REPORT ON THE 10TH NORTHERN LIBRARIES COLLOQUIUM
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The Tenth Colloquium met Aug 12-16, 1984 at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, under the sponsorship of Ocean Engineering Information Centre (C-CORE/OEIC) of Memorial University Library, Newfoundland Public Library Services, and the Newfoundland Library Association. Program and activities were coordinated by Judith Whittick, head of OEIC.

The sponsors very thoughtfully provided beautiful sunny weather with daily temperatures of about seventy degrees. This allowed visitors to admire the city of St. John's, nearby communities, and areas. St. John's is justifiably proud of its history as one of the oldest communities founded by Europeans in North America. Those of us who "come from afar" were delightfully intrigued and entertained by unique features of Newfoundland language and culture. These included a tour providing entertaining bits of "Newfoundsese" language, music and history as well as a dinner which included a scoff on traditional Newfoundland dishes, a lot of "Screech" and an opportunity to kiss a codfish. Other events included a fun evening of entertainment and fundraising for THEM DAYS, a magazine based on Labrador oral history.

Eighty-six delegates from Canada, the U.S.A., Great Britain, Denmark, and Sweden met in conference rooms of Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University. They were welcomed by Richard Ellis, University Librarian, Keynote speaker, William Frost, of the Newfoundland Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism presented delegates with an overview of Newfoundland and Labrador collections and resources.

Conference sessions were organized around daily topical themes. The first session discussed Newfoundland and Labrador collections with nine presentations on various aspects of library services in these regions. Sessions on the second day were on establishment and development of northern collections. A diversity of presentations discussed activities across Northern Europe and North America with emphasis on electronic data storage and retrieval. The third session topic was preservation, organization, and indexing of non-book materials. Presentations discussed oral history, archives, maps, evaluating collections, and research institutes. Other session topics were: "Northern collections - can they survive in these economic times?" and "An international polar information network: is it possible?"

The usual business meeting closed the formal portion of the Colloquium. At the business meeting it was agreed that northern libraries should exchange microformat bibliographies of monographic holdings and indexes. Many of these are in production at various libraries but largely utilized in-house only. It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from Ann-Christine Haupt, of the University of Lums Library in Sweden to host the 11th Colloquium in 1986.

As always the social side of the program and the opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones was very rewarding. Several receptions and dinners offering the food specialties of Newfoundland were served during the Colloquium. Following the Colloquium a number of conference took the opportunity for individual tours of Newfoundland while others went to the nearby French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Judith Whittick, her staff, and other sponsors of the Colloquium were congratulated for organization of a most interesting and educational week. All conferences benefited from their unfailing generosity and warm hospitality.

Proceedings Available:
The proceedings are being published as C-CORE Report no. 34-19. Price: $30.00. Available from OEIC, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 3X5, CANADA.
Development of the William O. Field Collection continues in the Alaska Historical Library. W.O. Field of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, served as head of the Dept. of Exploration and Research for the American Geographical Society from 1945 until his retirement in 1969. He did extensive research work in Glacier Bay since 1926 and also in Prince William Sound. Mr. Field has assisted Alaska Historical Library staff with identification of Alaska glacier photos and made available a compilation of information on scientists and research in Glacier Bay which he prepared for the 1983 Glacier Bay Symposium. Recently he made a donation of more than $2,700.00 to assist the library in building and improving holdings in Alaska glaciology and related topics.

Several new publications are available from the Alaska Historical Library. A courtesy copy is available to colloquy member libraries on request, with microfiche distribution to libraries outside North America.

THE ALASKAN RUSSIAN CHURCH ARCHIVES: RECORDS OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, DIOCESE OF ALASKA. Washington, D.C., Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, 1994; reproduced by the Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums. 248 p. Hard copy guide, $10.00, microfiche $5.00. This guide was largely compiled by an Alaskan, Antoinette Shaikop who organized and described the records in this inventory which includes some Siberia, U.S. and Canada material. It also contains cross-reference to 376 microfilm rolls of the records which are available through the Library of Congress or several locations in Alaska.

THE ESQUIMAUX. A microfiche copy of the monthly tabloid published in Russian America [Alaska] between October 14, 1866 and September 1, 1867. There are two microfiche of the twelve issues reprinted at San Francisco by J.J. Harrington, editor of this newspaper published for the Russian American Telegraph and Exploring Expedition at Port Clarence, R.A. and Plover Bay, Eastern Siberia. The telegraph project ceased when the Atlantic cable was completed, but William H. Dall, Frederick Whymper and other expedition members wrote about their experiences.

