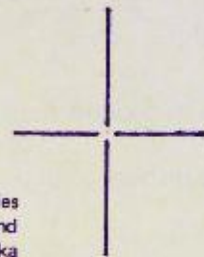


Northern Libraries Bulletin



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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Announcement of the following publications was received from the Center for Arctic Research, 5255 Avenue Decelles, Montreal 250, Quebec. CATALOGUE OF PRESS CLIPPINGS OF THE GARDNER COLLECTION: NO. 19, NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES is available and will be sent to those interested on request. Five more catalogues are ready for printing when funds are available.

Also ready for publication is the ANALYTIC CATALOGUE OF PLANT SPECIES FROM THE ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC OF QUEBEC AND OTHER PARTS OF CANADA, by G. Gardner, 350 pp., including 150 photos and 8 maps.

The C. L. Andrews collection contains a variety of material of interest to students of Alaskan history. Zelma Doig, Librarian at Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska, sent the following report on this material. In 1944 the Sitka Public Library Association purchased the private library of Andrews, author of THE STORY OF ALASKA, THE STORY OF SITKA, other books, and numerous articles on Alaska in newspapers and magazines. The collection was moved from place to place until 1962 when Sheldon Jackson College Library offered to house and make available this material. An agreement was drawn up for the cataloging, which is nearly three-fourths completed. There are approximately 850 books including accounts of early Pacific exploration, government documents, files of Alaska magazines, newspapers and manuscript material.

Plans for an addition to the Sheldon Jackson College Library were shelved in December as work was begun on plans for a new library building to be part of a cultural complex on the campus.

Marine scientists, oceanographers and graduate students will be interested to know that the Institute of Marine Science Library, University of Alaska at Fairbanks, now has an almost complete set of the INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW. It is the only set in the state of Alaska. Xerox reproductions will be furnished upon request.

The Arctic Institute of North America Library at Montreal has issued the proceeding notes of the first Colloquy on Northern Library Resources at Edmonton, Alberta, June 16-17, 1971. A limited number were produced for distribution to colloquy participants.

The University of Alaska Library at Fairbanks has just issued the first number of RECENT ACQUISITIONS: ALASKA AND THE POLAR REGIONS. Future issues will appear as needed. The primary purpose of the list is to inform faculty and students of newly cataloged material of interest. Individuals or institutions wishing to receive the list should write to Charles Parr, the library's Arctic bibliographer.

A 75-foot long, hand-drawn map of the Yukon River was discovered by the library while reviewing its holdings. The cartographer is unknown; date of the map is sometime prior to 1906.

The second Northern Libraries Colloquy will be held May 31 - June 1, 1972, at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory at Hanover, New Hampshire 03755. Eunice Salisbury, librarian for CREEL, reports that contacts are now being made for program participants.

The Alaska Library Association's 12th annual conference is March 22-25 in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Featured speakers are Dr. Peter Hiatt of WICHE, Dr. Lawrence Allen of the University of Kentucky, and Richard Engen, Director of the Alaska Division of State Libraries, who will deliver the State of the Library address.

Several education programs for satellite communication to 24 Alaska villages are being jointly sponsored by the Alaska Library Association, University of Alaska and Fairbanks North Star Borough Library. Alaska native storytellers share stories of their history and way of life in both English and their native tongue. Village dwellers can respond with questions and comments about the stories or contribute their own stories on the Village Circle Story Exchange. Another program produced weekly is "What Do You Want to Know" discussing special topics as early childhood development, library aide training, etc.

The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies will once again be having its Arctic Summer School Course in cooperation with the University of Alberta's Department of Extension. Anyone interested should write to Professor C. W. Lockwood, Assistant Director, Department of Extension, the University of Alberta, Edmonton 7, Alberta, Canada. This course is designed to provide senior and middle management personnel from private industry and government with an opportunity to become familiar with developments and problems in Northern Canada.

Anne Hemstock is currently on a tour to the Yukon and Alaska to pick up the last items for the Yukon Bibliography. It's hoped it will be printed and available in the late summer.

Anita Cooke, librarian for the Boreal Institute, kindly called to my attention that wedding bells rang for Kathleen Blackie, editor of ARCTIC AND ALPINE RESEARCH, University of Colorado at Boulder. She is now Mrs. Kathleen Blackie Salzberg.

