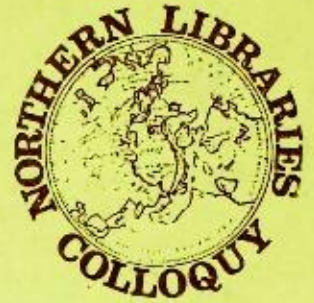


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The SEA IN ALASKA'S PAST CONFERENCE will be held in 1979. State of Alaska historical agencies, in cooperation with the Alaska Historical Society, are planning a conference on Alaska's maritime history to be held September 7 and 8, 1979, at Anchorage. More information about conference plans can be obtained by writing to: Office of History and Archaeology, 619 Warehouse Avenue, No. 210, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN ALASKA, a catalog of historical and archaeological properties listed in the National Register as of June 1978, is now available at no charge from the Office of History and Archaeology. Self-addressed envelopes at least 9"x6" or larger, with 41¢ postage affixed must accompany requests.

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Report on the 7th Northern Libraries Colloquy by Geza Thuronyi, Library of Congress

This year's Northern Libraries Colloquy took place in Paris on September 19-23. Held at the prestigious Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (C.N.R.S.) under the chairmanship of Jean Malaurie, director of the Centre d'Etudes Arctiques, with Georges Le Rider, chief administrator of the Bibliothèque Nationale as honorary chairman, the meeting was characterized by wide representation both geographically and in terms of professional interests. In addition to delegates from France, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Italy, and Switzerland, some 30 representatives of the United States and Canada were present, making the total number of participants about 100, the largest so far for the colloquy.

Included were librarians and archivists as well as curators of museum collections, research scientists, filmmakers, and users of information from the academic, professional, and artistic communities. All of these interests were represented in the program, which was designed to convey a broad understanding of the problems of the Arctic and its people and to highlight the various means by which northern populations can be served and northern research promoted. A whole day was devoted to the showing of Arctic films.

During the colloquy, the Library of Congress Cold Regions data base was, for the first time, publicly demonstrated on-line, using the C.N.R.S.'s established line of communication with the System Development Corp. (SDC) in Santa Monica, Calif. Available on a trial basis through SDC's ORBIT system, the data base was successfully queried by Nancy Dumont,

librarian at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. The complete file, comprising some 59,000 records of the *Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology* and the *Antarctic Bibliography*, will be available in the near future to users of the ORBIT system. A more general and extensive file, the PASCAL data base of the C.N.R.S., was also demonstrated on-line.

The Northern Libraries Colloquy continues to retain its character of an informal group held together by common interests and shaped, in part, by the location and outlook of those who host its biennial meetings.

Garth Graham reports from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory that the Yukon Archives acquired the collection of Mr. Robert Coutts of Atlin, British Columbia. This collection contains over 2,500 items including books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera. Although it contains items related to the Yukon in general the emphasis of the collection is the gold rush period of our history. The purchase was made possible through the assistance of charitable foundations and companies in the Yukon. The acquisition of what was probably the best private Yukon collection is a major achievement for the Archives and has immeasurably broadened our existing collection.

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Two collections of source material on Canadian native and northern affairs (newspaper clippings, monographs, pamphlets) are available on microfiche, on a bi-annual basis from Micromedia Limited, 144 Front Street West, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1G2 Canada.

The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies' newspaper clipping file and KWIC Index contains news items and feature stories on northern affairs, mid-Canada development, and Canada's native peoples, clipped on a regular basis from the EDMONTON JOURNAL, TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL, FINANCIAL POST, NORTHERN MINER, and ST. JOHNS EDMONTON REPORT. Other news sources for items of special interest are: CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS MINER, OTTAWA CITIZEN, VANCOUVER PROVINCE, WINNIPEG FREE PRESS. The clippings are made available by Micromedia on microfiche, together with a full-sized loose-leaf KWIC Index keyed to the fiche.

In cooperation with the Canadian Association in Support of the Native Peoples, Micromedia Limited offers a similar service on the subject of native affairs. Again, working from a central file of material organized by the CASNP Library, Micromedia offers a bi-annual microfiche update plus a finding aid on paper. Since the file contains monographs and reports as well as newsclippings, the microfiche is organized by the vertical file headings used by the Library, and the finding aid provides additional access for the monographs by author.

Other northern related collections from Micromedia Limited are the briefs and transcripts of the Hearings of the Canadian Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry (the Berger Commission) and the same background material from the Alaska Highway Pipeline Inquiry (the Lysyk Inquiry).