New acquisitions in the Alaska Historical Library include several rare and important works:

Choris, Louis. VOYAGE PITTORESQUE AUTOUR DU MONDE... Paris, Didot, 1822; VUES ET PAYSAGES DES REGIONS EQUINOXIALES. Paris, Renouard, 1826. As artist for the Kotzebue expedition of 1815-18, Choris prepared outstanding black and white and color lithographs of Alaska, California and the Hawaiian Islands.

Ellis, William. AN AUTHENTIC NARRATIVE OF A VOYAGE PERFORMED BY CAPTAIN COOK AND CAPTAIN CLARKE. London, G. Robinson... 1782. 2 vol. Ellis was medical surgeon for Cook's voyages, 1776-1780.

Lutke, Frederic. VOYAGE AUTOUR DU MONDE...SUR LA CORVETTE LE SENIAYINE... Paris, 1835-36. 2 vol., atlas. A major account on Russian exploration, 1826-29, with beautiful lithographs by Baron Kittlitz.

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Outcrop, the Northern Publishers, Box 1350, Yellowknife, NWT, CANADA X1A 2N9 is publishing a new magazine, UP HERE: LIFE IN CANADA'S NORTH, issued six times yearly. It began in December 1984 with a one year subscription $12.00; 2 years at $22.00.


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Peter Adams, President of the Eastern Snow Conference, sent an announcement that the 42nd Eastern Snow Conference will be held in Montreal, June 6-7, 1985. The conference is a joint U.S./Canadian organization devoted to all research and applied aspects of snow and ice. Papers will be given on a wide variety of topics with a special session on "Snow and Ice Hydrology." and current research in Quebec. Anyone wishing to attend should book directly through the Downtown (Sherbrooke St.) Holiday Inn, with registration the evening of June 5. Those wishing to give papers or exhibit equipment contact Hilda Snelling at Meteorology Section, USAF/ETAC, Building 859, Scott AFB, IL 62225 (Phone: 618-526-3641, USA).


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The Alaska Historical Commission has microfiched all of the final reports from research and publications projects it has supported. Copies of the fiche may be ordered from the Arctic Environmental Information & Data Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 707 A. Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The price for each report is $4.00. An updated catalog of projects, supported through the research and publications grant program, is available on request from the commission at 524 West 4th Avenue, Suite 207, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Several current publications and projects receiving commission support are:

Duncan, Kate C. SOME WARMER TONE. A study on Athabascan beadwork prepared to accompany an exhibit. $14.00 plus shipping and handling. Available from the University of Alaska Museum, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Hedrick, Basil and Susan Pickel Hedrick. ETHEL WASHINGTON, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF AN ESKIMO DOLL MAKER. Also available for purchase from the University of Alaska Museum.


ALASKA RAILROAD MICROFICHE PROJECT. Cook Inlet Historical Society and Anchorage Historical & Fine Arts Museum. The Alaska Railroad photographs have been arranged, indexed and microfiched. Copies of the index have been distributed to the state depository libraries, with microfiche at five libraries.

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Ann Brennan sent information on several World Data Center A for Glaciology publications which missed the last NORTHERN LIBRARIES BULLETIN.

GLACIOLOGICAL DATA series (GD-15) covers the Workshop on Antarctic Climate Data, sponsored by SCAR and convened by WDC-A for Glaciology in August 1983. This report includes the recommendations of the participants, preliminary inventories of data available, and a bibliography. GD-15 and the others in the series are available for $5.00 per copy or on an exchange basis in return for copies of snow and ice publications, data sets, etc., supplied to the WDC. (See GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL DATA EXCHANGE THROUGH THE WORLD DATA CENTRES, ICSU, Washington, D.C. 1979.) Inquiries about GLACIOLOGICAL DATA should be sent to WDC-A for Glaciology, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309 U.S.A.


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Conferences on the Horizon:

HERITAGE NORTH CONFERENCE 1985 - Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, September 12-15. This will be the first Northern heritage conference and Yellowknife, the capital of the territories, is a unique example of the fusion of old and new cultures. The conference goal is to assemble northern heritage professionals, volunteers, societies and sponsoring agencies to discuss and share common concerns. It is intended to promote cross-cultural, east/west as well as north/south communication. Delegates from Iceland, Greenland, Canada and Alaska are invited to participate. Since travel costs are high, a travel subsidy will be available to eligible delegates. Discussions will focus on Resources (availability of funding, staffing, preservation versus access); Communication (problems of distance, expense, culture); Jurisdiction (local versus federal, repatriation). For further information contact Christine Grant, Dawson Museum and Historical Society, Box 303, Dawson, Yukon. CANADA Y3B 1G0, phone (803) 993-5528.

ALASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE. March 10-13 in Juneau, Alaska. Contact Kay Sheldon, 853 Basin Road, Juneau, Alaska 99801.


