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14th Colloquy at Columbus, Ohio in May

The Fourteenth Polar Libraries Colloquy is scheduled for May 3-8 in Columbus, Ohio. Hosted by the Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State University, and supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the colloquy will focus on international sharing of polar information resources. The colloquy invitation states:

The 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy will be a forum for sharing information on current international initiatives which aid in the bibliographic control of polar literature, especially gray literature, and will also provide an opportunity to share knowledge of specific polar libraries' collections. The colloquy will emphasize the current status of accessibility of polar information and ways in which the participants can cooperate, either as individuals or as a group, to further the goal of increasing access to this information.

A brief listing of the sessions follows:

■ **MONDAY, MAY 3:** Cooperative Databases and Database Products, chaired by Ross Goodwin, Arctic Institute of North America, will include papers on the U.S. Polar Bibliographic Information System, presentations on POLARPAC, NISC, WAVES and arctic interactive databases. The afternoon session will focus on more sources of information, including CRREL and Antarctic bibliographies, the Canadian Polar Information Systems, BIBSYS, and reports from the

Kola Science Center and the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

■ **TUESDAY, MAY 4:** The first session

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will be on Polar Archival Resources, including papers presented from the Dartmouth College Library; the Regional

Archives at Harnosand, Sweden; the Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; the Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State University; the Arctic Centre of Rovaniemi, Finland; and the Kola Science Center. Antarctic information sources will be presented by representatives of the British Antarctic Survey; the National Science Foundation, Division of Polar Programs; the International Antarctic Center of New Zealand; and the Scott Polar Research Institute.

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5:** the sessions will be held at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio and will focus on end users of polar information. Papers will be on the many ways researchers and library users find information, from a study of the information-seeking behavior of scientists to reprint collecting to user surveys and genealogical information sources.

■ **THURSDAY, MAY 6:** editors of polar journals will hold a panel discussion, which will be followed by a general examination by participants of whether the colloquy should become a formal organization. The business meeting will convene in the afternoon. The colloquy will end with a tour and closing reception at the Goldthwait Polar Library.

A white-water rafting trip in West Virginia is offered as a weekend tour for an exciting outdoor end to the conference. It will be a very full week. Thanks to Lynn Lay and the staff of the Byrd Research Center for planning such an interesting conference. See you in Columbus!

CRREL

by Nancy Liston, CRREL

Hanover, New Hampshire will be breaking ground for construction of a new Technical Information Analysis Center in late summer 1992. The center will include a two floor 12,000 square foot library. The library will be equipped with 8 multimedia equipped carrels including LAN access, video, CD-ROM, and PC's. Everyone is very excited about the move. The remainder of the building will house the Information Management Division of CRREL, including editing, visual information, and the Information Systems Branch.

Volume 44 of The Bibliography on Cold Regions Science & Technology is available from NTIS using ADA 240282, Part 1 and ADA 239979, Part 2.

Anyone who is not receiving the Current Literature (last one sent Dec. 1991.) should contact Lisa Hoffmeister at CRREL 603-646-4338.



Geophysical Institute Honors Former Director

The Geophysical Institute Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks will be named for one of the past directors of the Institute. It will now be called the Keith B. Mather Library, Geophysical Institute. Dr. Mather was an enthusiastic supporter of the Library during his tenure at the Institute. The faculty, staff, and students are pleased that the library will now carry his name.

Cold Regions Bibliographies at Library of Congress

by Stuart Hibben, Library of Congress

The program to modernize production of the CRREL and Antarctic Bibliographies at LOC is proceeding, although lagging behind the original schedule. Specifications for the new system software have been completed and will be incorporated in a formal Request For Proposal, which should be issued for bids shortly. Our NSF and CRREL sponsors have each committed \$50K to this effort, which is to be obligated in the current fiscal year.

As outlined in the previous bulletin, the new input system will use MS-DOS work stations in a LAN, tied to a host computer and LOC'S mainframe, with later network connection for outside user access. The plan calls for using CRREL's Sun computer as host. Work stations are now being installed in the project, and staff are being trained in WordPerfect for inputting.

As an interim step pending the new system procurement, we are converting the citation input process to coded WordPerfect format, so entries can be uploaded from diskette directly to the database on LOC's mainframe. This will eliminate the present tedious ATS tape queueing system, which has been used since the project was first automated over 20 years ago.

