Tenth Northern Libraries Colloquy
St. John’s
Newfoundland
Canada
August 12-17, 1984

Northern Resources: Their Development from
an Information Perspective

CALL FOR PAPERS

Increased exploration and development of northern resources
is underway. This is having an impact on the native peoples,
on their lifestyles, their culture and environment. Sound
management of northern resource development is essential, but
to achieve this, a comprehensive information base encompassing
all aspects of the North must be available to allow effective
decision making by all involved.

Has this information base, containing historical data to
technological data in artefacts to computer form, been provided
to the native peoples, managers, scientists, engineers,
economists, sociologists and all those involved in future
developments in the north?

What has been done to provide the existing northern information
base and can we benefit from past experience? Can projections
be made for future northern information requirements and how
will technology impact on these requirements? Should we as
a group anticipate future requirements and plan for them?

The Colloquy could develop this theme in many of the sessions
and discussion groups which are planned.

Proposed Sessions
1. Computer databases: Where we are and where should we be
going. (Networking, national and international access, etc.)

2. The organization, indexing and preservation of non-book materials

3. Library/information services in isolation.

4. Impact of micro-computers on library and information centres:
The positive and negative impacts.

5. Acquiring and indexing northern materials: Problems & solutions.


and others as identified:

Please submit titles of your papers together with abstracts
if possible to the:

Technical Committee
Northern Libraries Colloquy
Ocean Engineering Information Centre
Bartlett Building, Room K-122
Memorial University of Newfoundland
St. John’s, Newfoundland
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According to Judy Whittick, plans for the 10th Colloquy include a Poster Session where libraries or information centers display an interesting aspect of their work or describe their library, etc. Display boards will be provided and Judy needs to hear from those interested in participating. Other events include demonstrations of databases, tours to local collections and side trips.

Harry King, Librarian for the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England, sends notice that the manuscript collection has been enriched this year by a magnificent gift from Sir Peter Scott, son of Captain R.F. Scott, of all his remaining records of his father's two Antarctica expeditions of 1901-1904 and 1910-1913. The collection includes 24 albums of photographs and a collection of correspondence of Captain Scott and his wife with the other explorers and scientists. This collection was further augmented by a gift of further papers given by Miss Esther Ellison Macartney, a niece of Captain Scott's including an original journal in Scott's hand from the Discovery expedition.

SPRI has also been able to purchase privately a remarkable collection of 41 watercolors and drawings relating to two expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin in 1848-1849 and 1850-1855. Along with the sketches are a diary and Eskimo vocabulary by Surgeon Edward Adams. Many of the sketches relate to N.W. coast of North America including Alaska and N.W. Canada.

These announcements are probably the last to be received from Harry as SPRI librarian as he is retiring at the end of the year. He writes, "I expect to keep up my polar interests in various ways and will follow the futures of the Northern Library Colloquy with keenest interest. If there is a chance of attending the Newfoundland meeting in August be sure I shall grasp it." A colloquy would not be the same without Harry King. I join with other colloquy members in wishing Harry all best in retirement and urging him to keep active in our colloquy as well.

With the closing of the Anthropology and Historic Preservation Cooperative Park Studies Unit (AHP/CPSU), University of Alaska, Fairbanks, the publications of the Unit, with few exceptions, are no longer available. Occasional papers in the series may be obtained for interlibrary loan from the Department of the Interior, Alaska Resources Library, Anchorage, Alaska, Box 36, 701 C Street, 99513 (phone (907) 271-5025), according to Craig Davis, Regional Archeologist.

The publication entitled TRACKS IN THE WILDLAND: A PORTRAYAL OF KIYUKON AND NUNAMIUT SUBSISTENCE, by Richard K. Nelson, Kathleen H. Mautner and G. Ray Bane (a 1982 republication of Occasional Paper No. 9, Anthropology and Historic Preservation Cooperative Park Studies Unit, University of Alaska, Fairbanks), is available for sale for $8.00 plus $1.50 for postage and handling to: Alaska Natural History Association 2525 Gambell Street Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (phone (907) 274-8440)
The papers of James E. Curry and I.S. Weisbrodt, claims attorneys for the Tlingit and Haida tribes from the 1940's-1970's have been described in an inventory by Joaqlin Estus and Glenda Choate. Containing information on issues of concern to the tribes, Alaska Native Brotherhood, lobbying effort, etc., the papers are located in the Sealaska Heritage Foundation Tribal Archives. An Alaska Historical Commission grant funded microfilming of the papers on 52 rolls of film with the negative film located in the Alaska Historical Library where duplication facilities are available. Copies are also available at the University of Alaska libraries in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

