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon writes that the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker Building is scheduled for commencement of construction in October, 1977. In this Centre, the library facilities for the Institute will be much increased and will be able to expand holdings and serve a wider audience.

A book on Bernard Hantzsch by the Arctic historian Dr. Leslie Neatby will be published as the third Mawdsley Memoir which is the monograph series of the Institute for Northern Studies. Bernard Hantzsch, a noted German explorer, died on Baffin Island in the early 20th century. Based on his diary, Dr. Neatby has translated the German into English and has added a number of informative notes. Among other features, the relationships between Bernard Hantzsch and his Eskimo helpers is indicative of the general White-Eskimo relationships of the times.

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U.S.-USSR project seeks manuscripts as a result of a cultural agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union in 1973 (renewed in 1976). American and Soviet scholars are working on the publication of a volume of documents entitled Development of Russian-American Relations, 1765-1815 which will contain annotated materials from both American and Soviet archives and libraries. The editors and compilers of the volume are associated with the National Archives and Records Service, the Institute of World History of the USSR Academy of Sciences and others. The editors have agreed to adhere to generally recognized standards of historical research, to publish the full record based on scholarly objectivity, and to formulate procedures necessary to harmonize access rules so that scholars may enjoy free access to documentation. The U. S. editors would appreciate any information on the location of unpublished materials pertaining to Russian-American relations, 1765-1815, which could be included in the forthcoming volume. Please contact Dr. Milton O. Gustafson, chief, Diplomatic Branch, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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Steam Whaling in the Western Arctic, by John Bockstoce is now available, but it was produced in limited quantity and interested libraries should order promptly. It provides a detailed look at Alaskan whaling, the ships and people involved; also includes numerous photographs. Order from Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740. Price: \$15; 6 or more copies receive a 33 1/3% discount. Prepaid orders will be sent post free.

The following booklet was produced in limited quantity and should be of interest to libraries wanting material on the Klondike.

Mills, Thora McIlroy. The contribution of the Presbyterian Church to the Yukon during the gold rush, 1897-1910. Toronto, Published by the United Church of Canada, Committee on Archives, by the United Church Publishing House, 1977. 94 p. illus. 2.50.

Cover title: The Church and the Klondike gold rush. Includes history of the Klondike gold discovery and historic photos. It is available from the publisher at Birge-Carnegie Bldg., Victoria University, Queen's Park Crescent, East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C4.

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Several bibliographies are being compiled by N. Merle Peterson, Research Associate for Western Ecological Service in Edmonton, Alberta, and it is planned that they will be available in Fall 1977.

Volume 5 of Ecology of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago: Selected References will emphasize ecological publications of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago of 1976 and 1977. Volume 4 of this work published in 1976 contains 207 annotated references, 58% of which are 1975 publications. It is available upon request to Dr. G. A. Yarranton, Arctic Land Use Research Programme, Indian and Northern Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0H4.

The other recently completed bibliography sponsored by the Arctic Land Use Research Programme of Indian and Northern Affairs is entitled Revegetation information applicable to mining sites in northern Canada: selected references. This 405 page annotated bibliography was prepared in conjunction with a second report by Everett Peterson as a state-of-the-art review of revegetation entitled Suggested approaches to revegetation of mining sites in northern Canada.

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The Alaska Historical Library, Juneau is now having contact prints made of glass plates and film negatives taken around Yakutat, Alaska by Fhoke Kayamori, a Japanese photographer. The collection of over 1,100 photographs taken between 1912 and 1940 provides a detailed view of the town, people, cannery operation, organizations and scenery of the area. There are many photographs concerning Tlingit culture, such as funerals, clothing, etc.

The Yakutat community will assist with identification of the photographs as they plan to obtain copies for local exhibit with funds from a grant obtained from the Alaska State Museum.

Continental Shelf Development: a bibliographic background for Alaska, compiled by Kay Rosier, has been published by the Alaska State Library with partial funding from the Alaska Coastal Management Program and Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs. This bibliography summarizes the material available in Juneau, Alaska relevant to petroleum and other mineral development on the continental shelf in Alaska and elsewhere. It is arranged in two volumes: Volume I is a listing of entries by broad topical headings; Volume II contains subject, author and title indices. The bibliography is available on interlibrary loan and it will be submitted to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) for indexing and microfiche publication.

The following Alaska State Library publications are available on request to Alaska libraries and libraries with collections on the north; also researchers interested in these materials can obtain copies while supply is sufficient.

Guide to Russian Holdings in the Alaska Historical Library.

