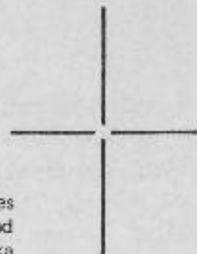


# Northern Libraries Bulletin



A quarterly 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 Nottingham, Alaska Division of State Libraries, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

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**This first bulletin** carries news items sent by libraries participating in the first Northern Libraries Colloquy held at the Boreal Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, in June, 1971. Distribution will include other northern libraries who are invited to send news items for the bulletin.

**AINA "Starter" sets.** In order to assist northern libraries, educational and other institutions in building up their information resources, and stimulate the distribution of certain of its publications, the Arctic Institute of North America is prepared to offer free "starter" sets of *Arctic* and *Technical Papers*, and other special publications to any organization which submits an appropriate request. The primary purpose of this offer is to try and insure that widest possible use is made of AINA information resources and publications. Anyone interested should write to Mr. Paul Le Bel, Information Officer, Arctic Institute of North America, 3458 Redpath Street, Montreal 109, Quebec, Canada.

The Northern Research Survey published by the Arctic Institute of North America will be issued quarterly starting in 1972. This will include approximately 1,200 individual research projects. Subsequent prices will be announced later.

The Arctic Institute Library issues a bi-monthly accessions list listing all the publications currently added to the collection. This is available on subscription for \$5.00 per calendar year from the Montreal Office.

Just a reminder from the Arctic Institute Library that the first supplement to the Library catalogue published by G. K. Hall is now available.

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**Construction on an extension to the Yukon Regional Headquarters building** began September 28 adding 9,500 square feet of space to the existing 6,500 square feet and will house a new territorial archives program and an extension service for the Yukon Regional Library, Whitehorse Public Library and Film Library. The successful bidder on the contract was General Enterprises of Whitehorse at a cost of \$452,000.

On October 1, the Yukon Regional Library System adopted a universal borrowers card. Simplified clerical routes have been established for overcoming those problems of moving an enormous number of books over Yukon distances. The new card makes library services more readily available to all Yukon residents regardless of their location reported Garth Graham, Director Library Services Branch, Yukon Territory.

Incidentally, Garth is one of the early promoters of the Northern Libraries Colloquy.

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**While this bulletin is concerned with the Arctic or Northern regions**, many of our colleagues also have concern for Antarctic information. Harry King, librarian for the Scott Polar Research Institute, is editing the Edward Adrian Wilson diary kept on Captain Scott's "Terra Nova" expedition to the South Pole in 1910-12 which will be lavishly illustrated. The original manuscript is in the British Museum.

Harry King indicates there is a good chance the SPRI card catalog will be published. At SPRI, Olive Holland has completed a transcription of Sir John Franklin's letter book of his first overland expedition in 1819-22 and is now looking for a publisher.

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**From Ted Ryberg, Director, University of Alaska Library**, comes good news on the appointment of Charles Parr, assistant professor of German and Russian, as Arctic bibliographer for the library. He will guide the library's growth of material on Alaska and the polar regions.

The publications at the U of A Library include a new edition of PERIODICALS and SERIALS 1971 available for purchase. Libraries with a Northern interest can request the monthly publication BIBLIOGRAPHY of ALASKANA which lists articles dealing with Alaska that appear in periodicals taken at the library.

The University of Alaska is offering a Northern Studies major combining science and humanities courses designed to give students a broader look at Northern environment, peoples and problems. The "core" courses are Arctic ethnology, geography of the cold lands and history of the North Pacific and Arctic. Seminars featuring presentations by authorities in such fields as biology, Arctic engineering and marine science will be offered for the major and open to all students.

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**In 1970 the Pipeline and Land-use Technology Sub-Committee** of the National Research Council Associate Committee on Geotechnical Research was established. Its members are made up of people from industry, universities and government. Four meetings have already been held and a fifth meeting will take place in November according to news received from Eileen Carson, librarian, Division of Building Research.

The following publication has recently appeared—National Research Council, Division of Building Research, Technical Paper No. 337 entitled "Construction on Permafrost" by C. B. Crawford and G. H. Johnston (May, 1971).

