

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 DeMuth, Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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Report on the eighth Northern Libraries Colloquy by Geza Thuronyi, Library of Congress.

The eighth Northern Libraries Colloquy was held in Edmonton, Alberta and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on June 1-7. It was attended by 41 Canadian delegates, 4 participants from Alaska, 4 from the rest of the United States, and one each from England and Greenland. Weak participation from overseas was probably attributable to a scarcity of travel funds.

The Edmonton program highlighted "southerners' needs for northern information," and consisted mainly of descriptions of automation activities ranging from on-line retrieval and publication systems to library networks, automated library catalogs, and indexes. Among the systems described and/or demonstrated were A.S.T.I.S., the Arctic Institute of North America's data base; A.O.S.I., the Alberta Oilsands data base; the Boreal Institute of Northern Studies (University of Alberta) data base; I.N.Q., Quebec information system; World Data Center A for Glaciology, Boulder, Colo.; C-CORE KWOC, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland; Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (Anchorage, Alaska) computerized bibliography system; SPIRES, the on-line information utility through which the A.S.T.I.S. and the Boreal Institute data bases may be accessed; the QL Systems, a Canadian information utility; the Alaskan libraries' link with the Washington Library Network; and the COLD data base (Library of Congress) in the System Development Corporation's ORBIT system.

In stark contrast to these high-technology projects, the Whitehorse program focused on the northerners' need for information, as reflected in the activities of small libraries, or "book rooms," that attempt to serve isolated northern communities. Librarians from remote areas, where turnaround times of a couple of months for interlibrary loans are considered normal, described their minimal resources and their contacts with patrons who may pay several visits to the library before the subject of books is broached. Some of the speakers emerged as intrepid pioneers whose success depends almost entirely on their personal initiative, resourcefulness, and dedication.

At the business meeting, the bibliographic coverage of northern literature and possibilities of assessing the extent of such coverage and of integrating some of the ongoing bibliographic activities were discussed. Despite difficulties in transatlantic travel, it was decided to try and hold the ninth colloquy in a European country and thus maintain the universal scope of these meetings.

The Northern Libraries Colloquy is a group of librarians, with no fixed membership, holding meetings biennially (formally annually) to exchange information on northern collections and resources and discuss problems common to northern library and information services. Past meetings have been held in Edmonton, Alberta; Hanover, N.H.; Cambridge, England; Montreal, Quebec; Rovaniemi, Finland; Fairbanks, Alaska; and Paris, France. The colloquy has no organizational structure or permanent secretariat; its records are entrusted temporarily to whatever institution serves host for the forthcoming meeting. The group's official organ is the NORTHERN LIBRARIES BULLETIN, published through the courtesy of the Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums in Juneau.

Miriam McTiernan, Records Archivist at the Yukon Archives, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, for the past year, has been appointed Territorial Archivist, according to Garth Graham, Deputy Minister for the Information Resources Department. She replaces Linda Johnson, who resigned effective September 12. McTiernan has several years experience as an archivist. She established the archives program for the B.C. Central Credit Union in Vancouver just prior to coming north. Other archivist positions were at the University of British Columbia, Douglas College in New Westminster and University College Dublin in Ireland. She has a diploma in archival studies and a B.A. (Honours) in history and Latin from Dublin University. She's the immediate past president of the Association of B.C. Archivists and is a member of both the Association of Canadian Archivists and the Association of Records Managers and Administrators.

Guy Guthridge, manager of the Polar Information Service at the National Science Foundation provided this report. The Foundation supported 152 arctic research projects totaling \$12.5 million in fiscal 1979 (1 October 1978 through 30 September 1979). The projects were in the disciplines of atmospheric sciences (\$4.7 million), biology (\$2.3 million), ocean sciences (\$2.1 million), glaciology (\$1.8 million), and earth sciences (\$1.6 million). The Division of Polar Programs provided about half (\$5.8 million) of this amount in its Arctic Research Program. The remainder was provided by the Divisions of Atmospheric, Ocean and Earth Sciences, the Division of Environmental Biology, and the Division of Behavioral and Neural Sciences. Fiscal 1978 Foundation support for arctic research totaled \$14.2 million.

A 52-page book describing Foundation support of arctic research is available for \$3.50 from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402: Arctic Research Programs. Program Report, 3(9). National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., January 1980. Government Printing Office stock number 038-000-00434-4.

