Hello from the 28th PLC in Québec City! Here’s a day-by-day summary, as posted on the conference blog by Sandy Campbell (SC) and Susanna Parikka (SP).

5 June 2022 • Sunday Evening • Ice-Breaker Party • Centre GéoStat • Université Laval

The Colloquy began with an icebreaker event that took place at the Centre GéoStat on the 4th floor of the Pavillon Jean-Charles Bonenfant. Our good friends Stéfano Biondo, Gaston Quirion and Joë Bouchard, who work here together, welcomed us with drinks and an array of hors d’oeuvres using local products, ranging from mini vol-au-vent with cheese and spinach through smoked salmon on crisp pastry.

While reconnecting with old friends from Norway, Finland, the UK, United States, and Canada, we had the opportunity to meet new friends from the United States, Sweden, Norway, and Canada.

This was a smaller group, but for many of us this is a first trip after the Covid pandemic and we know that many of our colleagues who would have liked to have attended were not able to be here. There will be more people at tomorrow’s sessions. We are also reminded that the first Colloquy, 50 years ago, had about 25 people in attendance. (SC)

6 June 2022 • Monday Morning • Welcome • Presentations

After time to chat and admire the items available for the silent auction, we listened to a greeting from Chantal St-Louis, Interim Director of the Library, Université Laval, who introduced the Hon. Michèle Audette, Senator, Senate of Canada, Parliament of Canada. Senator Audette gave an inspiring account of her personal history as an Innu woman, her work to raise up the profile of Indigenous people and, more specifically, her work on the Commission for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. She also gave us a new word, “Innuization”, the Innu version of Indigenization.

Stéfano and Joë gave us a brief slide show introduction to their visit to Mushuau-nipi, in the far north-east of Québec. (SC)

6 June 2022 • Monday Afternoon • Decolonization of Metadata Workshop

After lunch and a walk through the woods near the library, we resumed with the announcement
that our University of the Arctic Thematic Network, DALAM (Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archival Metadata) was unanimously approved at the UArctic Assembly on June 2. Now the hard work begins.

The rest of the afternoon was filled with Sharon Farnel's two part workshop on Decolonization of Metadata. In the first half, Sharon gave us an overview of decolonization issues and themes and showed how those have played out in the six years of decolonization work at the University of Alberta.

In the second half, the participants broke into small groups and, loosely guided by a series of questions, shared their activities in decolonization and the issues and problems that they see in the future. (SC)

7 June 2022 • Tuesday Afternoon • Presentations

Tuesday began with a lecture from Caroline Desbiens, Professor, Department of Geography, Laval University, who is also Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Heritage and Tourism. Dr. Desbiens spoke about the intersection of language and geography and how people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, express their relationship to the land.

Serge Ashini Goupil, cofounder, La Corporation du Mushuau-nipi and member of the Innu Nation of Matimekush-Lac John, gave a “Testimony to the Repatriation Process of Tangible and Intangible Heritage to the Nation Innue”. He spoke about having visited the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC to view the collections of Innu objects that are held there. He also talked about work with the nine Innu communities towards having a central museum where Innu collections can be held and cared for within the Innu Nation.

Sharon Farnel spoke about the Inuvialuit Voices Project, which was undertaken to capture elders’ stories, prompted by images held in the Inuvialuit Digital Library. The desire of the community is to make the capture of video within the Digital Library sufficiently simple so that an elder could view an image, press a button, and record stories about the image.

Sandy Campbell presented research on the number of local community members who were included as authors on primary health research in Inuit communities between 1999 and 2019. Of 151 published papers, 41 had local authors, and local authorship on 6 studies was unclear. Sandy also spoke about the difficulty of identifying which authors are members of the group being studied. (SC)

7 June 2022 • Tuesday Afternoon • Poster Session • Map Exhibit • Presentations

After lunch at the cafeteria in a neighboring building, we returned to hear Karina Peggau (Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State
It is with huge satisfaction, and no little relief, to report that La Bibliothèque de l’Université Laval very successfully hosted the 28th Polar Libraries Colloquy, *Sharing Polar Cultures and Knowledge: Perspectives from Libraries and Archives*, in Québec City, June 5-11, 2022. The conference focused on the contributions of librarians and archivists to the sharing of northern and polar cultures and knowledge. It also featured a workshop on decolonising library metadata. Inevitably the close of the colloquy coincides with the end of my role as chair and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their help during my extended term 2018-22:

- Joë Bouchard, Stéfano Biondo, Gaston Quirion and the team at Bibliothèque de l’Université Laval for their sustained efforts in planning and hosting the 28th Polar Libraries Colloquy. The determination and resilience they have shown in delivering the colloquy as an in-person event in the times we’ve faced has been just brilliant to behold. And their musical contributions to the last night of the colloquy was a joy too.
- The PLC Steering Committee—during difficult times in the Covid pandemic our quarterly Zoom meetings continued to be both fun and rewarding. In particular, Laura Kissel as secretary, Shannon Christoffersen as the previous chair, Sandy Campbell and Andrew Gray provided sound advice when needed.
- Juli Braund-Allen and Daria Carle for all of their hard work putting out the Polar Libraries Bulletin which they sustained over a long number of years.
- Christine Ericson and Susanna Parikka for stepping up as the new editors of the bulletin. I’d like to take this opportunity to issue a plea to readers to submit news and articles for subsequent bulletin issues.
- Johanne Raade, Library Director at the UiT - the Arctic University of Norway and Ivar Stokkeland, Head Librarian at the Norwegian Polar Institute, whose organizations will jointly host the 29th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Tromsø from 9-14th June 2024.
- The Director and my library team at the Scott Polar Research Institute for supporting me in this role.

It has been an honour and a joy to serve in this position for the past four years. Congratulations to Susanna Parikka, Library Director at the University of Lapland who has now taken over as the 2022-2024 PLC chair! I look forward to continuing to serve PLC, supporting Susanna as a past chair and of course contributing to the bulletin.

*Peter Lund*
Scott Polar Research Institute
University of Cambridge

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1. Outgoing chair Peter Lund called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

2. Peter announced winner of the Mills Prize:
   It is with great pleasure that the Polar Libraries Colloquy announces the 2022 winner of the William Mills Prize of Non-fiction Polar Books.
   **This year's winner is:** The Nansen Photographs by Geir Kløver,
   Published by The Fram Museum (Oslo), April 2021

   Geir Kløver's *The Nansen Photographs* uses documents and recovered photographs to tell the story of Norwegian Arctic explorer Fridtjof Nansen and his ground-breaking effort to reach the North Pole in the specially-designed polar ship the Fram. The book begins with the initial planning of the expedition in 1890 and continues until the end of Nansen's international lecture tour in 1897.

   Entries from the personal diaries of Nansen and seven of his crew members add to the story. The construction of the Fram is followed through numerous letters between Nansen and the ship's designer and builder, Colin Archer, and five previously unknown sets of drawings are included, from the initial proposal for the ship to the final design.

   Geir Kløver's text knits the varied content together into an impressive tribute to Nansen and the Fram.

3. On behalf of all of the PLC, Peter expressed thanks to all of the Mills Committee members:
   a. Julia Finn – Chair
   b. Milbry Polk
   c. Robert Stephenson
   d. Ron Inouye
   e. Donald Johnson

4. Treasurer's Report – Andrew Gray
   a. At the 2018 Colloquy, we took in $675 from the auction, and $800 membership fees
   b. We spent $310 in miscellaneous expenses, and $450 on the Wenger award.
   c. Since then, we spent $220 on website costs, $500 for the 2018 Mills Prize, $500 for the 2020 Mills Prize, and $900 in UArctic attendance costs in 2019.
   d. We also made a charitable donation of $500 in memoriam for David Walton
   e. As of the start of the Colloquy, we had reserves of approximately 20,000 USD

5. The PLC extends it’s sincere THANK YOU to Juli Braund-Allen and Daria O. Carle for their 16 years of service to the PLC in editing the Bulletin. We appreciate your long-lasting dedication to our organization!

6. Christie Erikson of UAA has volunteered to edit the Bulletin. Thank you Christie! We are looking for at least one other volunteer to assist Christie in this endeavor. Interested parties, please reach out to any member of the PLC steering committee.
Minutes of the 28th PLC Business Meeting continued

7. Steering Committee Members:
   a. Susanna Parikka is now the chair of PLC
   b. Peter Lund remains on the steering committee as past chair
   c. Shannon Christoffersen remains on the steering committee as ex-officio as web master
   d. Sandy Campbell remains on the committee as ex-officio as our representative at U of Arctic
   e. Christie Erikson joins the committee as ex-officio member as Bulletin editor
   f. Sharon Farnel joins the committee as ex-officio member as Liaison to the Thematic Network for the U of Arctic
   g. Ivar Stokkeland remains on the steering committee as co-host of the next PLC
   h. Johanne Raade joins the committee as co-host of the next PLC

8. The following members are sitting for election/re-election:
   a. Andrew Gray – would like to be re-elected as Treasurer
   b. Laura Kissel – would like to be re-elected as Secretary
   c. Stéfano Biondo – would like to run as Chair-Elect
   d. Cecilie Møldrup – would like to run as an at-large member
   e. Joë Bouchard – would like to run as an at-large member

9. All members standing for re-election/election were acclaimed. Congratulations to our new Steering Committee Members as well as our re-elected members.

10. Peter thanked our hosts: Joë, Stefano and Gaston, as well as all the team from Laval who made this such an exceptional week!