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YOLKERCUNDLICHE ARBEITSBEMEINSCHAFT (ISSN 0507-2204), c/o Uwe Johannson, Postfach 1142, 2353 Nortorf, West Germany has published several new works on Pacific Northwest Coast Indians in English:


New University Publications:

Andrews, Martha. HOLOCENE PALEOClimater: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. Boulder, Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado. 2 vol. $30.00 plus $1.00 shipping and handling. Contains 1300 annotated references to worldwide research results of the past twenty years including physical, biological and earth sciences wherever environmental phenomena sensitive to climatic changes have resulted in proxy records. Arranged by major subject category with indexes.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MUSKOX SYMPOSIUM. Edited by D.R. Klein and others. Biological Papers of the University of Alaska, Special Report no. 4. $20.00. This volume published in December 1984 includes 33 full technical papers and 21 expanded abstracts from the Symposium held May 22-25 in Fairbanks with attendees from seven countries. Available from the Editor, Biological Papers... University of Alaska, Irving Building, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

ALASKA ORAL HISTORY INDEX. 1984 ed. Prepared and available from the Oral History and Traditions Program, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701. 31 microfiche. $12.00. This index describes 5,500 audio and visual tapes on all aspects of Alaska history, their locations. The index has been distributed to Alaska depository system libraries and University/Community College libraries in Alaska.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROFILE FOR ALASKA 1983 is now available from the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (AEIDC). Any Northern Library interested in a complimentary copy should contact Bonnie McGraw, AEIDC, Univ. of Alaska, 707 A St., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

In progress:

AEIDC is completing production of the indexed bibliography to its collection of contractor's reports from the Anchorage office of the old Arctic Gas Pipeline Company. This bibliography will be available at the cost of reproduction and will serve as a catalog to the 300+ engineering and environmental reports available on microfiche from AEIDC. Libraries wishing to receive notice upon publication should contact: Judy Alward at the AEIDC address given previous.
The Alaska Climate Center, at AEIDC, publishes quarterly the ALASKA CLIMATE CENTER NEWS AND REVIEW. This newsletter contains a lead article relating to some aspect of climate, weather or physical science. Also a written review by month of that season's weather across the state using six hydrographic regions, a weather and climate trend by region and a monthly temperature and precipitation chart with means and extremes for thirty-six locations, six from each region. It also has a highlights section of events and projects taking place at the Alaska Climate Center. Available free on request to: Richard Becker, Alaska Climate Center, at the AEIDC address.

SNOW SENSE: A GUIDE TO EVALUATING AVALANCHE HAZARD was published in December by the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources and AEIDC. 48 p., illus. This booklet focuses on teaching backcountry travellers to recognize, evaluate, and avoid avalanche hazards by gathering available key information and clues from the snowpack, weather, and terrain. Available from the Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Pouch 7--001, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.


The National Museum, Greenwich, ENGLAND, has acquired an interesting collection of material relating to Sir George Nares' Arctic Expedition 1875-1876. The donor's grandfather was Lieutenant, later, Admiral A.A.C. Parr (1849-1914) who served on that expedition in HMS ALERT, and the items used by him include many examples of Arctic clothing and expedition equipment. Among the relics is the mounted head and skin of a musk-ox shot by Lieutenant Parr, and the manuscript material includes the journals he kept during the expedition.

Professor Silvio Zavatti, Instituto Geografico Polare, via Omero 15 - 62012 Civitanova Marche, Italy, has sent news of special items available during the centennial anniversary of the birth of the polar explorer Umberto Nobile.

Nobile, Dr. Gertrude Stolp. BIBLIOGRAFIA DI UMBERTO NOBILE. Firenze, Olshcke, 1984. 113 p., illus. 20,000 lire. Prepared by the widow of U. Nobile, this book includes all books written by Nobile and the most important works about him.

Zavatti, Silvio. BIBLIOGRAFIA DELLE SPEDIZIONI POLARI DI UMBERTO NOBILE. 83 p. this bibliography of Nobile's polar explorations is free on request to the Instituto Geografico Polare.

The Instituto Geografico Polare has produced a commemorative bronze medal of General Umberto Nobile. The medal designed by sculptor Sesto Americo Luchetti is 8 x 5 cm. and weighs 350 grams. There were only fifty medals produced which are available for purchase from the Instituto for 40,000 lire.

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence has published the fourth volume of a six volume series of regional subsistence bibliographies. Volume IV focuses on Southcentral Alaska and contains 456 references on a wide variety of subsistence related topics. The bibliography is indexed by author and keywords. Available free on request from: Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, Bopx 3-2000, Juneau, Alaska 99802.
The Yukon Libraries and Archives Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6 sent the following news:

The Yukon Archives has a new staff member, Pat Norton, Beaufort Sea Librarian. On a contract funded through the Northern Oil and Gas Action Program, Pat is responsible for collection development, cataloguing and information retrieval in the area of Northern hydrocarbon development, with special emphasis on the Beaufort Sea.