BOOKS IN NATIVE LANGUAGES IN THE COLLECTION OF THE RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA includes 295 titles, representing 44 languages and dialects. The publication was compiled by Joyce M. Banks and published by the National Library of Canada in Ottawa. Most of the books were translated by missionaries so the greater part of the collection consists of devotional works and Bibles. But there are also dictionaries, grammars, and some linguistic treatises. The publication of the list was undertaken at the request of the Committee on the Library Needs of Native Peoples of the Canadian Library Association. The imprints span more than three hundred years, beginning with books printed in Paris in 1632. The collection also includes the first complete book in a native language to be printed in syllabic characters, Duployan shorthand and Micmac hieroglyphics. The list is organized alphabetically by language, and the entries are arranged chronologically within each language group. References to major bibliographies in the field are cited, and Canadian locations are given where known. The list is indexed by translator, author and editor, by publisher and printer, and by native language title. All materials in this collection may be consulted in the Reading Room of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Division of the National Library of Canada. None of the titles can be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

World Data Center A has two new publications available according to Ann. Brennen, Information Specialist.

GLACIOLOGICAL DATA, REPORT GD-8, ICE CORES was published in May. This issue combines several elements: the recommendations derived from the Workshop on the Status and

Ice Core Data; invited contributions from scientists working in the field; and the inventory of almost all of the ice cores reported in the literature since the first French core drilling in Greenland in 1949. This inventory lists and identifies 414 cores.

NEW ACCESSIONS LIST NO.6 has been published. This is the quarterly list of documents acquired and catalogued by the Data Center during the period October-December 1979. The next list, No.7, is currently in press.

Both publications are available free of charge from WDC-A for Glaciology, INSTARR, University of Colorado 80309, U.S.A.

The Alaska Historical Commission has made a grant of \$15,000 to the Alaska Historical Library at Juneau for a photofiche project. Nearly 200 descriptive listings of the library's Alaska/Arctic photograph collections will be put on microfiche and a select group of 8,000-10,000 photographs. The photofiche project has a dual purpose. It will make photograph images available and help preserve original files from extensive handling. The photofiche sets will be placed in various Alaska libraries when the project is completed in the spring.

During September, Phyllis DeMuth completed packing and shipping of the Alexander Dolgoplov Collection from California to the Alaska Historical Library. Mrs. Ashia Doll of Laguna Beach, California, donated the library of her late husband, a Russian emigrant whose knowledge of Russian military history, Russian America and other Russian related topics had proved helpful to many. The majority of the books, manuscripts, art prints, etc. are in the Russian language and include many scarce and rare items. A catalog of the Dolgoplov Collection will be published after processing the collection of several thousand items.

Several libraries and researchers are assisting the Alaska Historical Library in locating Alaska related manuscripts and material outside Alaska. Efforts are being made to obtain copies of these materials so the information will be available in Alaska. So far the library has obtained new holdings relative to Alaska's military history, church history, and business records. Additional state funds were received this fiscal year to seek such materials and several resource sharing activities are being discussed with libraries and museums.

The following report on the 37th Annual Eastern Snow Conference was received from W. P. Adams, Trent University. Approximately 75 delegates attended the Conference in Peterborough, Ontario hosted by Trent University. Delegates were attracted from as far away as Manitoba and Newfoundland, in Canada, and from Iowa and Texas to New England in the United States. Next year's conference will be in Syracuse, New York. In 1982, the Eastern and Western Snow Conference will combine to mark the 50th Anniversary of the latter. The joint meeting will be held in Reno. The proceedings for the 36th Eastern Snow Conference (1979) were delayed so that it is expected that volumes 37 and 38 will appear together, in September.

The second edition of ALASKA PLACE NAMES has just been published and is available for \$5.00 from University Library, University of Alaska, Box 1447, Juneau, Alaska 99802, Attention: Barbara Craver. The first edition was issued in 1974 by the University and went out of print immediately after publication. The 75 page second edition, edited by Library Director Alan Edward Schorr, provides approximately 800

new or revised names for towns, rivers, mountains and other natural features located in Alaska for the period 1966 to 1979. Entries contain the place name, type of feature, the geographical coordinates, and often a brief historical account of the name chosen. It is a supplement to Donald Orth's DICTIONARY OF ALASKA PLACE NAMES (U.S. Geological Survey, 1967). ALASKA PLACE NAMES can be used by anyone with an interest in Alaska, especially earth scientists, historians, environmentalists, anthropologists and linguists.

