

Northern Libraries Bulletin



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Northern Libraries Colloquy
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Colloquy coordinator Ole Brynmo, Librarian at the University Library, Box 678, Tromso N-9001, Norway, announced the dates of the meeting. A portion of the program will be coordinated by librarians Nita Cooke (Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, CW 401 Biological Sciences Bldg., University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E9), Harry King (Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England CB2 1ER) and Marvin Falk (Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701). If anyone has comments or suggestions to make, direct them to Nita, Harry or Marvin.

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The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies has received a unique piece of Canadian postal history. An envelope, bearing every denomination of stamp issued in 1938, which was mailed by Mr. Edward Sillitoe from Edmonton, July 1, 1938 and which was received back in Edmonton 19 months later, was given to the Institute by Mr. Sidney Sillitoe, son of the originator of the letter and alumnus of the University of Alberta. The letter is the only one in existence which covered the Northwest Passage Route on the first delivery bearing a full set of stamps on its face. The registered letter travelled first to Montreal, then aboard R.M.S. Nascope to Fort Ross and from there by motor ship, RCMP dog team patrols and finally by Mackenzie Air to Edmonton. The envelope bears franking by the various posts that handled it, as well as authentication by the Postmaster of Edmonton. A short article appeared in BEAVER soon after the envelope was received back in Edmonton (September 1940 issue, p. 36).

According to Nita Cooke, the proceedings of the 8th Colloquy are well in hand and ready to go to press except for two papers from the Whitehorse section which have not yet been received. The procedure has been that all papers were transcribed from the tapes, entered into the computer, a draft copy sent to the author for editing, and returned for corrections to be made. It is planned to go to press in December for distribution in January.

Brenda Chawner, former Assistant Librarian at the Boreal Institute, is now working for the SPIRES consulting group at the University of Alberta Computer Centre. She will continue to assist the Institute with consultation on computer programs.

New Institute publications include:

YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY - UPDATE TO 1979, PART II, \$10.00 (contains 320 items).

AMONG THE CHIGLIT ESQUIMEAUX: A TRANSLATION OF EMIL PETITOT'S LES GRANDS ESQUIMEAUX by E.O. Hohn. \$9.00.

Copies of these have been sent to all exchange libraries; others may purchase from the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, CW 401 Biological Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2E9.

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An advance copy of A GUIDE TO HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE ALASKA STATE LIBRARY, INCLUDING A SELECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON MICROFICHE is now in use at the Alaska Historical Library, Juneau. The guide includes information on nearly two hundred Alaska/Arctic photograph collections with photographs reproduced on microfiche for fifty-six collections. The 159 microfiche of photographs along with information on use and order of reproductions are packaged in a split back binder for easy access to the file. The guide has been produced in limited quantity with distribution planned to Alaska libraries. However, microfiche of selective photograph collections will be sent in response to specific requests or needs.

The Alaska Historical Library has received four document boxes of the Papers of John Troy, a Territorial Governor of Alaska, which were donated by his daughter, Helen Monsen. These records are correspondence files for the period 1933-1937 concerning political and personal matters.

Winter and Pond, photographers operated a photo studio in Juneau, Alaska for nearly fifty years. Approximately 4700 negatives and glass plates of these pioneer photographers have been donated by Bill Jorgenson of Juneau. The photographs taken between 1893-1941 range in size from postcards to immense panoramas of Alaska towns, native people, immigrants, mining, fishing and cannery operations, steamships and landscapes. The Alaska State Legislature provided an appropriation of \$45,000 for preservation and care of the collection which includes making safety film negatives, prints and proper storage. Following this year-long project, a guide will be prepared with the photographs available for use.

The Iditarod Trail Project oral history program under the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Alaska produced twenty-one audio-tape interviews which have been deposited in the Alaska Historical Library for preservation and use. Those interviewed provide information on the trail, roadhouses, mining camps, mail service, and history of the region. A general guide is being prepared for the collection and most interviews have consent agreements so tapes can be loaned or duplicated. The collection is also described in the ORAL HISTORY INDEX compiled by Bill Schneider at the Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

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Canadian Indian Rights Collection

The National Library of Canada at Ottawa has received supplementary resources from the government in order to reactivate services based on the Canadian Indian Rights Collection. This collection, formerly the Resource Centre of the Canadian Indian Rights Commission, was transferred to the National Library in January 1979 when the Commission was dissolved. Two positions have been authorized for building the collection and to provide reference, loan, photocopy service and dissemination of current awareness information.

The Canadian Indian Rights Collection was created in 1969 by the Indian Claims Commission, subsequently the Canadian Indian Rights Commission. The collection contains monographs, serials, newspapers, clippings, commission hearings, and government publications; it is particularly strong in dissertations and unpublished materials. It is not restricted to Canadian materials and contains items from the United States, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and some Latin American Countries.

