

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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The Proceedings of the 7th Northern Libraries Colloquy entitled ARCTICA 1978 is now available. The more than 600 page indexed publication can be purchased at a cost of 430 Francs or \$60.00 from Editions du CNRS, 15 quai Anatole, France 75700 Paris, France. Colloquy participants who presented papers may receive copies, but the editor did not receive notice of the distribution.

Gril Hesstvedt at the University Library of Tromsø writes that most of the material for the Proceedings of the 9th Northern Library Colloquy is ready for printing. Upon completion of editing of the North American Day papers, the proceedings will be printed early this fall.

Announcement: Tentative dates for the 10th Northern Libraries Colloquy are August 12-17, 1984 to be held at St. John's, Newfoundland. Individuals who wish to be on the mailing list for more information or who would like to submit a paper when a theme is finalized should contact:
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Recently, the museums in Greenland came under the authority of the Greenlandic Home Rule. In this connection initiatives were taken to try to bring some of the items of the Inuit culture in Danish museums back to Greenland. The first major item returned from the National Museum in Copenhagen to the Kalaallit Nunaata Katersugaasivia (The Greenlandic National Museum in Nuuk/Godthaab) in August 1982 was a number of paintings made by the well-known Greenlandic artist Aron of Kangeq in the period 1858-68. There are 204 paintings with 161 painted by Aron and the others by his contemporary Jens Kreutzmann from Kangaamiut. The paintings have been catalogued and described, and their relation to a number of Greenlandic myths have been described as well.

Seven sets of reproductions of these Greenland artworks were made for study and the National Library of Greenland is one of four Greenland libraries receiving them. Librarian, Benny Hoyer, writes that a number of books have also been produced as a result of the attention given to the paintings. Most important is the re-issue of Hinrich Rinks ESKIMOISKE EVENTYR OG SAGN (Tales and Traditions of the Eskimo) by Rosenkikde and Bagger of Copenhagen and the study by Jorgen Melgaard of the National Museum in Copenhagen published in Danish and Greenlandic. The publication is called ARON : EN AF DE MAERKVAEDIGSTE BILLEDSAMLINGER I VERDEN (One of the Most Curious Collections of Paintings in the World).

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Interest in the period around the 1850's in Greenland has led to another reprint. Nunatta Atuagaateqarfia/Det Gronlandske Landsbibliotek has in December 1982 published a reprint of reports from the communal councils that were established in Greenland in the 1860's. The reprint covering the period 1862-67, is in Danish and Greenlandic, and the title is MEDDELELSER VEDKOMMENDE FORSTANDERSKABERNE I SYDGRONLAND (Report on the Communal Councils in Southern Greenland). A limited number are available to libraries outside Greenland that have a special interest in Greenlandic affairs and can use material in Danish and Greenlandic. Requests for copies should be sent to: Benny Hoyer, Det Gronlandske Landsbibliotek, Siljengade 6, DK 2300 Copenhagen S., Denmark.

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The Remote Sensing Library at the Geophysical Institute has the most complete public collection of satellite imagery and aerial photography of Alaska in the state, reports Judie Triplehorn. Hard copy files of Landsat imagery from 1972 to the present are available for browsing as well as selected enlargements of many areas. Daily NOAA images from 1974 to the present are also on file. These are in positive transparency format in both the visible and infrared wavelengths. Since 1978 NASA has been acquiring aerial photography under a joint federal/state funded high altitude aerial photography program and a copy of all of this photography, both color and black and white is on file for browse use. In addition to this photography, aerial coverage of various areas in the state acquired since 1972 are also on file. Light tables, stereoscopes, magnifiers and other equipment are available for the convenience of the user at no charge. Copies of any of the imagery or photography will be placed for the user at no charge other than for the data itself. Any questions on availability of data for a given area or date may be directed to the Remote Sensing Library, Room 501, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

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YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY - UPDATE TO 1981 is off the press. It is available from the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta, CW401, Biological Sciences Bldg., Edmonton, Alberta T66 2E9 for \$10.00 plus \$1.00 handling charge. It contains 405 entries, over half of which (230) were published in 1981. Copies to exchange partners have already been mailed.