Coincidentally, the Library's Science and Technology Division, of which Cold Regions is a part, has itself been scheduled for a major modernization and expansion. Our redesign project thus represents a pilot effort in this larger program, and we hope to profit by the added momentum. For a start, LOC authorities have promised to expedite our procurement process, which we hope to see completed by midsummer.

Searching Colloquy Proceedings

by Ron Inouye, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

An often unrecognized source of northern and polar information can be found in the proceedings from the meetings of the "Northern Libraries Colloquy: currently known as the "Polar Libraries Colloquy." The proceedings from the 12th Colloquy (1988) in Boulder, Colorado, and the 13th Colloquy (1990) in

Rovaniemi, Finland, are listed in the UAF Rasmuson Library's on-line "Bibliography of Alaska and Polar Regions" or on the recently issued CD-ROM, "PolarPac II".

Let me know if you have any questions about utilizing the "Bibliography of Alaska and Polar Regions" either on-line or as part of "PolarPac II".

Polar Libraries Bulletin

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Formerly entitled *Northern Libraries Bulletin*, this is the fifth issue of the *Bulletin* which reflects the name change of the Northern Libraries Colloquy to Polar Libraries Colloquy which was approved at the June 1988 biennial meeting.

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Deadline for our next issue is June 30, 1992.

Please send news items to: *Polar Libraries Bulletin*, address above, or c/o Nancy Lesh, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, U.S.A. (Telephone: 907-786-1877; FAX: 907-786-1608).

International Permafrost Association Update

by Jerry Brown

Jerry Brown, now retired after serving as head of the National Science Foundation's Division of Polar Programs, is chairman of the International Permafrost Association Editorial Committee

The International Permafrost Association, representing eighteen adhering member countries, reports the following major activities. Plans for the Sixth International Conference on Permafrost to be held in Beijing, China, July 5-9, 1993, are well underway. Over 200 abstracts have been received with the preparation and review of papers to be completed by Fall 1992. Conference field trips to the Tibet Plateau and Northeast China are planned. In addition to the publication of the proceedings, several other publications are scheduled to appear for the Conference: a special issue of the new journal PERMAFROST AND PERIGLACIAL

PROCESSES on the subject of permafrost and climate; a circumarctic permafrost map at the scale of 1:10,000,000; and a fifteen year (1978-1992) cumulative bibliography of world permafrost literature. Other IPA activities include preparation of a five-language glossary of permafrost and ground ice terminology (English, French, Spanish, German, and Russian) and a more comprehensive Russian-English glossary containing over 2000 Russian terms. Information on these and other national and international activities related to permafrost and seasonally frozen ground are reported semi-annually in the IPA News Bulletin **FROZEN GROUND**. Additional information on the above can be obtained from: Jerry Brown, Chairman, IPA Editorial Committee, P. O. Box 9200, Arlington, VA 22219-0200

Canadian Polar Information System Update

by Ross Goodwin, Arctic Institute of North America

The proposed Canadian Polar Information System (CPIS) has moved significantly closer to reality during the past few months. The long awaited Canadian Polar Commission was created in September, and held its founding meeting in Yellowknife in November. At that meeting Robin Minion from the Canadian Circumpolar Library and Ross Goodwin from the Arctic Institute of North America presented the results of their work on the design of a CPIS. The Commission agreed to support further CPIS design work, and has set up a small committee to oversee that work as well as to investigate possible management structures, market potential, and funding

possibilities for the system. While the Commission budget includes funding for design and development work on CPIS over the next two years, the Commission does not at present have operating funding for the system. That major hurdle remains to be faced. In the meantime, small contracts have been issued to CCL and AINA for the preparation of a report describing the CPIS design work thus far for work on the bibliographic record formats to be used in the system, and for the first phase of work on the CPIS subject thesaurus. The results of this work will be reported at the 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy.

Geophysical Institute Library Update

by Judie Triplehorn, Geophysical Institute

The Geophysical Institute Library has added a number of new CD-ROM products. These include the following which can be searched by patrons in the library in the Elvey Building from 8-5p.m. Monday-Friday.

GEOREF - (Bibliography + Index of Geology) 1785-present
Geophysics of North America
Data from the Deep Sea Drilling Project

Environment Canada Hydat
Solar Variability affecting Earth
Earth Sciences (U.S.G.S. Library holdings, data directory + map index)
INSPEC - Physics section

These are all now listed with Geophysical Institute holdings on GNOSIS.