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Paul McCarthy, head of the new Alaska and Polar Regions Department, at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, sent this report. The newly created department encompasses the University Archives and Manuscript Program, the new Rare Book Curator position held by Marvin Falk, Oral History and Traditions Program directed by William Schneider, and the Arctic Bibliographer position now under recruitment. This department brings more closely together those working with the University's northern collections.

New acquisitions in the Rasmuson Library archives include the papers of former U.S. Senator Mike Gravel. The approximately 450 cubic feet of materials are being arranged and described. A computer produced index to the collection is a target of current efforts and is scheduled for production within the next 12 to 15 months. A major portion of the collection will be completely arranged by the summer of 1982.

The papers of Louis Huber, a writer and film maker, have been placed at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Mr. Huber was a writer for the Christian Science Monitor as well as other publications, and his research notes and correspondence for approximately a 15 year period, from the early 1940's to the mid 1950's should prove to be a valuable resource for the study of Alaska's development during that time period. The extensive correspondence and research notes encompass about 40 cubic feet of material.

Dr. Marvin Falk was appointed as Curator of Rare Books. His appointment follows closely the recent gift by Elmer E. Rasmuson of a substantial collection of Rare Books and Maps. One of Dr. Falk's assignments will be assisting students and other researchers with the use of the more recent materials as well as the Rare Book Collection in general and promoting the use of these rare materials. In addition, Dr. Falk is developing a translation program that would prepare some of the foreign language holdings of the collection, as well as selected other foreign language material that relates to Alaska and the Polar Regions for translation and publication.

As a result of the Oral History and Traditions Program, Dr. William Schneider and Barbara Shumate have developed an extensive index to oral history tapes produced in Alaska. The computer produced index is projected to cover all the oral history interviews done within the State that are available for use or held in private hands, if those individuals are willing to supply the information needed. Over 2,000 entries have been made in the index. It has already been consulted a number of times by researchers wishing to gain an understanding of what is currently available.

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The Inuit Tapirisat of Canada office 176 Gloucester St., 3rd Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0A6, has the following publications available on request:

INUIT AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. Ottawa, Inuit Committee on National Issues, 1981. 32 p. (Text in Inuit and English.)

ANNUAL REPORT 1981/81. (Inuit Tapirisat of Canada is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization dedicated to the needs and aspirations of Canada's Inuit.)

OUR ORGANIZATION. (A basic guide to various Inuit organizations which are a system working in some way for the Inuit of Canada.) 23 p.

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Harry King, librarian at Scott Polar Research Institute Library at Cambridge, England, writes that G. K. Hall Co., Boston, Mass., which published the catalogue of the library in 1976 now has produced a supplement of holdings up to the spring of 1979 in five volumes.

Work on editing Scott Polar Research Institute catalogue of manuscripts has now been completed by Clive Holland and publication by Garland Press, New York, is expected next spring.

SOUTH POLE ODYSSEY is the title of a new paperback edition of Edward Wilson's diaries on Captain Scott's Discovery and Terra Nova expeditions to be published by Blandford Press (Poole, Dorset) next spring. The book which is edited by Harry King consists of chapters from the two original diaries concerned with the achievement of the South Pole and includes a life of Wilson.

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The following information on a Lapp bibliography was received from Astrid Utne, University Librarian at the Tromsø Museum. An extensive bibliography of all aspects of Lapp life and culture is being compiled in Norway. It all started off as a private hobby of Justin Siegert in Trondheim, and in 1980 money was granted from the Norwegian research council for the humanities. At the same time a committee was appointed to give him support in his work. Geographically the bibliography will cover all "Sami aednam", the whole area of Lapp habitation in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Only published material, i.e. material available to the general public, including dissertations will be included. A student from the Norwegian Library School will do Russian material as part of his thesis. The bibliography will be published in parts, and the first part will cover Norwegian material 1965-1980. Norwegian periodicals

have been scanned thoroughly, with non-Norwegian articles included from other sources. The committee is looking at application of data-based registration. The first part is expected early in 1982; it is not known where and how it will be published.

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Donald A. Albright has been appointed Regional Librarian for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Library, P.O.Box 1500, Yellowknife, N.W.T., X1A 2R3. He was formerly a school librarian at Nelson House, Manitoba. The present library is a support service for the Northern Affairs Programme of the Department of Indian Affairs. Other users include other federal and territorial government employees, representatives from various industries and other researchers and scientists. The Library's collection is mainly centered on the fields of geology; for example, mining, oil and gas and land use, and ecology; for example, water resources, effects of oil spills, and gas pipelines. There are plans for expansion and incorporation of materials from the Water Resources Division and the Indian and Inuit Programme, increasing the library's holdings to 10,000 volumes. Plans include development of an information file, creation of a union list of holdings in the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development libraries of the region, and streamlining of the publication purchase system.