Several issues of BEAVER, the Hudson Bay Company magazine, are needed by the Alaska Historical Library, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99801 to complete the files. If any libraries have duplicate issues of the following, the library would welcome the donation:

- March 1937 (267)
- June 1942 (273)
- June 1937 (268)
- Sept 1943 (274)
- June 1938 (269)
- Dec. 1946 (277)
- Sept. 1938
- Mar. 1947
- March 1939
- June 1947
- Sept. 1939 (270)
- Dec. 1947 (278)
- Dec. 1940 (271)
- Mar. 1949 (280)

The Alaska Historical Library has purchased 27 rolls of negative microfilm of U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Correspondence in the Alaska School Files from the National Archives (Record Group 75). They include records for 64 BIA schools in 62 Alaska communities over the period 1908-1935. These records arranged alphabetically by community are a major information source on Alaska villages as well as educational matters. The library will inter-library loan microfilms or provide duplicate microfilm copies at $10.00/roll.

New acquisitions in The Alaska Historical Library include photocopies from the National Archives and Library of Congress of correspondence of Lt. Henry T. Allen who led the U.S. military expedition to the Copper River region in 1885. Also the library has acquired the Henry T. Allen Diary on microfilm from the Library of Congress.

Congratulations to several colloquy members and libraries:

Nita Cooke was presented the 1983 Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services Award for Special Librarianship. One of the Colloquy founders, Nita is the innovative librarian for the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies at the University of Alberta. She is a past president of the Library Association of Alberta to mention one of the many offices to her credit.

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska in Fairbanks received an American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit recognizing its program for Preservation of Oral History and Traditions. This program is under the direction of William Schneider.

PERMAFROST: A BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1978-1982, the latest issue in the GLACIOLOGICAL DATA series, is available at $10.00 from WDC-A: Glaciology, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309. The bibliography includes about 4,000 citations covering ground ice, frozen soil and geocryology with author and subject access.
The Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS) at the Arctic Institute of North America (University of Calgary) and the Ocean Engineering Information Centre (OEIC) at Memorial University have been awarded a joint contract to enter cold ocean engineering literature from OEIC's collection into the ASTIS database. The contract, from Canada's Dept of Energy, Mines and Resources, runs for six months beginning Sept. 1, 1983. During the period of the contract, it is hoped that most of the cold ocean engineering literature which has been received by OEIC during the past three years, and which is not already in the ASTIS database, can be identified and indexed.

The ASTIS database is now available online from Alaska. Alaskan users can dial their local Telenet number and be connected to ASTIS on the QL retrieval system. QL has already mailed details to those Alaskans who have expressed interest in online access in the past. Other Alaskans who are interested should write to: QL Systems Ltd., 1018 Place de Ville, Tower B, 112 Kent St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5P2.

Recent publications available from the Arctic Institute of North America University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4 include:

ENERGY RESEARCH. Vol. 2--Arctic Energy Resources; Proceedings of the Comite Arctique International Conference on Energy Resources, Oslo, Norway, 1982. 366p. Regular price $75.00 (U.S.) with limited special offer of $60.00 Can. for non-members and $50.00 Can for members of the Arctic Institute. A $3.00 charge will be added if payment does not accompany order.

Janes, Robert R. ARCHAEOLOGICAL ETHNOGRAPHY AMONG MACKENZIE BASIN DENÉ. (Arctic Institute of North America Technical Paper no. 28) $15.00.

Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755 has traditionally had a great interest in polar studies, which is matched by strong collections in this area, writes Stanley W. Brown, Chief of Special Collections. While various libraries on campus have polar material, the Stefansson Collection consists of published and manuscript material assembled by the polar explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson. It covers events in the north up to 1925 and 1940 in the south. A Title II-C grant enabled the library to recatalog the Stefansson Collection. A MARC format tape, following Library of Congress specifications, will be produced that will include all Dartmouth records for polar material which are in machine-readable form. This includes Dartmouth records from OCLC and RLIN. Institutions can order copies of the tape for the cost of tape and duplication. It may also be possible to provide these records in another form, such as microfiche or printed copy. Manuscript guides for over fifty collections are on the Dartmouth computer including a guide to the V. Stefansson papers (120p.). Copies of any guide can be supplied at cost.

