

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, P.O. Box G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

NORTHERN INFORMATION - THE GLOBAL CONNECTION

The Twelfth Northern Libraries Colloquy will be held in Boulder, Colorado, USA, June 5-9, 1988, immediately preceding the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 11-16, 1988.

The Twelfth Northern Libraries Colloquy will build on themes presented at the previous eleven Colloquies. Recent technological advances, allowing us to share northern information on a global scale, will be addressed. In addition to presentations on networking and technical subjects, other northern information topics, some new and some ongoing, will be developed during this Colloquy.

Contributed papers, a poster session, demonstrations, and exhibits will allow maximum exposure for all topics of interest to the participants.

We extend an invitation to all who are interested in sharing "northern" (arctic, antarctic, subarctic, cold regions) information resources to participate by presenting papers or posters, or simply to be there!

Program Committee

World Data Center-A
for Glaciology
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Proposed Sessions

1. Northern Information - The Global Connection - Answers to Some Technical Questions. One database? On CD-ROM? Participation in OCLC, RLIN, WLN, UTLAS?
2. International Networking of Northern Information - Implications for Arctic Policy Planning in Northern Nations.
3. Non-Bibliographic Data Sets. World Data Center-A for Glaciology; Canadian Sea Ice Information System, etc.
4. Serving the Northern Information User. Libraries in the North; "Gray" literature; Coverage of the northern literature.
5. Polar Archival and Historical Resources.
6. Social Science Indexes and Databases. New areas of arctic research and their literature.

Poster Session

Participation in a poster session organized around the main theme is especially welcome. Presentations will be assured maximum exposure without competition from the paper sessions. Submissions will be treated as papers for inclusion in the conference proceedings. Please submit display requirements (illustrative, graphic, CRT, audio-visual and multi-media) with your abstract.

Submit the Title of Your Paper or Poster, with Abstract, by October 1, 1987, to:

Program Committee, c/o Ann Brennan
Twelfth Northern Libraries Colloquy
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University of Colorado
Boulder, CO 80309, USA

Join the Following Conference on DIALMAIL
Northern Libraries Colloquy 12
or Send Messages via DIALMAIL
to Martha Andrews or Ann Brennan

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Editor's Note:

With my retirement from the Alaska State Library, editorship of the BULLETIN will be continued by Nancy Lesh, University of Alaska Library, Anchorage. Both the support and the nice regards I received from Colloquy members are appreciated. P.D.

The Center for Arctic Cultural Research at the University of Umeå, S-901 87, Umeå, Sweden, has started two new report series. RESEARCH REPORTS contains preliminary results of ongoing projects published in English or with a summary in English. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS contains various other publications pertinent to ongoing research projects or to other Center activities. It is usually published in Swedish without a summary in English. Price SEK 25 per publication. Roger Kvist writes that exchange agreements are encouraged.

Research Reports:

Nr. 1. Rabbe Sjöberg. Vittringsstudier med Schmidt test-hammer. Tillämpningar inom geomorfologi och arkeologi. (Weathering studies with Schmidt test-hammer. Applications within geomorphology and archaeology. With a summary in English.) 78 p.

Nr. 2. Noel Broadbent. Lichenometry and archaeology. Testing of lichen chronology on the Swedish North Bothnian Coast. 61 p.

Nr. 3. Roger Kvist. Säl fångsten i Österbotten och Västerbotten 1551-1610. En översikt och problemställning. (The Seal Fisheries of Österbotten/Pohjanmaa and Västerbotten, 1551-1610. With a summary in English.) 61 p.

Nr. 4. Roger Kvist. Rennomadism och samhällsförändring. Studier i samisk historia 1695-1860. (Reindeer-pastoralism and social changes - studies in Saami history 1695-1860. With a summary in English.) 70 p.

Nr. 5. Noel Broadbent. Iron age and medieval seal hunting sites. Archaeological investigations at Bjuröklubb, Västerbotten, Northern Sweden. Part 1. 61 p.