The Library is now utilizing the GNOSIS circulation system which will aid other library patrons in locating materials from this specialized collection. For further information, contact Judie Triplehorn, Geophysical Institute Library, 474-7412.

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Time Out: Planning and Enjoying your Sabbatical

by Judie Triplehorn,
Geophysical Institute

Are you tired of your job and desire to travel, do research or explore another subject area? Try a leave of absence or a sabbatical from your job. The rewards are great both for you and your employer. A leave can give you a new perspective for your job with fresh ideas and expanded networking contacts. It used to be that sabbaticals were only granted in the academic community, but now this is expanding to the government and business sector. You don't need to have an advanced degree to apply; there are opportunities at all levels.

The idea for my sabbatical started when I read a Fulbright ad in a professional library journal. I requested the application which was fairly short, asking for an outline of my proposed program, my resume and references. This was easily filled out in a weekend. I also applied for a university sabbatical for 12 months. In the end, I received 15 months of leave from my job: 3 months on a Fulbright and 12 months on University Sabbatical.

My Fulbright was spent at Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England, working on arctic science information sources. To review the collection, I used the RLG Conspectus methodology which gave me an opportunity to look at the science materials in detail. My other projects were an ongoing collection of references on Alaska volcanoes and earthquakes, arctic science bibliographies, and arctic climate data sources. My Fulbright funding also allowed me to make a number of trips to ASLIB, INSPEC, Royal Society Library, British Geological Survey, as well as to the numerous specialized libraries.

On my university sabbatical, I spent the next three months at the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa, Canada, working half time at the Reference Desk and half time on my research. This was a wonderful way to learn the Canadian reference tools and their computer systems. My research evolved into a publication with Doug Tedford on

provincial geological sources. Also, I was able to tour special libraries in the Ottawa area and participate in some special library meetings.

The following nine months were spent at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia; half-time at the Reference Desk and half time on my research project on Alaska climate data at the National Archives, Smithsonian, and the Library of Congress. My reference job was very challenging with all the CD-Rom products and the wonderful reference and map collections.

The above is just a broad overview of my sabbatical year and the educational and research benefits. To help those interested in planning a sabbatical, I include a list of planning considerations as well as a list of funding agencies.

■ Money

- sufficient for planned activities
- emergency funds and how to obtain
- airfare cost
- housing (furnished or unfurnished)
- transportation to work, grocery, and recreation
- bank account set up before leaving
- bank holidays
- money on day of arrival
- physically how to carry
- kinds of travelers checks and denominations

■ Transportation

- air, bus, train
- international driver's license
- car rental and insurance

■ Insurance - medical, life, home

■ Rental home

- how to locate newspapers, coworkers or ?
- utilities included in rental
- phone and deposit
- transportation to laundry and groceries

■ Communication

- phone numbers where you will be
- Bitnet numbers
- calls from work phone

■ Present home

- renters and their credentials
- rental insurance
- phone and utilities included
- phone deposit
- phone: whose name
- repairs large and small

■ Cars - storage

■ Pets

- veterinarian
- shot record

■ Medical problems

- in country with socialized medicine
- shots

I hope this article will help you plan for your sabbatical with the attached list of agencies which offer programs.

Committee on Scholarly Communications with the People's Republic of China (CSCPRC), National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418. Research grants to China.

Center for International Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202: 202/708-7238. Faculty research abroad, group projects and seminars overseas, and special bilateral activities.

Institute of International Education (IIE), 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y., 10017; 212/984-5329. Grants for predoctoral study or research abroad.

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), 126 Alexander Street, Princeton, N.J. 08540-5329. Research grants to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

University Affiliations Program, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; 202/619-4555. One-time institutional seed grants for faculty exchange between U.S. and non-U.S. postsecondary institutions.