The summer student project at the Boreal Institute Library was the compilation of the various cumulated indexes of the YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY up to and including the Update to 1980. The personal author index is complete and work is progressing on the corporate author and subject indexes. Publication is planned for September.

Nita Cooke writes that the Boreal Institute Library will be purchasing the video-tape series KAMINURIK-CARIBOUT IN CRISIS. There are 33 video-tapes in the series available in English and/or Inuktitut. The films were made where the participants live such as "Hunting Them Then and Now", told by Thomas Siatalak and "There Was No Management", told by Joe Curley of Eskimo Point. The series includes other Inuit culture material as songs and dances of Ranklin Inlet and the Keewatin District. Films can be purchased individually or there are special prices for the series or groups. For information contact the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, Suite 300-294 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6E6.

John Millard of Toronto and Nita Cooke have been corresponding in regard to Millard's interest in locations for the book AURORA AUSTRALIS produced by members of Ernest Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition, 1907-1909. One copy was suppose to be in the David Davis Antartic Collection. For those interested in elusive collections, it now seems the collection was located at the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, California which published a catalog on the collection called the David Davis Polar Library. Soon after the catalog was printed, the library was sent to the U.S. National Archives and Records Service in Washington D.C. as a donation with the Thomas C. Pulten Papers (Record Group 401/73). A contact person for the collection is Ms. Alison Wilson, Scientific, Economic and Natural Resources Branch, NARS, GSA, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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The U.S. National Science Foundation has published a list of Arctic research grants it made in fiscal 1982. The list shows that six divisions of the Foundation provided \$14,536,845 in grant support for 161 Arctic projects in biology, atmospheric physics, ocean sciences, earth sciences, glaciology, engineering, and meteorology, logistics and advisory and information services. The Foundation's Arctic grants comprised 14 percent of the \$102,000,000 estimated to have been spent for Arctic research by all U.S. federal agencies in fiscal 1982. Libraries may obtain single copies of the 17-page booklet, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ARCTIC RESEARCH--FISCAL 1982, from the Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

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The Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska at Fairbanks purchased a unique collection of archival microfilm and color transparencies from Leonid Shur. It consists of almost 11,000 pages of microfilmed Russian manuscripts, dating from the era of the Russian America Company in Alaska. The color transparencies are of paintings and watercolors located in the Soviet Union made by the artists P.N. Mikhailov and M. Tikhanov, who accompanied Russian around-the-world voyages to Russian America. The collection includes voyage and travel descriptions, memoranda on Russian America Company policy, ethnographic descriptions, correspondence from and to the Russian American Company managers, and a number of other topics in lessor detail.

Leonid Shur was a Soviet scholar specializing in Russian America and 19th century Russian-Latin American contacts. He emigrated to Israel and now lives near Paris, France. He took his personal research microfilm collection with him. Some of this material was not previously known by non-soviet scholars and a significant amount was not available for western use, primarily due to the location of several of the archives in restricted travel areas of the Soviet Union. Shur is currently preparing a guide to the collection and researchers will be able to acquire a copy of items of interest in about 18 months.

Selected portions of the Shur Collection are being translated for publication by the Rasmuson Library. Scholars in the field of Russian American studies are preparing annotated translations which will provide access to the core of this valuable material, according to Marvin Falk, Curator of Rare Books.

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In June 1982, Garth Graham resigned as Deputy Minister of the Department of Heritage and Cultural Resources. The Yukon Archives branch and the Library Services branch are now part of a reorganized department, Tourism, Heritage and Cultural Resources in Whitehorse, Y.T. Mr. Terry Weninger is now the Deputy Minister.