Miscellaneous Publications:

Nr. 1. Två 1700-tals avhandlingar om säljakt. Översatta från latinet av Algot Hellbom. (Two 18th-Century dissertations about sealing. Translated from the latin by Algot Hellbom. In Swedish.) 79 p.

Nr. 2. Roger Kvist. Luleälvsbibliografi 1987. (Bibliography of the Lule River Valley Project. Stand of 1987. In Swedish.) 12 p.

Request for assistance:

I would appreciate any information leading to the location of handwritten diaries of Charles Brower (1862-1945) of Barrow, Alaska. Prior to 1928 Brower kept "notes" which were used in the preparation of his autobiography, *The Northernmost American* (heavily edited and published in 1942 as *Fifty Years Below Zero*). These "notes" (which appear to be year by year loose leaf jot lists of events and people) are housed, along with Brower's autobiography, in the Stefansson collection material at Dartmouth. However, Brower's daughter, Sadie Neakok of Barrow, remembered that her father had kept a handwritten diary, which was about 5-6" thick. Sadie last saw the diary at her sister's in San Francisco in 1969. I am in the process of trying to locate this sister, but believe it likely that the manuscript is now in an archive. Margaret B. Blackman, Department of Anthropology, SUNY College, Brockport, NY 14420.

The Alaska Historical Library, P.O. Box G, Juneau, AK 99811, has produced several new publications. A courtesy copy is available to Colloquy libraries on request.

Martin, Louise. MICHAEL Z. VINOKOUROFF: A PROFILE AND INVENTORY OF HIS PAPERS (Ms 81) AND PHOTOGRAPHS (PCA 243) IN THE ALASKA HISTORICAL LIBRARY. 137, 26 p. ill. \$10.00. A Russian emigre who worked at the Library of Congress for thirty years, Mr. Vinokourov developed a large and diverse collection of material on Eastern Siberia, Russian America, the Russian Orthodox Church, Russian emigre life and literature, etc. The guide references items that have been copied on microfiche, such as church material, Siberian serials, selective publications and photographs.

DeMuth, Phyllis J. A PRELIMINARY INVENTORY OF THE JAMES WICKERSHAM (FAMILY) PAPERS, 1884-1970's. Wickersham State Historic Site Collection (Ms 107). 70 p. \$5.00. A lawyer, judge and delegate to Congress from Alaska, Wickersham was deeply involved in many aspects of Alaska's territorial affairs. His diaries, correspondence and business records are a significant source for most studies of this period; also they reflect his varied interests and writings. His experiences in interior Alaska are recorded in his book, OLD YUKON: TALES, TRAILS AND TRIALS. He produced Alaska's first major bibliography titled, A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ALASKAN LITERATURE, 1724-1924.

Nearing completion is A GUIDE TO THE WICKERSHAM STATE HISTORIC SITE COLLECTION (PCA 277) OF ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHS, 1882-1930's. Rex Wessling, a library volunteer, is completing indexes to major subjects, geographic areas and people; also the photographers who took photos collected by Wickersham. The collection contains nearly 1,900 photographs which are also on microfiche.

Kay Shelton has been appointed librarian and section head for the Alaska Historical Library. Currently section head for Public Services in the Alaska State Library, she will transfer soon to her new position. In addition to academic and special library work, Kay also worked at the Alaska State Archives.

Allan Code, manager of the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (Box 610, Churchill, Manitoba, Canada R0B 0E0), wrote about the development plans for their facility and invites contributions and assistance from northern libraries.

"Our objective is the development of an informational resource for the central arctic and subarctic regions. We are collecting key reference works for the area and [are] increasing the volume of our subscriptions to scientific journals and periodicals. In addition, we anticipate the creation of a video-tape library specifically composed of northern research-related themes. It would be most helpful if you or your readership would suggest source listings and titles...particularly those productions that have their origins in the north and may not be well known."