A Guide to Alaska Packers Association records and to the APA Library, (describes the records or manuscript collection of this major salmon cannery operation in Alaska and the association library which were both donated to the Alaska State Library.

Subject Guide to the Alaskan, A Sitka Newspaper, 1885-1907. (limited copies.)

Some books about Alaska received...(annual) 197; 1974-75; 1976.

For copies, contact Phyllis DeMuth, Alaska Historical Library, Pouch G, Juneau, AK 99811.

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The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies held a conference in Churchill, Manitoba on April 18-20, attended by official representatives of 25 Canadian Universities. This group, providing a link between all Canadian Universities active in northern research and teaching, resulted from informal contacts during the past fifteen years and conferences held at Rankin Inlet, N.W.T. and Edmonton in 1976. Membership in the Association is available to Canadian universities engaged in "northern research, education and training". Five committees were formed: Relations with Northern People, Research, Northern Education, Northern Research Stations, and International Relations. Committees were also appointed to deal with internal affairs of the Association such as conferences and incorporation.

Elected at Churchill for two-year terms on the Board of Directors were:

President	Dean J. K. Stager, University of British Columbia
Vice-President	Dean R. Bergeron, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. V. F. Valentine, Carleton University
Members	Dr. R. M. Bone, University of Saskatchewan
	Dr. W. N. Irving, University of Toronto
	Dr. B. Ladanyi, Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal

The Association plans to set up an office in Ottawa in time for opening of the new academic year next September, but their interim address is 1020 Pine Ave. W. Montreal H3A 1A2.

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The Bibliothèque-économie-Bibliothèque, University of Montreal, Case Postale 6128, Succursale "A", Montreal, Quebec H3C 3J7, has published its Acquisitions List no. 48. Libraries wanting to receive their lists should contact them direct.

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Esther DeWitt wrote that she has retired from her position as librarian at the Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska in Fairbanks. For a change of pace, she has now gone back to work as office manager for the Tundra Times newspaper.

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Two Alaskan historians, each born at Sitka, have collaborated on an important reference on Alaska. Evangeline Atwood and Robert N. DeArmond's Who's Who in Alaskan Politics: A Biographical Dictionary of Alaskan Political Personalities, 1884-1974 reflects the development of the Territory and the 49th State's political history. It contains over 1,000 entries of biographical information. An appendix enables the reader to relate the biographies with time, place and service. This 100-year survey represents 30 years of research from old newspapers, magazines, and government documents; extensive correspondence and views. Who's Who in Alaskan Politics is the first hardbound publication produced by the Alaska Historical Commission. An Alaskan Foundation supplied two-thirds of the printing and binding cost. Proceeds from the book will be used for further publications. The book sells for \$10 and is available from Binford and Mort, 2536 S.E. 111th, Portland, OR 97202.

Advance orders can be placed with Binford and Mort for the Commission's publication Alaska Bibliography: An Introductory Guide to Alaskan Historical Literature by Melvin Ricks which was scheduled for July publication.

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The Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada M5S 1A4, has a number of work and study groups which generate research publications. One of these groups is the Oil and Gas Working Group which continues to establish expertise and train students in the environmental effects of petroleum. They foresee the introduction of oil spill dispersants as a clean up measure, especially in the Arctic, and hope to undertake some work in that area. Other topics which are currently being considered are the social and economic effects of oil spills, oil spill modelling, oil behavior in the Great Lakes and the general modes of interaction between oil and ice.

Several recent publications include:

Hutchinson, T.C. and W. Freedman 1977. "The effects of crude oil and diesel oil spills on taiga vegetation in the Canadian Arctic." Canadian Journal of Botany. (In press)

MacKay, D. 1977. "Commentary on offshore drilling in the Beaufort Sea." presented Conference Nov. 1975. Published in Proceedings of the MacKenzie Delta: Priorities and Alternatives. (Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, Ottawa.)

Scott, B.F. and D. MacKay 1977. The impact of oil on the freshwater environment: a workshop on Canadian research priorities. IES, University Toronto, EE-2.

Lists of publications and price list are available from the Institute.

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N. O. Christensen at the Arktisk Institute in Charlottenlund, Denmark has brought to our attention that they have a large collection of Greenland and Denmark newspapers. These include:

Atuagagdliutit 1861-1950, (Greenlandic)

Gronlandsposten 1942-1950, (Danish)

Atuagagdliutit/Gronlandsposten 1951- (Greenlandic and Danish)

Sermitsiak (Godthab weekly paper, Greenlandic and Danish)

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The Institute of Polar Studies Library at Ohio State University has been renamed in honor of Richard P. Goldthwait, the Institute's founder. The Goldthwait Polar Library was established concurrently with the Institute in 1960 to serve the research staff. It has grown in size to about 10,000 pices, primarily scientific and technical reports and reprints, serials, and maps. Ms. Susan Schley has joined the staff of the Institute as librarian of the Goldthwait Polar Library.