Three whaling logs were purchased from the Sotheby Auction by the National Maritime Museum, London, according to Mrs. J. Skidmore, Manuscript Section. Accession No. Ms 80/122, the log books are for the following whaling and sealing ships from Hull on voyages in the northern waters around Greenland; the RICHARD, 1817-1818; the UNITY, 1818-1819; and the CUMBRIAN, 1826-1827. The logs include day-to-day reports on whales sighted and caught, weather and position.

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT is Canada's exploration and development magazine specializing in the reporting of technology and techniques peculiar to work in cold or remote regions onshore and offshore. It is written in a semi-technical style and carries advertising writes its publisher, Duncan Cumming. Its purpose is to transfer technology between the oil and gas, mining, construction, transportation and communications industries. It was published since 1969 as Arctic and Northern Development Digest (ISSN 0315-4785), but earlier this year became NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT with Vol.XI No.2 and acquired ISSN 0704-4836. It is a bi-monthly available for \$12 per annum from IBIS Holdings Inc., P.O. Box 91760, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V7V 4S1.

The Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center, Information Services, 707 A St., Anchorage, Alaska 99501 has sent some titles of publications available on request or purchase, and contact them direct to be placed on the mailing list for their complete publications list.

A special grant from the Alaska State Legislature has made it possible for AEIDC to publish the CURRENT RESEARCH PROFILE FOR ALASKA, 1979 (CRP, 1979). Although it will be distributed through the normal channels, libraries that did not receive the fifth edition of the CRP may obtain a copy of CRP, 1979 by requesting it from AEIDC.

THE ALASKA COASTAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX, supported by a contract with the Alaska Office of Coastal Management, is available in a single, comprehensive volume, or individually for each of the nine coastal resource districts.

AEIDC publications which are now available on microfiche:

SUPERSTRUCTURE ICING STUDY. \$2.00

STATUS OF TECHNOLOGY-ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. \$2.00

ANALYSIS OF ALASKA'S WATER USE ACT AND ITS INTERACTION WITH FEDERAL RESERVE WATER RIGHTS. \$2.00

ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE 1978 INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION QUOTA ON THE ESKIMO COMMUNITIES; A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE VILLAGE OF POINT HOPE. \$2.00

SOCIOCULTURAL ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE 1978 INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION QUOTA ON THE ESKIMO COMMUNITIES. \$2.50

ALASKA SOLAR RADIATION ANALYSIS. In this publication, Alaska solar radiation data from 1952 through 1975 are analyzed. \$2.00

ANALYSIS OF SOLAR RADIATION MEASUREMENTS ON AN INCLINED SURFACE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. This publication summarizes insolation data. \$2.00

CENSUS ALASKA: NUMBERS OF INHABITANTS, 1792-1970. This publication is a compilation of federal census publications and was done by A. Rollins of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Library. \$3.00

AN ARCTIC ATLAS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPING MARINE OIL SPILL COUNTER MEASURES. This atlas was done by Fenco Consultants for Fisheries and Environment Canada. We have received permission to make this publication available on microfiche. \$11.50

VILLAGE SANITATION IN ALASKA. This item is a comprehensive inventory by village of sanitation data and a compilation of other socioeconomic information. It was prepared jointly by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Public Health Service. \$6.50

William R. Maes, Northern Studies Librarian at the Arctic Institute of North America Library, sent the following information on a new northern political studies program at the University of Calgary.

The Donner Canadian Foundation, a private philanthropic organization, has awarded a grant of \$180,000 to assist the development of a newly-established program in northern political studies at the University of Calgary. The program, a cooperative enterprise of the Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) and the U of C political science department, is designed to promote a greater knowledge and understanding of political developments in Canada's north and in other Arctic regions. Program director Dr. W. Harriet Critchley, associate professor in the department of political science, notes that northern political studies represent an area of vast potential for scholarly research.