For those in need of resource material on Greenland, the following catalog has been published and libraries can obtain material through inter-library loan.

Hoyer, Benny, editor. GROENLANDICA; CATALOGUE OF THE GROENLANDICA COLLECTION IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF GREENLAND (Nunatta Atuagaateqarfia, Box 1011, DK 3900, Nuuk, Greenland). 1986. 585 p.

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Several divisions of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources have produced publications or projects of northern interest.

The Alaska Historical Commission, Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, has completed a film, ALASKA AT WAR, on World War II in Alaska. It was prepared for the commission by Aurora Films, Laurence A. Goldin, President. The film runs 58 minutes. It is available on loan on 1/2" or 3/4" videocassettes from the State Film Library, 640 International Airport Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502. Within the next year, the commission expects to have copies for sale.

The Division of Land and Water Management has published "PROMISED LAND," A HISTORY OF ALASKA'S SELECTION OF ITS CONGRESSIONAL LAND GRANTS. The study traces the history of the state's land selections granted to it under the Alaska Statehood Act of 1958. Gary Stein, Historian, researched and wrote the report. Copies are available for \$5.00 from the publisher, P.O. Box 107005, Anchorage, AK 99510-7005.

The Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, published a quarterly newsletter, HERITAGE, focused on historic preservation in Alaska. Libraries or groups interested in receiving the newsletter should write to Joan Antonson, Editor, P.O. Box 107001, Anchorage, AK 99510-7001.

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A variety of activity is underway at the Yukon Archives, as indicated by the following news from Lynn McPherson.

The Yukon Archives has recently arranged for microfilming of back issues of the WHITEHORSE STAR from May 1978 through December 1986, and the entire short run of the NORTHERN TIMES, which was published in Whitehorse 1978-1979. This venture will complete the microfilm backfiles of the STAR from 1901 through 1986. Commonwealth Microfilm is interested in filming the WHITEHORSE STAR on a commercial basis from January 1987 onward, if there is enough of a demand. Institutions interested in establishing current subscriptions to the STAR on microfilm, or in acquiring either the STAR or TIMES backfiles on microfilm should contact: Commonwealth Microfilm Products, 3395 American Drive, Unit #11, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4V 9Z9.

The Archives recently acquired a rare pamphlet entitled: DAWSON YUKON TERRITORY, THE GOLDEN CITY IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN..., ed. A.S. Allen (Dawson: American Journal of Industry, 1901). This booklet, printed by the KLONDIKE DAILY NUGGET, includes many fine photographic views of Dawson. The only other known existent copy is held by the Yale University Library.

The publication, YUKON NATIVE HISTORY AND CULTURE, A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE YUKON ARCHIVES, is at the printers.

The Yukon Archives has also initiated a system for circulating video copies of their film and video holdings to communities outside of Whitehorse. Requests for circulation of Archive videos is handled by the Audio Visual Unit of the Libraries and Archives Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6.

A "Challenge 87" summer student employment project is currently in full swing at the Yukon Archives. Two students are completing the subject cataloging of pamphlets; one student is subject cataloging two series of historic government records; and a fourth student is cataloging collections of photographs.

The following is an extract from the report on the productive conference: Libraries As Community Information Centres.



Northwest
Territories Culture & Communications



"LIBRARIES AS COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRES"

By Marion L. Pape and Sara Lochhead

"Libraries as Community Information Centres" was the theme of a conference held in Hay River, headquarters of the N.W.T. Public Library Services, on September 26-28, 1986. Community librarians, library board members and other representatives of libraries from across the territory gathered to share ideas and work through problem solving processes in a series of workshops that addressed library concerns in the N.W.T.