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**Nora Corley, librarian for the Arctic Institute of North America library**, has called to attention that notable acquisitions received by the Center for Polar Archives, are listed in PROLOGUE, THE JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

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**Interest has been expressed** in a meeting to discuss the desirability of combining the ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY with other existing Arctic bibliographies into one consolidated cooperative effort utilizing the computer.

Dr. A. W. Mansfield has been appointed director of the Arctic Biological Station, Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Also a microbiologist has joined the station staff extending holdings to include marine microbiology according to librarian June Currie.

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**Although Dorothy Bergey, librarian for the Defense Research Board of Canada** had no news notes at this time, she kindly sent best wishes for the success of the bulletin.

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**The Alaska Historical Library** has been notified that the railway records of the White Pass and Yukon Route at Skagway, Alaska, will be given to the library. In addition to the records, the library will obtain copies of oral history tapes of Dawson, Yukon Territory pioneers who were interviewed by company officials.

A GUIDE TO THE RUSSIAN HOLDINGS IN THE ALASKA HISTORICAL LIBRARY has been produced by the Alaska Division of State Libraries, Juneau, Alaska. A copy will be sent to libraries interested in receiving this bibliography.

The U. S. Customs Service Records for Alaska, 1867-1914 in the Alaska Historical Library, will be microfilmed by the National Archives and Records Service, Federal Record Center, Region 10 in Seattle, Washington.

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**Mrs. Marian Jones, librarian for the Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology**, Geological Survey of Canada at Calgary, Alberta, reported that most of the research staff is now busy sorting and checking fossils obtained in the far North. They are trying to get information to the public as soon as possible and notices of open file reports can be obtained from the institute with Xerox copies available at reproduction cost.

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**The second Northern Libraries Colloquy** will be held at the U. S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, New Hampshire. CREEL librarian, Eunice Salisbury, said the committee has not yet decided the meeting dates.

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**The National Science Library of Canada** is reorganizing with a greater emphasis to be given national services. The CAN/SDI system has about 800 users from universities, government and industry and the charging system has been changed to conform more effectively with actual use of different data bases. In cooperation with other Canadian agencies, the system has now developed a data base storing documents on environment quality. (Pollution Information Project).

A new National Science Library is under construction and should be ready for occupancy by September, 1973.

Mrs. Elizabeth Colyer has now moved from the Science Information Services to head librarian, Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering Branch Library.

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**Mrs. Nita Cooke, librarian at the Boreal Institute**, University of Alberta, attended the Universal Decimal Classification conference in Yugoslavia. This productive conference has Nita solidly on the "advocates side" when recommending the system for special collections.

Two experimental KWIC indexes have been produced at the Boreal Institute Library using programs supplied by the Department of Computing Science. One is a monthly index of English language titles from journals received at the library. This Northern titles index is a lead to current articles in journal literature and a useful tool to bridge the gap between receipt of the journal, to indexing pertinent articles in the catalog, to full abstracting in ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY. The index is tentatively called Northern Titles. It is non-accumulative with a companion booklet furnishing the coden key. When the index is perfected, it is hoped monthly print-outs can be supplied interested libraries for a small fee. The other KWIC index is from the permutation of the authors and titles from the library accessions list.

The Boreal Institute Library is initiating a contribution series of reprints of articles published elsewhere and written as a result of research wholly or partly funded by the Institute. No. 1 will be "The Bilingual speech community: a Cree example," by Regna Darnell from the recent book LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY IN CANADIAN SOCIETY. Copies will be sent to libraries on our exchange list with the next annual report which is at the printers and will be distributed next month.

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**Last but not least is an announcement on the Index** to the published literature on the Athabasca Oil Sands, from Peter Bates, librarian, Research Council of Alberta. The Research Council took over production of the index originally prepared by Imperial Oil Limited and Syncrude Canada Limited which contained all the information they had, published and confidential. In their work to assist development of the natural resources of Alberta, the oil sands are a major concern and has interest for Northern studies. Peter Bates sent a detailed description of the computer program for the index, but those wishing such details can contact him through the Council, 11315-87th Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A sample of the index is produced in way of further explanation.

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