For some time THE ARCTIC CIRCULAR has been having production problems with subscribers receiving copies sporadically. Since the beginning, the CIRCULAR has been printed without cost which has kept down the price of subscriptions. Unfortunately, this service ceased about two years ago, and a new sponsor has yet to be found. Some issues have been printed lately on a volunteer basis. Until the production problems are resolved, THE ARCTIC CIRCULAR will continue on an irregular basis and later return to a quarterly schedule. In the meantime, subscribers' indulgence is requested. Any queries should be sent to David Terraux, c/o The Arctic Circle, Box 2457, Station "O", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 5W6.
The Library Services Branch at Whitehorse, Yukon, held a Fall Workshop for library workers and board members October 21st-22nd. Described by those attending from several Yukon communities as "the best ever" the workshop featured a panel discussion on Friday evening on the adequacy of library services.

Howard Overend, Territorial Librarian for the Yukon, writes of the appointment of new professional librarians who were also born in the Yukon. Margaret Donnelly who is from Teslin and formerly librarian at King's College, Edmonton is the new Public Services Librarian. She replaces Jocelyn Ward who retired November 15 after many years of service. Chuck Pugh who was born in Whitehorse and former librarian of the Renfrew Public Library in Ontario is the new Technical Services Librarian.

The Alaska Historical Commission has a new edition of their catalog, Publications, Research Reports and Other Projects Supported by the Alaska Historical Commission. Free copies are available from the commission office, 524 West 4th Avenue, Suite 207, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Three recently published books, supported by the commission, are now available.


The Yukon Indian Resource Centre Library, 22 Nisutlin Drive, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3S5 began operation in 1975. Major focus of the library is on native peoples of the Yukon and information in general on native people of North America. Librarian Janet Burns has produced this year a BIBLIOGRAPHY (subject) to holdings and reading lists on northern studies, adult and juvenile book lists, and an audiovisual catalogue. With these tools, the library is now open to the public so these resources can be shared.

Martha Andrews, Librarian at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309, writes that the Institute has a special offer on its journal ARCTIC AND ALPINE RESEARCH with Vol. 1-6 available for $5.00 each volume (year); Vol. 5 (3, pr. 2) which was a special issue, is out of print.
Bibliographies of Northern interest:

TURYEBIBLIOGRAFIA. SUOSTA, PUUSTA JA TURPEESTA. (Bibliography of peatland, wood and peat.) This publication of the Energy Laboratory Group, no. 2, University of Oulu, was compiled in 1983 by Juhani Paajala, Pirkko Pietilainen, and Pekka Vilpponen. The bibliography contains 1557 citations to Finnish peat for the years 1979-1982. The material is arranged in 28 subject classes using the UDC classification system. In addition the bibliography has two indexes: author index and KWIC-index of title words. Most of the references are in Finnish language; about 10% are in English. The bibliography is available for FIM 200:-(537.00) from: Energy Laboratory Group, University of Oulu, Linnanmaa, SF-90570 Oulu 57, Finland. Telex 32375 oulin sf.


New Northern Publications Available or In Progress


OLD SOURDOUGH, by Knut Peterson. Available from the author, 2221 Eagan Ave, Room 121, Fairbanks, AK 99701. $7.95.

BALEEN BASKERY OF THE NORTH ALASKAN ESKIMO, by Molly Lee. A history of baleen basketry combined with information and photos from two baleen basketry workshops. $4.00 prepaid to Borough available from North Slope Borough Planning Dept., P.O. Box 69, Barrow, AK 99723.

NORTHERN POLITICS REVIEW, an annual publication, covering political issues affecting the Canadian North in their regional, national and international dimensions, summary of recent developments, listing of policy decisions and organizational changes; also bibliography of sources. This publication of the Northern Political Studies Program, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4 is scheduled to produce its first issue in March 1984.

GUIDE TO ALASKA FEDERAL DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED. DOCUMENTING ALASKAN HISTORY: GUIDE TO GENERAL ARCHIVES RELATING TO ALASKA, by George S. Ulibarri, and produced through the joint efforts of the University of Alaska Press, the National Archives, and the Alaska Historical Commission. 304p. $25.00 plus $2.00 postage and handling. Send order and payment to University of Alaska Press, Room 2, Bunnell Building, Fairbanks, AK 99701.