According to Librarian Marian F. Ridge, the Archives benefited from a Yukon Historical and Museums Association project. The YHMA survey of the Archives project got underway on May 3rd, 1982 and the completion date for the project was September 3rd, 1982. Four university students were hired to begin the work of accessioning retroactive collections in the Archives. Supervision and direction for the project was provided by Diane Chisholm, the manuscripts and corporate records archivist. During the past four months, 406 retroactive collections were accessioned, this figure represents all of the retroactive manuscript and retroactive photograph collections, and a majority of the corporate records collections. As well, 15 manuscript collections, 200 photograph collections, and 53 corporate record collections that had been previously accessioned by Archives staff were reviewed by the project workers.

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During the past year the Arctic Science and Technology Information System at the Arctic Institute of North America, 2500 University Drive N.W. in Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, has published six new bibliographies in the ASTIS OCCASIONAL PUBLICATION series. Also new editions of all four older publications in this series have been produced. Ross Goodwin, ASTIS Manager, sent the following list of their Occasional Publications.

1. APOA BIBLIOGRAPHY, Third Edition, October 1982, 113p., \$15.00 prepaid.
2. ASTIS ONLINE USER'S MANUAL, Second Edition, May 1983, 470p., free to ASTIS/SPIRES online users.
3. ASTIS SELECTION POLICY, Second Edition, November 1982, 11p., free to all ASTIS customers.
4. ASTIS/QL USER'S MANUAL, Second Edition, May 1983, 462p., \$30.00 from QL Systems Ltd.
5. NORTHERN POPULATION BIBLIOGRAPHY - CANADA - II, March 1982, 97p., \$15.00 prepaid from Committee on Northern Population Research.
6. EAMES BIBLIOGRAPHY, July 1982, 39p., free while supplies last.
7. NORLANDS BIBLIOGRAPHY, October 1982, 10p., \$4.00 prepaid.
8. A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING IN THE CANADIAN NORTH, May 1983, 106p., \$15.00 prepaid from Committee on Northern Population Research.
9. BEAUFORT E.I.S. BIBLIOGRAPHY, March 1983, 66p., free while supplies last.
10. ARCTIC CUMULATIVE INDEX, Supplement to ARCTIC 36(1), March 1983, 95p., \$10.00 prepaid.

ASTIS has also produced the 1982 edition of the annual cumulative microfiche ASTIS BIBLIOGRAPHY, which contains 6640 pages of information on 35 microfiche describing 10931 documents. This bibliography cumulates all 1982 and earlier issues of the ASTIS CURRENT AWARENESS BULLETIN, and provides detailed subject, geographic, author, and title indexes. Price of the ASTIS BIBLIOGRAPHY is \$65.00.

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The Arctic Institute of North America Publications Department was offering issues of the journal ARCTIC published prior to 1979 and several books at reduced rate which may still be available.

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The American Association of State and Local History will hold its annual meeting in Victoria, B.C. from October 4-8, 1983. Phyllis DeMuth, Alaska Historical Library, will chair a session titled "Resource Sharing in Historical Groups: The Formation and Results of Various Cooperative Projects". This will include sharing of manuscripts, photographs, loan of exhibits and historical services to isolated and thinly populated areas in Alaska and Canada.

Several publications are now ready for publishing by the Alaska Historical Library, Pouch G, Juneau 99811. Copies are produced in limited quantities and a courtesy copy will be provided Colloquy members on request or \$5.00 to others.

A GUIDE TO THE ALASKA PACKERS ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1891-1970, by Phyllis DeMuth and Michael Sullivan. This guide describes the APA salmon cannery records collection received over a number of years and up-dates the original inventory. It also contains cross-references to selected records that are now available on 10 rolls of microfilm and 720 microfiche.

A GUIDE TO THE LESLIE MELVIN COLLECTION OF ALASKAN PHOTOGRAPHS, 1924-1941, by Molly Lee. This guide describes 464 photographs taken by Melvin on trips to five Alaska regions. They include population centers, villages, and a broad range of subjects including native people, vessels, mining, etc. Biographical information on Melvin and his trips as referenced from his diaries are also provided with a people and a subject index. The library has a negative and photograph print file of the Melvin Collection made available in part by a grant of the Alaska Historical Commission.

SOME BOOKS ABOUT ALASKA RECEIVED IN 1982. A 28 page annotated bibliography of current juvenile, adult and reference books on Alaska.