These materials are available at the following costs:

Boreal Institute Vertical Files (Microfiche and Index)		Canadian Association in Support of the Native Peoples - Vertical Files & Index	
1975 Basic collection	\$150	1968-1972 Basic collection	\$875
1976 Update	150	1973 Update	300
1977 Update	150	1974 Update	280.
1978 Current subscription (2 issues: July & Decem.)	95	1975 Update	175
		1976 Update	150
		1977 Update	250
Canada. Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry Briefs and Transcripts plus looseleaf Author Index	\$840	Canada. National Energy Board Transcripts on Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Applications	\$480
Canada. Alaska Highway Pipeline Inquiry. Briefs and Transcripts	\$210		

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks has been allocated \$152,000 for construction and expansion of archival space and a high security rare book room. Marvin Falk writes that other improvements will also be made to the library. The project includes \$52,000 donated by Elmer Rasmuson who has a special collection of material for the library when the facility is completed.

Elmer E. Rasmuson Occasional Paper #5, entitled UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA THESES AND DISSERTATION 1926 - May 1977: AN INDEX by David A. Hales and Janet C. Burke is now available. It can be ordered from the Director's Office, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. The cost is \$15.00. This occasional paper is a keyword index to theses and dissertations written at all University of Alaska campuses, and many of the theses and dissertations are regarding Alaska and related subjects.

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The 8th Northern Libraries Colloquy will be held in June 1980 in Edmonton, Alberta and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Tentative dates are: June 1-3 meet in Edmonton at the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies where the focus will be on the southerners need for northern information and facilities to meet these needs. June 4-7 will be in Whitehorse, where the focus will be on the northerners needs for northern information. Suggestions for topics, speakers, participants are welcomed. Conference convenors are:-

Mrs. G. A. Cooke
Boreal Institute for Northern Studies
CW 401 Biological Sciences Building
The University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T6G 2E9

Mr. Garth Graham
Director, Information Resources
Government of the Yukon Territory
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
Y1A 2C6

YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY UPDATE TO 1977 (Boreal Institute for Northern Studies Occasional Paper 8-4) is at the printers and will be ready for distribution by the end of January, 1979. This issue contains 756 entries, 431 of which are from the years 1976 and 1977. Copies will be mailed to exchanging libraries during February 1979. The publication sells for \$15 and orders should be mailed to:

Boreal Institute for Northern Studies
Publications Dept.
CW 401 Biological Sciences Building
The University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta Canada T6G 2E9.

For a little over a year now, the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies library has been producing cards for the catalogue with the aid of the SPIRES data management system on the University of Alberta's computer. A northern data base containing original cataloguing and analytic entries (derived mainly from cards received from the Scott Polar Research Institute) has been accumulating. This data base is now available for on-line searching through the Alberta Information Retrieval Association (% Research Council of Alberta, 11315 - 87 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2C2.) To date over 1,300 entries are searchable. About 300 entries are added each month. This data is the same as that used to produce the library's MONTHLY ACCESSIONS LIST, which is available free upon request.

QL Systems, (322 Brock St., Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 1S9) continues to make Boreal NORTHERN TITLES (BNT) INDEX and the YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY (YKB) data bases available for searching. There are now over 43,000 items in BNT and over 2,000 in YKB. QL Systems maintained data bases are available for searching in the United States using Telenet.

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Harry King, Scott Polar Research Institute librarian, sent the following bookseller information, as he felt northern librarians would like to know of these services.

Bluntisham Books, Oak House, East Street, Bluntisham, Huntingdon, Cambs.

Postal book business specializing in Arctic, Antarctic, Falkland Islands and Tristan da Cunha material. Whaling books are an occasional extra. Run by David and Sharon Walton. Production of lists is a little erratic since David works for British Antarctic Survey and makes periodic field trips, but there are usually 2 or 3 per year. They buy as well as sell and will try to fulfill any specific wants. Do let them know if you would like to be put on their mailing list.

Polar Books, 38 Llwyn Estyn, Deganwy, Conwy, Gwynedd, Wales LL31 9RA.

Postal book business specializing in Arctic and Antarctic material. Lists irregular. Specific requirements welcome. Run by Neil Marsden, formerly a surveyor for British Antarctic Survey.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE PUBLISHED WORKS OF VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON by Robert W. Mattila is available for \$6 from the Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755. The 66 page work is in three parts including books by Stefansson, books with contributions by him, and contributions to periodicals and newspapers. There is an alphabetical index to titles and authors other than Stefansson.

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The Arctic Petroleum Operators' Association began publishing A.P.O.A. REVIEW in both an English and Inuktitut edition in 1978. It includes information on northern developments, arctic history and is illustrated. It is available free on request. Subscribers should indicate if they want to receive Inuktitut version. Contact:

APOA Information Service, P.O. Box 1281, Station "M"
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2L2.

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Several new manuscript and photograph collections have been received by the Alaska Historical Library, Juneau.

