A Roadmap to Navigate the Range of Polar Libraries, Databases, and Archives Online

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Overview

• Survey Results
• What resources do you use?
• How can we link and share resources?
30 Total Survey Respondents

- 13 from United States
- 6 from Canada
- 2 from Denmark
- 2 from Finland (Lapland)
- 2 from Germany
- 2 from UK (England and Scotland)
- 1 from New Zealand
- 1 from Norway (Svalbard)
- 1 from Argentina
Survey Respondents

- Documentation Center, Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty
- Nunavut Legislative Library, Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
- Library, National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA) Ltd
- Alaska Film Archives, Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Alaska and Polar Regions book and map collections, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Alaska Medical Library, Univ. of AK Anchorage
- Right now, we are going by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami library (we’re working towards a public opening for next summer and haven’t yet decided on a name).
- Nunavut Public Library Services
- Alaska and Polar Regions Collections & Archives, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Goldthwait Polar Library Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center The Ohio State University
- Lapponica, Northern information service
- Polar Collection National Library of Scotland
- Oral History Collection/Project Jukebox Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Arctic Institute of North America Collection, University of Calgary
- Roger G. Barry Archives and Resource Center, National Snow and Ice Data Center
- Geographische Zentralbibliothek, Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde Central Geographical Library, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography
- Scott Polar Research Institute part of the University of Cambridge
- Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval
- Archives and Special Collections UAA/APU Consortium Library University of Alaska Anchorage
- Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center Archival Program, The Ohio State University
- Lapland University Consortium Library
- The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) The library
- Archive of German Polar Research (AGPR), Alfred-Wegener-Institut Helmholtz-Centre of Polar and Marine Research
- Danish Arctic Institute
- Polar Library Dept. of Eskimology and Arctic Studies University of Copenhagen
- UAA/APU Consortium Library
- The Antarctic Circle
- Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research Library, University of Colorado Boulder
- Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary
Are you currently a member of the Polar Libraries Colloquy?

Answered: 30  Skipped: 0

Yes

No
Polar Libraries Online

• 100% of respondents have a web presence

• 96.55% of respondents have their catalogue online – from comments, some of the catalogues are partial or finding aids.

• 70% of respondents have other digital projects online.
Polar Libraries
Online

- https://www.youtube.com/user/alaskafilmarchives and http://vilda.alaska.edu/
- http://arctichealth.nlm.nih.gov/ (we manage this website for the National Library of Medicine)
- http://katiksugat.itk.ca/
- http://vilda.alaska.edu/; http://library.uaf.edu/apr-collections
- http://www.lib.noaa.gov/uhtbin/webcat (Books holdings only, serves all the NOAA Libraries)
- http://lapinkavijat.rovaniemi.fi
- http://www.nls.uk/learning-zone/geography-and-exploration
- www.jukebox.uaf.edu
- http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/polar_studies
- http://mercator.bibl.ulaval.ca/
- http://consortiumlibrary.org/archives/omeka/exhibits
- https://library.osu.edu/find/collections/byrd-polar-archives/online-resources/
- http://libguides.ulaland.fi/c.php?g=208405 (educational resource, more in Finnish)
- For partial sampling see: https://consortiumlibrary.org//about/collections_partners.php; https://scholarworks.alaska.edu/
- Many throughout www.antarctic-circle.org
- www.arcticconnect.org
Mandate and Scope

- Arctic
- Antarctic
- Polar (both Arctic and...)
- Not geographical...
- Limited to a specific...

Answered: 30   Skipped: 0
Collections
Databases

![Bar Chart of Databases](chart.png)
• Inuit Studies (available via Érudit): https://etudinuit.erudit.org/
• The International Journal of Circumpolar Health: http://www.circumpolarhealthjournal.net/
• Autochtonia database (First Nations database): http://www.reseaudialog.ca/fr/outils/banque-documentaire-autochtonia/
• http://npolar.oria.no and other Norwegian catalogues
• Subito
• WorldCat: https://www.worldcat.org/
• British Library: http://www.bl.uk/
• Archivportal D: https://www.archivportal-d.de/
• GBV-Catalogue: http://gso.gbv.de/
• Pangea data base: https://www.pangaea.de/
• Natural Resources Canada Geographical Names: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/place-names/10786
• Natural Resources Canada Publications and Reports: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/publications/1138
• National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Archives: http://nctr.ca/map.php
• Inuit Qaujisarvingat: Inuit Knowledge Centre: http://www.inuitknowledge.ca/
• Hudson’s Bay Company Archives: http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/
• Arctic Portal: http://arcticportal.org/
What electronic resources do you use?
Linking and Sharing Resources
SPRI Polar Directory

http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/resources/directory/

- Search Polar libraries, museums, and organizations
- Browse by country
If your organization is not yet listed, you can add it to the Polar Directory by creating an account.
Create a new account

Fill in these details to create an account. Specify your e-mail address, and create a password.

E-mail address:

We will send a confirmation message to this address.

Now choose a password, and repeat it to confirm.

Password:

Must be at least 6 characters long, and including at least one letter and number.

Password (confirmation):

Please retypne to confirm.

Submit!
Update an entry

My entries

Arctic Institute of North America (AINA)

Request to become the manager of an organisation's entry

Use this form to request rights to edit an entry.

N.B.: Requests will be checked against our existing records.

Entry (organised by country then name): *
Your name: *
E-mail: * shannonv@ucalgary.ca
Give details of your role in the organisation: *

Submit!

* Items marked with an asterisk [*] are required fields and must be fully completed.
Libguides
How else can we connect to and share Polar resources online?
Thank You!

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