The Alaska Historical Library has received a donation of forty Alaska books from Evelyn R. Clark of Silver Spring, Maryland in memory of her husband Henry W. Clark who died in 1976. Henry W. Clark, Alaskan historian born in Wrangell, Alaska in 1899, authored the books HISTORY OF ALASKA (N.Y., Macmillan, 1930) and ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER (Grosset and Dunlap, 1939), various articles and reviews of Alaska works.

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In order to increase user awareness of Library facilities, the Library at the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has compiled for their users a list of data bases relevant to the North. This list describes 25 data bases giving their subject coverage and time span. The list is distributed to Departmental users during the weekly Library orientation tours and is also part of the Library information kit which is available at the Circulation Desk. This marketing strategy is paying off as the Northern Affairs Program in the Department has increased their demand for searches and are generally pleased with the results.

The Library is preparing to publish a new edition of the DIRECTORY OF DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION CENTRES. This Directory lists those specialized information centres in the Department which house research materials. For example, there are five centres under the Northern Affairs Program ranging from the Inuit Art Documentation Centre to the Mining Geology Microfilm Centre. The entry for each Centre includes a description of its collection, its facilities, its publications and its systems (manual and automated). Most of the Centres are open to interested persons outside the Department. For further information contact Ann Braden, Head, Client Services, Departmental Library, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4.

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Gordon Hills, (P.O. Box 1068, Bethel, Alaska 99559), Coordinator of the Village Library Project for the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta region of west central Alaska sent a detailed report of the project which started in 1980. Through a state grant to the Kuskokwim Community College at Bethel, a coordinator was hired and funds provided for library aids in villages. Sixteen village public libraries have been established and the Bethel library has a Village Library Loan program. Hills commented "There are 57 Native villages in the delta which is the largest contiguous area of native population in Alaska. The population is almost entirely Yupik Eskimo, and the Project has bent every effort to make the village libraries truly community libraries, appropriate and acceptable in their respective villages, which range in population from 15 to 650." Hills expressed an interest in sharing ideas with library administrators and workers in northern areas on how to effectively establish library service to native and rural bush areas.

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W.P. Adams, Dean of Graduate Studies, Trent University at Peterborough, Ontario has written an article "A Quarter Century of Northern Research" for the 1982 issue of MUSK-OX. He describes the work of the McGill Sub-Arctic Research Station and writes that an Archive of Station records has been established at McGill University and a catalog will be produced.

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New Acquisitions:

Professor Silvio Zavatti writes that the Library of the Institute Geografico Polare, Civitanova Marche (Italy) now has Hans Egede's book: DESCRIPTION IT HISTOIRE NATURELLE DU GOENLAND PAR MR. EGGEDE, MISSIONAIRE IT EVEQUE DU GRONLAND. A Copenhague et a Geneve, 1763, with 10 copper plates and one geographical map. It is the French version, by Des Roches de Parthenay, of this scarce book first published in 1729 in the Danish language. The book is the first geographical and naturalistic description of Greenland. Egede and his family were on a church mission in Greenland from 1721 until 1736.

Among new manuscripts received at the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, England are the following reported by Dr. R.A. Morriss:

Typescript of a monograph entitled 'When the Navy ruled Alaska', by Judge G.O. Williams. ca. 1981. (Ms 82/015)

Journal of a whaling voyage by s.s. Esquimax, Captain C. Yule, Dundee to Greenland and back. 26 February - 28 October 1872. (Ms 82/134)

The library/Archives in the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum received the following notable acquisitions according to Diane Brenner:

30 aerial photos of military bases during World War II.
27 boxes of glass plate negatives of village airports (used in mapping early 1960's).
60 photos of Anchorage, 1915-20, from A. L. Harmon of Corvallis House Oregon.

A manuscript map of the Yukon river from New Ramparts House to Dawson, approximately 45 feet long, showing channels, villages, and available wood, dating from 1899, drawn by Agnes Fussell and used by her husband, John Fussell, pilot of the Clifford Sifton.