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In late 1980 the Ocean Engineering Information Centre together with its sponsor, Centre for Cold Ocean Resources Engineering (C-CORE) moved into new quarters in the Captain Robert A. Bartlett Building, named after the famous Arctic explorer and scientist. With the oil discoveries in the Beaufort Sea and off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland (the latter known for its abundance of icebergs) St. John's is becoming recognized as a centre of excellence in the field of ice research and cold ocean engineering. The number of scientists and engineers visiting the Centre from Canada, U.S., Britain and Scandinavia have increased substantially over the past year. The work level in the OEIC has grown in leaps and bounds, and they are responding to many different information requests from industry, government and universities. The OEIC has continued to identify the fugitive literature such as conference papers, consultant and government reports, and has built up a specialized technical collection, now containing 16,000 items. A microfiche copy of the index is available on subscription (prices on request). The OEIC also produces a monthly Information Bulletin, available on subscription or on exchange for documents or acquisition lists relating to cold ocean engineering or ice research. For information contact: OEIC, Memorial University of Nfld., St. John's, Nfld., A1B 3X5, Ph. 709 737-8377.

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The Center for Northern Studies, a non-profit organization for education and research of the northern environment, Wolcott, Vermont, 05680, has resumed publication of their quarterly newsletter THE NORTHERN RAVEN with summer and autumn 1981 issues available in the new series. Anyone not on the mailing list who would like to receive it should write William E. Osgood at the Center.

In regard to gifts and exchanges, William Osgood writes that the Center has surplus copies of ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY, V. 1 through 8 and needs a copy of V.11 and 12, if anyone would care to trade.

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New Northern Books:

HANDBOOK OF SNOW, edited by D. M. Gray and D.H.Mole. Pergamon Press, 1981. (W. Peter Adams from Trent University at Peterborough, Ontario writes this is an excellent collection of more than 20 articles.)

BIG GAME IN ALASKA, by Morgan Sherwood. New Haven, Conn., Yale University Press, 1981. \$27.00 LC81-3005, ISBN 02625-0. (The development of Alaskan wildlife management, the people and politics, including impacts arising from the 1940's.)

THE JOURNEY TO THE TLINGITS, by Aurel and Arthur Krause in 1881-82, translated from German into English by Margot Krause McCaffrey. Haines Centennial publication. \$4.00 plus \$1.25 shipping. Order from Karl Ward, Project Coordinator, Box 14, Haines, Alaska, 99827, with payment made out to the Chilkat Valley Historical Society. (This is a new publication based on the personal diary of Aurel Krause, well known for his scientific report on the expedition to southeast Alaska from Germany. The 69 page book has ten original pen and ink sketches by Aurel Krause.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND ECONOMY OF THE NORTH. 1981. \$8.50. Include payment with order to Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies, 130 Albert St., Suite 1915, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5G4.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRUCTURE OF THE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM IN THE YUKON, by Frank Duerden. 1981. Available from the Department of Library and Information Resources, Government of Yukon, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Y. T., Y1A 2C6. Cost is \$4.50. (This 183 page work is concerned with the structure of settlements in the Yukon, history, migration and economic base.)

ALASKA BLUE BOOK, 1981. \$7.50. Available from Alaska State Library, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811. (Colloquy member libraries that have not received a copy may request a courtesy copy for library use. Personal copies or other libraries are able to purchase copies while supply lasts.)

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Lea Karhumaa, Librarian for Lapland University Library at Rovaniemi, Finland writes that the library welcomes receipt of NORTHERN LIBRARIES BULLETIN. The University and library were started in 1979 with an emphasis on social sciences, law and education.

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Now available:

LAPIN TUTKIMUSSEURA VUOSIKIRJA XXII, 1981; the Research Society of Lapland Yearbook. Available from Rovaniemen Kaupunginkirjasto Lapin Maakuntakirjasto, 96100 Rovaniemi 10, Hallituskatu 9.

THREE STORIES IN ONEIDA. Edited by Karin Michelson. Told and translated by Georgina Nicholas, 77 p. Canadian Ethnology Service; Mercury series No. 73. Order from Canadian Ethnology Service, National Museum of Man, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0M8. (Three stories in Oneida, a Northern Iroquoian language, and an introduction, also in Oneida, are given with an interlinear translation and a morpheme-by-morpheme analysis.)

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Patricia Smith, Chief of Library Services, N.W.T. Public Library Service, P.O. Box 1100, Hay River, N.W.T., X0E 0R0 sends this information on efforts for northern newspapers/newsletters microfilming.