Yukon Archives' recent acquisitions include municipal records of Faro, Mayo and Dawson, and the George Shaw papers (ca. 1957-1970). Shaw was a longtime Dawson resident and Territorial Councillor.

On November 30, the Yukon Archives held a public showing of the 1920's vintage silent film, WINDS OF CHANGE, a Klondike romance based on the novel by Rex Beach.

In October 1984, Keith Revelle attended the Yukon Annual Library Workshop in Whitehorse as guest speaker. Keith, who is the Director of Anchorage Public Library, spoke on various topics, including development of Libraries in Alaska, automation and service to small libraries. Librarians and Trustees from communities throughout the Yukon were delighted to hear some new ideas and insights into old problems; also learning about Alaska's Library system and services.

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Dale Stirling historian has compiled several bibliographies that are free on request accompanied by a self-addressed stamped 3 x 12 envelope. Contact: Heritage North, 3809 Barbara Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 for the following works:

EDUCATION IN ALASKA'S PAST: A Bibliography of Periodical Articles as Reported in the Education Index, 1929-1980. 16 &.

SOURCEBOOK ON ALASKAN SHIPWRECKS, 1786-1932. 57 &.

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New Books and Reprints:


ARCTIC ORDEAL; THE JOURNAL OF JOHN RICHARDSON. Edited by C. Stuart Houston. 356 p., illus. $29.95. This journal gives an account of John Franklin's first overland expedition 1820-22, as recorded by the expedition's surgeon/naturalist. Available from the University of Toronto Press (ISBN 0-7735-0418-4).


CANADIAN OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SERIES. Each topic is accompanied by a booklet (approx. 40 p.) and up to 80 color slides. The series is supervised by Bill March. Now available is WINTER SHELTERS $80.00. Available from the University of Calgary, Dept. of Communications Media, 2500 Univ. Drive, N.W. Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2N 1N4.

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MARIE TREMAINE, 1902 - 1984

On August 7, Canada lost its foremost bibliographer.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., on February 23, 1902, Marie Tremaine was graduated from the University of Toronto in 1926 and later studied at the University of London. In 1929, she was the holder of a Carnegie scholarship for study abroad (1929-1930). From 1935 to 1942, as Carnegie Fellow at Yale University, she began her research into early printing in Canada. Her many years of service (1929-1947) at the Toronto Public Libraries convinced her promotion to the post of assistant head of the Reference Division in 1941. In 1947 Marie Tremaine moved to Washington to become Director of the Bibliography Project of the Arctic Institute of North America and was editor of the Arctic Bibliography from its inception in 1953 until her retirement in 1968.

Marie Tremaine was the author of a great number of articles and monographs, principally in the fields of bibliography and history of printing in Canada. Some publications written or edited by her are: Early Printing in Canada (Toronto: The Golden Dog Press, 1944); Canadian Book of Printing; The Printing Came to Canada (published by the Toronto Public Libraries and the 50th Anniversary Committee commemorating the invention of printing from movable type); and "Canadian-American Relations in Colonial Printing" (College and Research Libraries, 7, January 1946, p. 27-33). The contributions for which she will be chiefly remembered are her landmark bibliographies:

- A Bibliography of Canadian Imprints, 1555-1700 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1953, rev. 1971). Marie Tremaine worked for almost twenty years on this definitive record of the production of the Canadian printing press of the 18th century, searching libraries and archives in Canada and the United States for copies to be examined and for archival documents on the activities of the printers. The unprecedented depth of bibliographical analysis and description, the copious notes on the historical context and the publishing and printing history of the works listed have not been surpassed in retrospective Canadian bibliography. (Note: The National Library of Canada holds microfilms for all works listed in "Tremaine" which were available for filming).

- Arctic Bibliography (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1959-1975). Marie Tremaine was the creator and the editor for the first 15 volumes of this comprehensive bibliography, a major international research tool for literature on the North in all fields.

Marie Tremaine's outstanding achievements have been honoured on many occasions. In 1967 she was named honorary life member of the Canadian Library Association. In 1968 she was elected honorary president for life by the Bibliographical Society of Canada/Société bibliographique du Canada, of which she was a founding member. In 1979 the Society established the Marie Tremaine Medal, which is presented biennially for outstanding service to Canadian bibliography. In 1980 she was the first recipient of the medal. In 1976 she was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters by Trent University.

A great scholar and an engaging and warm-hearted person, Marie Tremaine will be remembered with affection by her many friends and colleagues.

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