The Alaska Historical Library is nearly ready to publish A GUIDE TO THE ALASKA PACKERS ASSOCIATION RECORDS AND TO THE APA LIBRARY—a collection donated to the library in 1970 by Del Monte Corporation. The records of the Alaskan Packers Association form a manuscript collection reflecting the activities of Alaska's first and most powerful salmon canning concern. Chartered in 1893, this company remains in operation as a subsidiary of Del Monte Corporation. Of primary importance are the handwritten volumes titled History, covering the years 1891 to 1941 and Pack Reports for 1893-1957. This guide also provides a subject listing of the library collection divided into such groups as Alaskana, Voyages and Exploration, Fish and Fisheries, etc. The Voyages and Exploration section comprises many rare and valuable volumes as: the voyages of Cook, Vancouver, Krusenstern, Langsdorf and Kotzebue including several atlases as the Kotzebue atlas in Russian. These materials provide an in-depth resource collection for Alaska research and are particularly useful for those interested in the development of Alaska's fishing industry.

In preparation is a LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, MANUSCRIPTS AND REFERENCE DATA FROM THE FILES OF THE FEDERAL FIELD COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN ALASKA. When the Field Committee ceased operation in 1971 after producing many significant economic studies, their file of publications, the original manuscripts and reference file of village information was placed in the Alaska Historical Library. The library also has related files from the U.S. Alaska Power Administration showing their participation efforts on the Federal Field Committee.

The Trans Alaska Pipeline hearings held in Anchorage February 16 - March 1, 1971, by the U.S. Department of the Interior, are available for reference use in the Alaska Historical Library. They include 10 volumes of transcript, 11 volumes of supplemental testimony and 15 volumes of exhibits submitted by witnesses.

Pat Smith, Chief of Public Library Services for the Northwest Territories in Canada, kindly sent us the following report: In the years since the inception of the N.W.T. Library Services, in 1965, the number of member libraries has grown to 15. These are located at Aklavik; Cambridge Bay; Coral Harbour; Eskimo Point; Fort McPherson; Fort Simpson; Fort Smith; Frobisher Bay; Hay River; Inuvik; Norman Wells; Pine Point; Rankin Inlet; Tuktoyaktuk; and Yellowknife. We anticipate the membership of Fort Norman, Fort Providence and Fort Resolution early in 1972. In addition, we expect to develop at least 4 more in the Eastern Arctic during 1972.

During the first week in November, we held our third annual Local Librarians' Workshop, in Hay River, N.W.T. This workshop brings together the librarians from communities scattered across the N.W.T. and enables each one to discuss problems not only with the headquarters staff but also with each other and does much to break down the feeling of isolation. The routines, which are uniform throughout the system, are written down in our HANDBOOK FOR LIBRARIANS; and any revisions or new routines are developed as part of mutual discussion and suggestions at the workshops. This year's workshop was a particularly exciting one from the point of view of development of work with Northern indigenous people in Eskimo Point and Rankin Inlet with the use of Adult Education audio-visual aids, particularly VT/R equipment. Eskimo Point has started having a special Adult Night to balance the special children's story hour feature. Here they show films and tapes which they know will be of interest to the local people. With a grant received from the Pi Beta Phi fraternity, we expect to put VT/R equipment into Rankin Inlet so that a regular exchange of materials can take place between these two libraries. Hopefully, if funds permit, this type of programme will eventually develop throughout the system. We feel very strongly that the emphasis on our work must be with the older Northern people to whom so much change is taking place but who have the least means of communication media to be able to understand and participate in this change.

The Library Services division has been transferred from the Department of the Territorial Secretary to the Department of Local Government. More emphasis on our role as an active programme division should now develop and less on service encouraging the settlements to participate in their local library service and be part of the organization of it.

The University of Alaska Archives, Fairbanks, has completed the Ralph J. Rivers index. The bound, 132-page volume contains the inventory to the papers of Alaska's first U.S. Representative to Congress, 1959-1966. The table of contents includes biographical notes, preface, record series description and register of papers, such as the congressional bill file, the legislative and department files and a host of others reflecting the complexities confronted by Alaska's first Congressional Delegations. The index, the third published by the Archives, is available to researchers and scholars.

The Lulu M. Fairbanks Collection of the University of Alaska Archives consists of 10 feet of clippings, correspondence, photo, subject and miscellaneous files of Alaskan or Alaska-related material, most of which deal within the time period of 1922-1940. Lulu, or "Fairy," as she liked to be called, was star reporter and editor on the staff of the Alaska Weekly of Seattle, Washington, from 1922 until the paper folded in 1956. Later Miss Fairbanks became secretary of both the Sourdough Reunion Inc. and the Alaska Friends Inc. and served in this capacity until her death in 1968. Her very personal and close contact with Alaska's early pioneers is reflected in correspondence, which is often touching and always informative. The special relationship she had with Alaska's pioneers is evident throughout the files, enhancing, not depreciating her keen sense

for news and the newsworthy. This collection provides a fine source of material for those interested in Alaska's pioneers.