Beginning in the winter session of 1981 the department of political science, as part of the northern political studies program, will offer a research seminar on the politics of the north. An introductory level lecture course in this area is also being planned. Research projects to be carried out under the auspices of the program include strategic studies, studies in the evolution of native Canadian political thought, constitutional development, the ideology of aboriginal rights, and Canadian foreign policy, all as they relate to Canada's north. The program will also launch a major new reference publication describing and assessing northern political developments. "This annual review," says Critchley, "will discuss issues affecting the north, policy decisions, organizational changes, and will include a bibliography of related documents. It will provide useful information to a wide variety of individuals and organizations interested or concerned with political developments in the north."

Salme Korhonen, Lapland Department librarian at the Rovaniemi Library, expressed regrets at missing the Colloquy, but sent along information on the following bibliographies.

LAPPIA KOSKEVIA TUTKIMUKSIA 1976-1978 (Catalogue of Researches on Finnish Lapland 1976-1978) ed. by Salme Korhonen, Reijo Ronkainen. Oulu: Oulun yliopisto, Pohjois-

Suomen tutkimuslaitos, 1980. 206p. Available without charge from: Research Institute of Northern Finland, University of Oulu, Torikatu 23, SF-90100 Oulu 10 or Rovaniemi Library, Hallituskatu 9, SF-96100 Rovaniemi 10, Finland.

There are also available copies of a list BIBLIOGRAPHIES ON NORHTERN FENNOSCANDIA, compiled by Salme Korhonen for the 7th Northern Libraries Colloquy, Paris 1978 (duplic., 30p) from Rovaniemi Library.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), has published a new report which will not be sent in the regular distribution. Libraries wanting the atlas must order and pay for it seperately.

GEOBOTANICAL ATLAS OF THE PRUDOE BAY REGION, ALASKA, by D.A. Walker, K.R. Everett, P.J. Webber and J. Brown (CRREL Report 80-14, June 1980) 73 pages, 110 figures, 10 tables, 177 references, 45x40cm, \$25.00.

This atlas illustrates the interrelationships among the landforms, soils and vegetation of the Arctic Coastal Plain of Alaska. Other aspects of the Prudoe Bay enviroment, including geology, permafrost, and winter and summer climated, are discussed and illustrated. Also included are historical descriptions of the development of the oilfield and of selected scientific investigations in the Alaskan Arctic. Includes four fold-out master maps, special purpose maps useful for land-use planning and ecosystem management. Available from: USA CRREL/TIB, Box 282, Hanover, NH 03755, USA. Make checks payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

Research on the early cartograpy of Alaska and adjacent areas is being conducted by Marvin Falk, Arctic Bibliographer at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Dr. Falk is on a sabbatical leave until June 8, 1981 and is presently doing research at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge.

The Limestone Press has published books no. 14 and 15 in their series "Materials for the Study of Alaska History" edited by R. A. Pierce and available from the press at Box 1604, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 5C8.

Ivashintsov, N.A., RUSSIAN ROUND-THE WORLD VOYAGES, 1803-1849, with a summary of latter voyages to 1867. Translated from the Russian edition of 1849 by Glynn P. Barratt; published 1980. 156p, illus. 16 maps. ISBN 0-919642-81-0 \$15.50. Shipping was a key factor in the early history of countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. This traces the shipping voyages to supply Russian colonies in America and contains a summary of later voyages to 1867.

Wrangell, F.P., RUSSIAN AMERICA, STATISTICAL AND ETHNOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, Translated by Mary Sadouski from the original German edition (St. Petersburg, 1839), published 1980. 204p, illus. ISBN 0-919642-79-9 \$16.50. Baron Ferdinand Petrovich von Wrangell (1796-1870), governor of Russian Alaska from 1830 to 1835. Provides descriptions of the Russian settlements, the fur trade, the natives of the Northwest Coast and California, and of exploration in the Alaska interior. Karl-Ernst Baer, who compiled Wrangell's writings, added several works of his own on the languages, ethnic divisions and climate of Alaska. Also describes customs and languages of the Coast Miwok and Pomo, tribes adjacent to the Russian outpost at Fort Ross, California.

A new bibliography on the Sami (Lapps) is now available from the Nordic Sami Council SF-99980 Utsjoki, Finland. BIBLIOGRAPHIA SAMIID BIRRA 1960-1969 (Bibliography on Sami-Lapps), 1980. 203p. \$13.00 (U.S., includes postage).