If anyone is microfilming northern Canadian newspapers, send details on titles and filming to Dr. Edwin Welch, Territorial Archivist, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, N.W.T., X1A 2L9. This information will help those interested in northern newspapers to know what is on film and avoid filming duplication. Also efforts could be made to fill in missing issues so microfilm files would be complete as possible.

Micromedia Ltd., 144 Front St., West Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2L7 will need a minimum of fifteen committed purchasers before microfilming newspapers/newsletters. Those interested in seeing particular titles filmed should direct letters to Robert Gibson, President of Micromedia with a copy of the letter to Dr. Welch in his efforts to develop cooperative microfilming of these materials. Several agencies in the Northwest Territories prefer microfiche copies of material rather than microfilm rolls. It would be good to advise Micromedia of film preference when contacting them.

Those interested in Alaska newspapers on microfilm should know there has been a cooperative microfilming between the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks and Alaska State Library. These libraries are microfilming newspaper titles not available from commercial sources. Information on titles filmed and microfilm costs can be obtained from these libraries.

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The Dartmouth College Library at Hanover, N.H., has been awarded a Title II-C grant of \$150,000 from the U.S. Department of Education for a project entitled "Strengthening Polar Resources," according to Stanley Brown. The project, which began in October, will run for one year and is designed to catalog and preserve all the college's holdings relating to polar studies, particularly the Stefansson Collection which now will be completely cataloged and preserved. This will make our polar holdings much more accessible to scholars and students who are interested in polar studies.

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The Arktisk Institut is a private independent institution serving as a center of information on Arctic conditions, with special reference to Greenland. It promotes the study and knowledge of the Arctic, its peoples, and serves to establish a connection between Denmark, Greenland and the Arctic. N.O. Christensen would like to call special attention to the Institut Library's large collection of photographs. There are 33,000 black and white photo and 12,000 photos by Jette Bang concerning Arctic regions, expeditions to Greenland,

including a list of persons photographed. Information on the collection and reproduction costs can be obtained from the Institut, L.E. Bruuns Vej 10, DK-2920 Charlottenlund, Denmark. (Tel. 01 64 05 43).

Also available at the Institut are copies of prints and drawings of Greenland from 1857-1861. The originals were sent to the King around 1861 and are in the private Royal Collection.

The Alaska Historical Society held its annual meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska in October in conjunction with a Transportation in Alaska's History seminar sponsored by the Alaska Division of Parks, which will publish proceedings.

Membership in the Alaska Historical Society is presently \$10.00/year and includes a subscription to ALASKA HISTORY NEWS with some reduced rates for their publications.

WRECK OF THE NEVA, translated by A. Shalkop. (Russian American Company shipwreck in 1813 near Cape Edgecumbe, Alaska.) 64 p., illus. \$4.50 member, \$4.95 non-member and \$1.00 shipping.

LADY FRANKLIN VISITS SITKA, ALASKA, 1870; THE JOURNAL OF SOPHIA CRACROFT. Edited by R.N. DeArmond. (Travel journal with details on life in Sitka, Tlingit culture, buildings, map and reprint of early census.) 162 p., illus., deluxe bound ed. \$13.00 members, \$17.00 non-members, and \$1.50 shp.

ARCHEOLOGY OF COOK INLET, by Frederica DeLaguna. (Reprint of 1934 ed.) 264 p., illus. \$11.00 and \$1.50 shipping.

Available from Alaska Historical Society, P.O. Box 10355, Anchorage, AK 99511.

Technical Editor, Ann Brennan, sent the following details on GLACIOLOGICAL DATA - Report GD-10, Glaciology in China (includes bibliography, research, pictorial representation of glaciers); Report GD 11 (report and recommendations of 1980 Snow Watch Workshop). These are available without charge from World Data Center for Glaciology (Snow and Ice), CIRES, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80309.

A graduate program in Environmental Studies is available at the University of Toronto. For information contact : Prof. A.P. Grima, Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Institute for Environmental Studies, Haultain Bldg., 170 College St., University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada M5S 1A4.

The Arctic Institute of North America, Research Programs Committee, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4 (Phone 403-284-7515) has available financial grants-in-aid for original scholarly research on the Arctic and sub-Arctic. Maximum grants are \$2,500 with proposals due by December 31. In 1982 a post-doctoral fellowship related to northern studies will be offered at \$20,000 per annum.

The Nordic Sami Council, SF-99980, Ohcejohka (Utsjoki) Finland has available the following publications:

SAMIRADDI. Sami political program. Ohcejohka, 1981. 12 p. \$1.00.

THE NORDIC SAMI COUNCIL INFORMATION. 1981. 17p. \$1.00.