Peter Anderson, Assistant Director of the Institute, has been awarded a grant by the Rockefeller Archives to research the corporate and personal papers of John D. Rockefeller Jr. in connection with his biography of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Rockefeller was one of several businessmen who provided financial support of Byrd's explorations in the Arctic and Antarctic in the 1920's and 1930's.

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NORTHERN BIBLIOGRAPHY: A PROGRESS REPORT

By Peter J. Anderson

In April 1977 Northern Libraries Bulletin Garth Graham authored a paper (page 8) which discussed the establishment of the Colloquy Committee on Northern Bibliography and listed six assumptions which support our continued concern for a northern oriented bibliography. Garth and I are co-chairmen of this committee, with members in several countries. This report is intended to bring all Colloquy members and interested friends up to date on recent developments.

Upon leaving Fairbanks in July 1976, there were hopes that a northern-oriented bibliography could be developed through the expansion of services in the Library of Congress's Science and Technology Division. Geza Thuronyi, head of the LC's Cold Regions Bibliography Project, thought that additional funds might be secured through the Library's annual appropriations from the U.S. Congress. As the year progressed it became clear that this could not be the case for the following fiscal year, October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977. During the preparation of the budget for the 1978 fiscal year (October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978) a decision was made to await the development of studies and possible initiatives by private business.

In Fairbanks we spoke frequently of the anticipated study of volume 16 of the Arctic Institutes' Arctic Bibliography. The National Science Foundation had issued a request for proposals (RFP) but no further activity had occurred by July. This study was funded by the U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee (IARCC), a policy and coordinating body of the U.S. Federal agencies conducting or funding research in Alaska and the Arctic, plus the Department of State. The IARCC is chaired by the National Science Foundation, since NSF has the responsibility for the extension of Federally funded research in the Arctic.

The study contract was issued to The Franklin Institute Research Laboratories in Philadelphia. Ms. Janet R. Orr, Science Information Services Department, was project supervisor and prepared the Technical Report "Study of Coverage of Arctic Research by Discipline-Oriented Abstracting and Indexing Services," (January 1977). The report concluded "... that the Arctic Bibliography series cannot be effectively replaced by commercial on-line bibliographic services."

The study results were summarized on page 5-2 as follows:

"--About 30% of the arctic-related literature (articles) is not contained in a commercial service;

"--With the exception of CEOREF, the on-line services

do not select articles from the journals they scan that would be selected for the Arctic Bibliography;

"--The retrieval of arctic literature from the services is uncertain;

"--The low citation overlap between the services and the Arctic Bibliography necessitates accessing several sources; and,

"--Coverage of 55% of the arctic-related journals by more than one service can result in the retrieval of duplicate citations when two or more services are accessed."

It is my understanding that the IARCC discussed the report during the Spring. They noted a letter appended to the report in which Data Courier, Inc. reviewed the draft report and stated that Data Courier, Inc., "... could serve as a publisher for this (Arctic) bibliography or some other formation service needed to fill the void created by the discontinuation of the bibliography." Mr. Thomas H. Hogan, Vice President for Marketing and Product Planning, continued his letter: "I should make it clear that we are not suggesting that the funds for this would come from the U.S. Government. What we are suggesting is that we are prepared to undertake -- at our own expense -- a preliminary market study to determine whether or not an information service covering arctic research would be commercially viable."

Based on this letter it seems that the U.S. government agencies which previously funded the Arctic Bibliography decided to await further developments. It is reasonable to assume that no action will be taken by the government until Data Courier, Inc. decides to attempt a commercial bibliography or until it decides not to proceed further.

I have written to Mr. Hogan to inquire about the proposed market study but as of early August there has been no response. I will circulate any information I receive to interested Colloquy members.

In summary, it appears that we are still marking time. In the U.S., at least, no government action on the bibliography question will be taken until the question of a private commercial bibliography is resolved. If Data Courier Inc. decides to produce and market a northern bibliography we should make ourselves available as an organization with expert advice. If they don't proceed we need to then turn back to government.

In the meantime I suggest we continue refining our needs and investigate alternatives to what we have now. I think we should be ready to act decisively when the proper moment arrives.