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, United States Information

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CONFERENCES

21-23 APRIL 1992

Tourism in Polar Areas Alsace, France

Contact: CIFIEN (the information and education center
about wildlife and natural spaces
Attention to Laurence Girard
28, rue Bezout
75014 PARIS FRANCE
Tel: 33-1-40-47-05-27
Fax: 33-1-40-47-07-63

MAY 4-6, 1992

Second Circumpolar Symposium on Remote Sensing of Arctic Environments

Tromsø, Norway
Contact: The Roald Amundsen Centre
for Arctic Research
University of Tromsø
N-9000 Tromsø, Norway
Tel: 47-83-45-240
Fax: 47-83-80-705

JULY 20-24, 1992

6th Inuit Circumpolar Conference General Assembly and Elders Conference "One Arctic-One Future"

Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.
Further Information: Peggy Jay, P.O. Box 2120,
Inuvik, N.W.T. XOE0T0, telephone (403) 979-
2737; Fax (403) 979-2135

AUGUST 12-14, 1992

New Perspectives on the Arctic: The Changing Role of the United States in the Circumpolar North

A Conference on U.S. Arctic Policy
University of Alaska Fairbanks
For further information contact
Elizabeth Leighton
Office of the Vice Chancellor
for Research
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, AK 99775
Tel: 907-474-6634
Fax: 907-474-7225

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 1992

International Conference on Arctic Margins Anchorage, Alaska

This conference will focus on the geology of the
Arctic margins north of 60 N. latitude. Further
information: David Steffy or Dennis Thurson,
Alaska Geological Society,
P.O. Box 101288, Anchorage, Alaska

SEPTEMBER 8-12 1992

The 43rd Division Science Conference AAAS, Valdez, Alaska.

Further information: Ken Dean or Cindy Wilson,
Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-0800,
telephone: (907) 474-7364 or (907) 474-7954;
Fax: (907) 474-7290

SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 3, 1992

1st Circumpolar Agricultural Conference Whitehorse, Yukon Canada

International Conference on Research, Produc-
tion, Policy and Market
Development for:
Sustainable Agriculture
in a Circumpolar Environment
Information:

Circumpolar Agricultural
Conference Headquarters
103-302 Steele St.
Whitehorse, Yukon
CANADA Y1A 2C5
Tel: 01-403-668-7663
Fax: 01-403-633-3067

25-28 OCTOBER, 1992

8th Institute Studies Conference "Inuit Collective Rights and Powers"

Quebec City, Canada
Contact: Louis-Jacques Dorais
Dept. d'anthropologie
Universite Laval
Quebec, Canada G1K 7P4
Tel: 1418-656-7827
Fax: 1418-656-3032

OCTOBER 28-31, 1992

First International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences "1992-Social Sciences in the North"

Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada
Contact: Ludger Muller-Wille
Department of Geography,
IASSA McGill University
805 Sherbrooke St. W
Montreal, Quebec Canada H3A 2K6
CANADA
Tel: 1-514-398-4960
fax: 1-514-398-7437

NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 3, 1992

Circumpolar Universities Cooperation Conference

Rovaniemi, Finland
Further information: Ms. Outi Snellman,
University of Lapland, P.O. Box 122, SF-96101,
Rovaniemi, Finland. Telephone: 358-60-324208;
Fax: 358-60-324-207

JULY 5-9, 1993

Sixth International Permafrost Conference Beijing, China

Contact: IPA Editorial Committee
P. O. Box 9200
Arlington, VA 22219-0200



No More Cabin Fever!

by Ronald K. Inouye, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library

Cabin fever got you down? Tired of your same old job? Consider a professional exchange, sabbatical, or volunteering in a polar library of your dreams, or even going back to school for rereading.

I had just such an opportunity at the Scott Polar Research Institute, (SPRI) to participate in the Cambridge University's Polar Studies program. Having UAF Rasmuson Library and having heard wonderful stories from Alaskans who visited SPRI

I was eager for such an opportunity.

Using the SPRI library was a significant component of the Polar Studies program. The course and library greatly broadened my conceptions of the arctic and polar regions beyond Alaska. From the elementary level of book organization (UDC vs. LC) to the propriety and decorum of student behavior, things were different.

Cambridge libraries ranged from many comfortable specialized libraries like the SPRI, to the vast University Library, a national depository with millions of volumes, to the delightful city of Cambridge Library, full of children's and popular books situated in the downtown shopping area much like our Fairbanks Noel Wien Library. A Catabrian acquaintance became the "Americanist" at the British Library in London so I also visited that remarkable institution.

So when you need to shake cabin fever with a change of pace, consider a polar library where you might arrange an exchange or a sabbatical, volunteer time, or take some academic courses. I did, and it was wonderful!