A recent acquisition of the University of Alaska Archives, the William B. Ballou papers, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, a photograph of Ballou, drawings of the interior of his cabin, maps showing the location of his claims and a manuscript re-authored. Ballou was employed as a railroad agent in Vermont in 1890, but dreaming of a new horizon which in 1898 took him to Alaska. Beginning with a travel log, which Ballou wrote for newspaper publication, he describes his trip to San Francisco, his journey on a schooner to St. Michael and up the treacherous Yukon River to Rampart City joining a search for gold. In the following years he describes (for the folks back home) Rampart City and its society, business matters—such as prospecting, mining or accounting—and his personal exploits. The correspondence becomes less frequent after 1911, and 1918 finds William with wife and son, in Seattle, being employed by Pacific Audit and System Co. Inc. but still retaining his mining interest in Alaska.

Pioneer Edby (Edward William) Davis has donated his personal collection of diaries, manuscripts, correspondence, notebooks, journals and photos to the University of Alaska Archives. Outstanding in the collection are the Davis diaries with daily entries from 1914-1965 which mention historical events, business transactions, fires, flood, earthquakes, prominent Alaskans and descriptions of daily events. It is a particularly significant source for research into the past of the city of Fairbanks.

Audrey Dawe, Library Division Chief, National Museums of Canada, reports that the renovation of the Victoria Memorial Museum is slowly progressing and after much confusion some offices have now been set up outside the main library.

A new, revised edition of the MUSEUMS PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUE will be issued by the Information Canada Library and available on request from the National Museums of Canada, Library, Ottawa, KIA OM8.

If anyone has the book or can furnish information on the book SOUTH NAHANNI, by Fenley Hunter, please send bibliographic data on it to Audrey Dawe.

Dr. R. J. McGhee, head of the Northern Canada Section of the Archaeological Survey of Canada (formerly Archaeology Division, Museum of Man), has in galley proof a monograph "Copper Eskimo Prehistory" which should appear shortly in PUBLICATIONS IN ARCHAEOLOGY.

Johnson Reprint Corporation has reprinted "Life of the Copper Eskimos" by Diamond Jenness. This was originally published by the National Museum of Canada in the CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPEDITION REPORTS, Vol. 12, pt. A., 1922.

Scott Polar Research Institute has started negotiations with Messrs. Mansell for the publication of the library's card catalogue. Harry King, librarian, estimates the catalogue will require about 15 volumes.

In December the S. P. R. I. library was visited by Mr. David Chamberlain representing the Ontario Education Communications Authority of Toronto. Mr. Chamberlain's immediate purpose was to photograph archival material in the Institute's collection for use in a television programme on 18 January commemorating the 60th anniversary of the achievement of the South Pole by Scott and Amundsen. However, the long-term objectives of the O. E. C. A. Pan Arctic Archival Project will be of interest to readers of the Bulletin. Very briefly, the O. E. C. A. plans to build up an archive of Arctic and Antarctic history in the form of films, photographs, and recorded sound which can be made available on request not only to schools within the Authority's area but also to institutions

and individuals anywhere wishing to illustrate courses on the polar regions. The compilation of the material will be spread over a five-year period and will be grouped under such headings as Physiology, Sociology, Environment, Scientific, Political, and Economics.

As from the 1 January 1972 Alan Cooke takes over the editorship of *Polar Record* from Max Forbes. Clive Holland will be carrying out Max's second function of running the museum in addition to cataloguing and abstracting in the library.

As from 1 January 1972 the name of the Glaciological Society is changed to the International Glaciological Society. The secretariat will continue to be c/o the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England.

The Hakluyt Society has agreed to publish the autobiography of John Rae (1813-1893), explorer of Arctic Canada—an original manuscript in the SPRI's collection (ms. 787/1). It will be edited by Alan Cooke.

The Arctic Institute of North America invites applications for the position of librarian. The Institute, a non-profit research and educational organization, is seeking an experienced librarian with a degree from an accredited library school to take charge of its special library of 15,000 volumes in Montreal. Administrative and reference experience is essential. Knowledge of northern geography and circumpolar languages an asset. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Position open March, 1972. Send application and curriculum vitae to Director, Montreal Office, The Arctic Institute of North America, 2458 Redpath Street, Montreal 109, Quebec.

Editor's Lament:

Libraries are information centers; an established fact.
"So in order to record it,
Please do not hoard it."

Send in news notes, one and all!
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