The Emile Gastonguay Collection includes reports, maps and other records of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company at Thane and Chichagoff Island gold mining material. Photographs include several albums of views made by Winter and Pond on construction of Salmon Creek Dam and various Juneau area mining activity. Mr. Gastonguay came to Alaska in 1913 as chief electrician for the Alaska Gastineau while under construction and then took charge of the power plant until its closure about 1926. He continued as manager of the power company and receiver for the mine properties which eventually were sold to the Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company. The Gastonguays lived in Thane, Alaska until 1936. Their daughter Diane van Gaste] of Los Gatos, California donated these records.

The papers of Asa Columbus Baldwin have been donated to the Alaska Historical Library by Sylvia Baldwin of Kailua, Hawaii and her brother Mortimer of San Luis Obispo, California. In 1909 A.C. Baldwin, a civil engineer, participated in the U.S. Coast and Geodetic marine survey of Kodiak and the Aleutian Islands. From 1910-1914 he served as a field officer on the United States-Canadian boundary surveys. His papers include journals, reports and photographs from this survey. Numerous maps and other papers reflect his work in private engineering practise throughout Alaska. He was president

of Yellow Band Gold Mines, Inc. located in the Bremner Range near Chitina, Alaska from 1936-1940. There are some papers and films concerning this mine. Mr. Baldwin gave lectures on Alaska and the files include scripts and more than one hundred lantern slides.

Efforts continue at the Alaska State Library for making Russian Orthodox Church records on Alaska more readily available. The library has previously microfilmed records from St. Hermans Pastoral School, Kodiak on eleven rolls of microfilm. There has been major interest in having the Library of Congress complete filming of their holdings of the church records. The Alaska State Library has provided \$30,000 to assist in a cooperative project for arranging, indexing and microfilming of the records, which include those gathered in 1941-1942. This project should begin early this year.

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On October 9, 1978, Dr. Brian B. Roberts, an authority on the Antarctic and Senior Research Associate at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, died at the age of 65. Dr. Roberts had an intense interest in the Institute's library and organization of polar information in general. The following is from a letter written by Harry King, Scott Polar Research Institute librarian:

Brian was really responsible for the planning of the SPRI library as it is today, in the years immediately after World War II. He fought hard to achieve cooperation between polar libraries in the field of documentation by developing the relevant sections of the Universal Decimal Classification and by trying to achieve international agreement on such thorny problems as transliteration and place-names. In his will he bequeathed to the SPRI his own polar library, containing many rare works in the field of ornithology, and his personal papers.

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THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF COLD REGIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, compiled by the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress for U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory will be available to the public for on-line literature searching in late February or early March. The Systems Development Corporation, Santa Monica, CA will be the vendor supplying the data base at \$50/hour searching time. This bibliography deals principally with the physics and mechanics of snow, ice, and frozen ground including road and building construction, earthworks, pipelaying, ice engineering, operation of vehicles, and the ecology of northern areas. The bibliography is the foremost information source in cold regions engineering and the on-line portion contains approximately 45,000 items. For further information please contact Nancy Dumont, CRREL Librarian, USACRREL, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.

Dr. Malcolm Mellor from CRREL is editor of COLD REGIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, a new international journal dealing with scientific and technical problems of cold environments, including both natural and artificial environments. In addition to original papers, technical reviews, and short communications, the journal will include letters, book reviews, reports of meetings and committees, and professional announcements. It will be issued four times a year, and submitted papers will be processed for publication with a minimum of delay. Order information is available from Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, P.O. Box 211, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. In the USA: Elsevier North-Holland Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

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The spring 1978 issue of INUKTITUT is a valuable resource issue for listings of films, books and newspapers concerning Canadian Inuit. It also contains a record (45RPM) of Inuit songs, oral histories and throat singing by Cape Dorset people. INUKTITUT is published by the Dept. of Indian and Northern Affairs. The text is in English, syllabics and roman orthographic eskimo. A French version is also available. Order from:-

INUKTITUT
Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs
Terrasses de la Chaudiere
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
K1A 0H4.

The Arctic Land Use Research (ALUR) Program operated by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Canada issues various publications. Begun in 1969, the Program is designed to provide technical information and research support for the implementation of resource management legislation dealing with water, forests and lands in northern Canada. Copies of their publications list, summary of activities and research can be obtained from:

Chief, Environmental Studies Division,
Dept. of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
K1A 0H4.

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The Service des Recherches, Arctiques et Sub-Arctiques, C.P. 8889, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 3P8 has completed publication of the following catalogs of newspaper clippings concerning Canadian Arctic and Sub-Arctic related subjects in the Gardner Collection:

- 50 - Communications-Communications - Manitoba
- 51 - Defense-Defence - Manitoba
- 52 - Electricite-Power - Manitoba
- 53 - Chasse et Peche - Hunting and Fishing - Manitoba.

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