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A listing of Sami or Lapp publications produced by Nordiska Sameradet can be obtained by writing the publisher at SF-99980 Utsjoki, Finland.

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Conferences

CIRCUIT AND RURAL COURT JUSTICE IN THE NORTH, July 24-27, 1983. Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Sponsored by the Northern Conference, c/o Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6.

13th International Polar Meeting October 4-7, 1983. Bamberg. Sponsored by the German Society of Polar Research. Contact: Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Polarforschung c/o Dr. Heinz Miller, Institut fur Allgemeine und Angewandte, Geophysik, TheresienstraBe 41 D-8000 Munchen 2.

8th International Colloquy of the Center for Arctic Studies. Theme - The North Pole: History of its Conquest and Contemporary problems of Maritime and Air Transportation. November 7-10, 1983. Contact: Sylvie Devers, Coordinator, Centre d'Etudes Arctiques, 19 rue Amelie, 75007 Paris, France.

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The Northwest Territories Library Association began publication of a NEWSLETTER in 1983. It is edited by Margaret Orr, c/o Yellowknife Public Library, P.O. Box 694, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2N5.

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Microfiche Indexes containing author, title, subject and geographic indexes are now available for the 12,000 item document collection of the World Data Center-A for Glaciology (WDC)/ National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC). The 1978-1980 Cumulative Index and 1981 annual index is \$45.00 and 1982 annual index is \$15.00. Data-base searching and document copying is available. Contact; World Data Center-A for Glaciology, CIRES, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80309

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NORTHERN BOOKS AND PERIODICALS CULTURES OF THE BERING SEA REGION: PAPERS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, edited by Henry W. Michael and James W. Van Stone. It contains articles on arctic archaeology, ethnology, ethno-history, and physical anthropology read by American and Soviet scholars at a symposium in Moscow and Leningrad in 1979. Available from the International Research and Exchanges Board, 655 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. \$8.00 prepaid.

ALEUT ART, by Lydia T. Black, Anchorage, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 1689 "C" Stree, Anchorage 99501. 173p. illus. 27.95. A study of Aleut artistic achievement describing all forms of art with some color plates. Includes prehistoric and historic traditions; also the art of men and women. Works described are from museums throughout the world.

A Special Book for Summer

GOOD-BYE BUGS! A PRACTICAL TO COPING WITH INSECTS IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS, by Allen West and Bev Smallman. Grovnor House Press, Available from Oxford University Press in Canada, 70 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1J9. ISBN 0-919959-01-6. 144p. pa. 8.95. Written by two biologists, Nita Cooke said this book covers an elusive information area.

INUA: SPIRIT WORLD OF THE BERING SEA ESKIMO, by William W. Fitzhugh, Susan Kaplan and others. Published for the National Museum of Natural History by the Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C. ISBN 0-87474-429-6. 295p. illus. 15.00pa. Prepared to accompany an exhibit of the same name, this monograph describes the life and work of Edward William Nelson, and the collection of Eskimo artifacts he acquired for the Smithsonian Institution from 1877-1881.

ARTS AND CULTURE OF THE NORTH; a quarterly devoted to Eskimo Art and Culture which ceased publication in October 1981 has now resumed in February of 1983. It is available from Arts and Culture of the North, Box 1333, Gracie Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10028 \$30.00(U.S.) per year; \$36.00(Canadian) per year. Editor, Sandra Barz writes that copies of INUIT ARTISTS PRINT WORKBOOK are still available. \$58(U.S.), \$70(Canadian) at the above address.

HERITAGE, a monthly publication reporting on the activities of the Office of History and Archaeology in the Alaska Division of Parks, and its staff's work in the fields of history, archaeology and historical architecture is available free on request. Contact: Stephanie Sterling, Editor, HERITAGE, Alaska Division of Parks, 619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 210, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

NORTHERN DECISIONS, a biweekly bulletin covers regulatory and policy decisions that effect land, water and wildlife management north of 60°, Available from: Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, 46 Elgin Street, Room 11, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5K6. \$150.00/year.