Elmer E. Rasmuson Library Signs Agreement with the Kola Science Center

by Sharon West, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks*

In April, 1991, Apatity, Murmansk region, U.S.S.R. was the location of a meeting between representatives of the Kola Science Centre, Institute of Informatics and Mathematical Modelling; the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland; and the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks. The Kola Science Centre, organized into ten research institutes, is the northern-most branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop opportunities for cooperative work between the three institutions for establishing a common information system for the Arctic regions. The Kola Science Centre is an important component of such a system due to its research work in the Soviet North since 1939. As a result of the meeting, the three institutions signed a protocol agreement laying out the mechanisms for the participation of the Kola Science Center in the Arctic Information System.

Developing an arctic information system has long been a goal of polar librarians worldwide. In 1990, with the assistance of funding received from the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Rasmuson Library was able to produce PolarPAC, an international CD-ROM database. PolarPAC is produced off the WLN database by the Western Library Network, a bibliographic utility located in Olympia, Washington. A second edition was produced in the fall of 1991, and included indexes as well as standard bibliographic records.

In addition, the protocol calls for further personal contacts between representatives from each institution; the development of telecommunication links among the three institutions; the sharing of bibliographic abstract and full text information electronically; and the development of protocols for sharing

resources and the provision of mutually beneficial research services.

Paul McCarthy, Director of Libraries, Sharon West, Steven Smith and Tamara Lincoln represented the Rasmuson Library, while Liisa Kurppa and Arto Vitikka represented the Arctic Centre, located at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland. Dr. Vladimir Putilov, Head of the Institute of Informatics and Mathematical Modelling, and Dr. Anatoly Vinogradov, Main Scientific Secretary, Kola Science Centre, signed the agreement upon behalf of the Centre.

Following the Polar Libraries Colloquy, Dr. Vladimir Putilov will be visiting the Rasmuson Library as part of the agreement.

Agreements with institutions in the Russian Far East are also being explored. Dr. V.V. Philippov of Yakutsk University visited the Library in early 1992 and representatives from Magadan and Vladivostok have been contacted. For further information, contact Paul McCarthy, Director of Libraries, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775: 907/474-7224 or 907/474-6841 (FAX).

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SABBATICAL, continued

Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; 202/619-4555. Grants for teacher exchange and participation in summer seminars abroad, principally for primary and secondary level educators.

Grants for foreign nationals to study, teach, conduct research or lecture in the United States are available through the binational commission or U.S. embassy in the country of citizenship.

Alaska Completes Newspaper Holdings Survey

by Kay Shelton, Historical Library, a section of the Alaska State Library

The Alaska State Library, with assistance from the University of Alaska Anchorage Consortium Library and the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at UAF, spent the last year surveying Alaska's libraries, museums, historical societies, newspapers offices, and individual collectors in an attempt to find holdings of historic newspapers. The survey is part of the United States Newspaper Project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in an effort to identify, describe, preserve and make available to researchers all newspapers published in Alaska since 1866. (Yes, the earliest known paper was *The ESQUIMAUX*, produced by the Russian-American

telegraph company, one year before Alaska was purchased from Russia.)

Alaska joins over thirty other states which are working on documenting their state's newspapers for the U.S. Newspaper Project. The overall goal of the Alaska project is to preserve the state's history through newspapers and to eventually make the information available to researchers by cataloging the titles on a national database.

The \$40,313 NEH grant funded a statewide survey of historic newspapers and tabloids. While libraries in the state have supported an on-going microfilm project, a complete survey was needed to catch titles and issues which were missed

during an initial survey in the early 1970's. It was hoped that elusive issues to such titles as the *Porcupine Nugget*, the *Mukluk Telegraph*, the *Servian Montenegrin*, and the *Chena Herald* would turn up.

The project began when the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library sent a printout of the ALASKA NEWSPAPER TREE, a newspaper database, to the Consortium Library, the Alaska State Library, and the Anchorage Municipal Library. Each of these libraries in turn made an exhaustive search of their holdings to update and document as many titles as possible. The Alaska State Library then designed surveys to collect holdings information from all Alaska repositories. Survey return was good: 62% of small institutions and 91% of large institutions sent responses. Overall response was 63%. New titles were added to the database as they were found. A total of approximately 942 titles published in Alaska and 30 non-Alaska U.S. titles were identified.

Access to bibliographic databases was also checked. Of the 943 Alaska titles, only 185, or 20%, had full cataloging on WLN (the Western Library Network). No cataloging was found for 416, or 44%, of the titles. The remainder had something less than full cataloging on the network.

In addition, all microfilm masters of newspapers were checked for quality, condition, and readability. Since much of the filming predated the establishment of modern film laboratories in the state, it is not surprising that 48% of the film was of only fair to poor quality.