The highlight of the conference was guest speaker Maureen Woods, Co-ordinator of Northern Library Services for the Saskatchewan Library. Maureen addressed the topic, "What a community can do with its library", drawing from her successful experiences working with an inner city community association and library board to develop a library that truly reflected and actively dealt with the community association and library board to develop a library that truly reflected and actively dealt with the community issues, concerns and interests. Maureen led the audience through the processes of developing a library into a vital, active, caring community centre. Following her presentation, she led the group in a brainstorming exercise that identified 35 different items which were considered to be problems in library service delivery in the N.W.T. The five most important problems chosen by the group were:

1. Not enough Native materials in N.W.T. libraries.
2. Need to form representative community library boards to take the leadership role in library development.
3. More training for community library staff needed.
4. Lack of library profile in the communities.
5. More paid hours for library staff and for longer public opening hours.

Small group sessions looked at these issues and the problem solving process was both lively and creative.


The following publication is available for purchase from the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Alaska and Polar Regions Department, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1005.

Tabbert, Barbara M. A GUIDE TO THE MIKE GRAVEL PAPERS, 1957-1980. (Occasional Paper No. 12). 1986. 54 p. with a container list of 489 p. on microfiche. \$12.00 (U.S.). Mike Gravel donated his papers to Rasmuson Library. He served as U.S. Senator for Alaska from 1969 to 1980, during the Vietnam War years, the development of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

The University of Alaska, Rasmuson Library is one of three universities in a circumpolar network. In May, Paul McCarthy and Marvin Falk joined representatives from the University of Copenhagen and McGill University (Montréal) to discuss arctic documentation, information methods and resource sharing. A directory of important arctic holdings will be produced as a database. It will be centered in Denmark and exchanges were planned for bibliographic information on paper and on-line.

Professor Inge Kleivan, Institute for Eskimology (Copenhagen), sent the following news.

The current issue of GRØNLAND (v. 34, no. 7-8) contains papers presented in honor of Christian Berthelsen on his seventieth birthday, October 7, 1986. Christian Berthelsen, a Westgreenlander and former director of the school in Greenland, published a history of Greenlandic literature in Greenlandic, an anthology of Greenlandic literature in Danish, and he is chief editor of a Greenlandic-Danish dictionary. The double issue of GRØNLAND includes a list of Christian Berthelsen's publications comprising nearly 300 titles, mostly bilingual (Greenlandic-Danish). The papers are written by his colleagues and students at the Institute of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen, and Inge Kleivan has been guest editor. GRØNLAND is published by Det grønlandske, Selskab, L.E. Bruunsvej 10, 2920, Charlottenlund, Denmark.



ALTERNATIVES
SPECIAL ISSUE
Sustainable Development in
Northern Communities

Copies of this issue of Alternatives are available for \$4.50 through the Faculty of Environmental Studies,
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

One year subscription (4 issues) - in Canada is \$15.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for institutions
- outside Canada is \$20.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for institutions

New Publications

West, C. Eugene and Richard Stern. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX OF ALASKAN ARCHAEOLOGY. (Aurora no. 3). 333 p. \$25.00 plus 1.50 postage and handling. This bibliography contains an alphabetical author listing for nearly 3,500 citations to published and unpublished reports with indexes to joint authors, subjects and geographic regions of Alaska/U.S.G.S. map quadrangles. Send orders, payable to the Alaska Anthropological Association, to Edwin S. Hall, Editor, AURORA Series, 291 Main St., Brockport, New York 14420.

Adams, W. Peter, editor. EDUCATION RESEARCH, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND THE NORTH. (Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies, 130 Albert, Suite 1915, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5G4). 362 p. \$27.50 Can., including postage. ISBN 0-921421-00-1. A source book on education and research in northern Canada "developed from the Proceedings of the ACUNS meeting in Yellowknife, 17-19 April 1986."

North, Robert N., compiler. AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON SOVIET NORTHERN TRANSPORT, 1975-1986. (Departmental Paper no. 38, Department of Geography, Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1W5). 163 p. \$16.00 Can., includes postage. This bibliography includes over 1,400 items, mainly in Russian or English with Russian titles translated. "Northern regions" are defined broadly to cover areas north of continuous settlement, including the Baykal-Amur mainland and almost all of the Soviet Far east. References cover construction, operation and organization as well as traffic with subject and geographical indexes. There is a list of sources consulted with dates. Send order with payment to the attention of Ms. Eleanor Black, Administrative Assistant.