The second phase of the Alaska Newspaper Project will be to transfer the information from the original format to archival quality microfilm and to make the titles of Alaska's historic newspapers available through a national database. The deterioration of newspapers is a statewide concern; the identification of titles and where they were published should allow us to find out what can be preserved. The microfilming of these holdings and entering the titles onto state and national databases will then make them available to all. The Alaska State Library is presently preparing the grant request to pursue these preservation and access goals.

New Publications

GEOCRYOLOGY: The Russian Academy of Sciences announces the publication of a new journal *GEOCRYOLOGY*. It will be published quarterly by Wiley-Nauka Scientific Publishers starting in 1992, in English, and be devoted to papers on permafrost science and engineering by Russian authors. Additional information is available from Wiley Subscriptions Department, West Sussex, PO19 1UD England.

POLARPAC II available in December 1991: Holdings input, record tapeloading, and non-MARC to MARC conversions are now being completed in preparation for the production of the 2nd edition of POLARPAC. POLARPAC is a CD-ROM database of international polar regional information. The 1st edition, published in June 1990, included the holdings of 34 libraries worldwide, including those of eight Alaska WLN members. It contained over 85,000 bibliographic records and almost 160,000 call numbers. The second edition was published December 1991. It contains serials holdings from a total of 45 international libraries and several new databases and polar collections including: the monographic holdings from the World Data

Center A for Glaciology/National Snow and Ice Data Center CITATION bibliographic database; the Bibliography of Alaskana from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; the Byrd Polar Research Center Goldthwait Library at Ohio State University; and the Oil Spill Public Information Center (OSPIC) database of materials related to the Prince William Sound Exxon Valdez oil spill. More than 80,000 additional bibliographic records are included in the 2nd edition.

The price for POLARPAC, 2nd edition, is \$295.00. Contact Rush Brandis at WLN for additional information or to place an order. WLN, P.O. Box 3888, Lacey, WA 98503-0888. Tel. 206-459-6518, Fax. 206-459-6341.

THE POLAR RECORD: Journal published by the Scott Polar Research Institute. 1931-90 and continuation; 17 reels/35mm silver positive roll microfilm. Available from World Microfilms, Microworld House, 2-6 Foscoate Mews London W9 2HH England, Tel: 071-266-2202, Fax: 071-266-2314 or Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge University (*special note: Partial sets may be purchased to make up incomplete holdings. Prices on request.)

Native Culture Recorded in Two New Photo Collections at ASL

by Kay Shelton, Historical Library, a section of the Alaska State Library

BUTLER-DALE COLLECTION

A rare collection of 1930s photographs that document Native cultures in the Arctic and Western Alaska has been donated to the Alaska State Library's Historical Library. The photographs were taken by a husband and wife team, George Dale and Evelyn Butler, who worked as supervisors of small village schools for the Bureau of Indian Affairs between 1935 and 1951. The couple traveled extensively in rural Alaska during their first years in the territory. The photographs document traditional and daily activities such as making kayaks, skinning animals, making seal bladder floats, and carving ivory. The photos also depict the couple's travels through Alaska. Their transportation consisted of dog sled, showshoes, and sometimes aircraft.

The 940 photographs are small 3-inch by 2-inch prints, mounted in cardboard

slips with detailed captions written on the back. The photographs cover the years 1936-42. The library is in the process of compiling a guide to the collection.

REVEREND SAMUEL SPRIGGS COLLECTION, 1899-1908

This collection contains 63 lantern slides collected by Rev. Spriggs who served at the Presbyterian Mission in Pt. Barrow. He was accompanied by his wife and infant son. During the time of his tenure at this northernmost point, whaling vessels were still journeying north and U.S. Revenue Cutter Service vessels patrolled the coast. The Inupiat Eskimos of Point Barrow lived a subsistence lifestyle. The photographs reflect the traditional lifestyle of the people as well as the different lifestyles introduced by Mission activities.

IREX Focuses on U.S. Russian Relations

IREX (the International Research and Exchanges Board) has established a high-ranking committee whose major focus is relationships between United States and Russian information institutions. The committee, named the IREX Committee on Archival, Library, and Information Sciences, is headed by James Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Don Wilson, Archivist of the United States. Paul McCarthy, Director of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, has been named to the committee which will encourage information exchange among institutions and personnel.



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