WHALING LOGBOOKS AND JOURNALS: AN INVENTORY OF MANUSCRIPT RECORDS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS (Garland Publishing Inc., 136 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016). 496 p. \$80.00. ISBN 0-8240-9238-0. Approximately 5,000 entries describe records of Anglo-American whaling and sealing voyages, 1613-1927, in eighty-two libraries around the world. The inventory includes indexes and data about each repository, noting availability of microfilm copies through inter-library loan.

Nelson, J.G., Roger Needham, Linda Norton, editors. ARCTIC HERITAGE; PROCEEDINGS OF A SYMPOSIUM. (Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies, 130 Albert, Suite 1915, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5G4). 653 p. \$27.50 Can., includes postage. The symposium at Banff, Alberta, Aug. 24-28, 1985, dealt with ecology, planning and management aspects of Arctic heritage, use and conservation.

THE DICTIONARY OF ALASKA PLACE NAMES by Donald J. Orth has been reprinted by The Devonian Institute, Alaska Pacific University (Anchorage, AK 99508). Originally published in 1967 with a second printing in 1971, this volume of the U.S. Geological Survey has been out of print for many years. The new edition is 1,200 pages, in a 3-hole punch binding. It is available from the Institute for \$50 plus \$3 for postage.

Conferences

The Arctic Science Conference (38th Alaska Science Conference) will be held Sept. 23-26 in Anchorage. "Alaska's Resources: Alaska's Future" is this year's theme. For more information, contact conference chairman Tom Morehouse, ISER, Univ. of Alaska-Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508.

The annual meeting of the Alaska Historical Society, Oct. 22-25, will feature a tenth history symposium, "Celebrating 100 Years of Alaska History, 1887-1987, and Aviation in Alaska's Past." The conference sponsor is the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society, P.O. Box 1336, Fairbanks, AK 99707, with Jonathan M. Nielson, chairman.

POAC '87, the 9th International Conference on Port and Ocean Engineering under Arctic Conditions meets Aug. 16-21 at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The Center for Frontier Engineering Research (CFER) will also offer a Special Symposium on Steel/Concrete Composite Structural Systems dealing with offshore applications. Contact: W.M. Sackinger, POAC Chairman, Geophysics Institute, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

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Research Project Descriptions

Now in ASTIS

The Arctic Institute of North America's Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS) is no longer just a bibliographic database. Thanks to three organizations in the Northwest Territories the ASTIS database now contains descriptions of research projects in addition to bibliographic citations. By providing descriptions of current research projects ASTIS can make customers aware of new northern research long before the published results of that research are listed in the database as a citation.

The inclusion of research project descriptions in ASTIS was initiated by the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories, which offered to provide ASTIS with information collected when issuing Northwest Territories Scientific Research Licences. Subsequently the Northwest Territories Department of Renewable Resources agreed to provide information from their Wildlife Research Permits, and the Northern Heritage Centre from their Archaeology Permits. Between them these three organizations licence most of the over 200 field research projects conducted in the Northwest Territories each year.

Research project descriptions will now appear in all ASTIS products, including the online database, custom searches, the ASTIS Current Awareness Bulletin, the ASTIS Bibliography, and special bibliographies. Research project descriptions are always clearly distinguishable from bibliographic citations, and contain varying amounts of information depending on the licence or permit from which they are drawn. An abstract, including an itinerary, is given when possible. A mailing address for the principal investigator is always given.

Several years of research project information will be added to ASTIS, beginning with 1986 and working backwards. Information for 1987 is being added as it is received.

For more information please contact Ross Goodwin at ASTIS, Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, (403) 220-4036.