11. The next location for Colloquy, Tromsø, Norway, was acclaimed by the membership.

12. Peter introduced Susanna as the incoming Chair of the PLC

13. Susanna thanked Peter for his service (4 years instead of 2, due to COVID!)

14. Susanna closed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Kissel, PLC Secretary

Polar Libraries Colloquy Welcomes 2022-2024 Steering Committee

The Polar Libraries Colloquy would like to welcome the members of the 2022-2024 Steering Committee [see p. 6 for complete list]. The Colloquy would also like to thank the 2018-2022 PLC Steering Committee for their service and for staying on during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Particular thanks to Stéfano Biondo and Joë Bouchard, the hosts of the 28th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Québec, 2022, and to outgoing Steering Committee members, Shelly Sommer (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, Colorado, USA) and Bolette Olsen (University of Greenland, Greenland).

— Shannon Christoffersen
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Long-Time PLC *Bulletin* Editors Retire

by *Sandy Campbell*, PLC Liaison to UArctic
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Julianna Braund-Allen and Daria O. Carle have stepped down after 16 years as the PLC *Bulletin* editors. Juli and Daria began editing the *Bulletin* with issue 58 in 2006, following in the footsteps of some PLC stalwarts: Phyllis (Nottingham) DeMuth (issues 1-35), Nancy Lesh (issue 36), Nancy Lesh and Kay Shelton (issues 37-43), William Mills and Lynn Lay (issues 44-47), Nancy Lesh and Cathie Innes Taylor (issues 48-57). Juli and Daria assumed the editorship of the *Bulletin* at a time of change. They moved the *Bulletin* into the modern age of publication, first by publishing a digital version of the print copy and finally making the *Bulletin* a digital only product. They also improved the production quality, developing a new layout and creating an attractive visual identity that incorporates the PLC logo.

Juli’s and Daria’s editorial time covered seven Colloquies from Rome to Rovaniemi. While articles about upcoming Colloquies and reports from the Colloquies have been front and centre, the *Bulletin* also served as an important general communications venue. During this time, the *Bulletin* has both kept members apprised of the business activities of the PLC and provided a vehicle for information about new publications, collections, and libraries in the field of polar research.

As editors, Juli and Daria were always open to content from PLC members, regularly encouraging members to submit news and content from their libraries and archives. Their legacy includes not only an updated *Bulletin* format with a professional look and feel, but also a 16-year open access record of the work and activities of one of the most unique organizations in the library and information landscape. At the PLC Business Meeting in Québec City, Canada in June 2022, attendees recorded a vote of thanks to Juli and Daria for their “long-lasting dedication to our organization”. [See PLC Business Meeting Minutes on page 4 of this issue.]


**A Note from the Incoming PLC Chair**

It is with great pleasure I have started as the incoming PLC chair for the new period 2022-2024. Our collaboration within the PLC network, with our common interests and motivating aims, is important, especially during these insecure times with an ongoing war of aggression in Europe.

Within PLC we will continue with inspiring tasks, e.g., the work within the new University of the Arctic Thematic Network, Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM). Also, the preparations for our next Colloquy in Tromsø in 2024 have begun. Additionally we have some ideas for arranging webinars and renewing the *Bulletin*.

I will use this opportunity to once again thank all the organisers of the Québec PLC Colloquy 2022 for a wonderful and successful conference.

Let’s hope for a good and peaceful year in 2023!

*Susanna Parikka*, Library Director
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Meet Your New PLC Bulletin Co-Editors

As mentioned previously in this issue, Julianna Braund-Allen and Daria O. Carle have stepped down after 16 years as the PLC Bulletin editors. Juli and Daria have left some big shoes to fill, but your new co-editors are looking forward to the challenge!

Christie Ericson is the Electronic Resources Librarian and Languages Liaison at the UAA/APU Consortium Library in Anchorage, Alaska. The library serves both the University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University. Christie has been a (mostly lurking) PLC member since 2017 and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the organization as a co-editor. Her interests lie in the areas of electronic resource management and Nordic Languages.

Susanna Parikka comes from Lapland in Northern Finland, where she works as Library Director at Lapland University Consortium Library (LUC Library) in Rovaniemi. The library serves two organizations: University of Lapland and Lapland University of Applied Sciences. Susanna has been a member of PLC since 2012 and has enjoyed it very much. In addition to being a co-editor, Susanna is also the incoming PLC Chair. Her professional interests lie in the area of international collaboration.

Beginning in January 2023, Cecilie Tang Møldrup from the University of Copenhagen will join Christie and Susanna as a co-editor. Stay tuned to learn more about Cecilie!

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Send Us Your Webinar Ideas!

There has been discussion about hosting webinars in between in-person Colloquy meetings, but we need your help. What topics would you like to see offered as webinars? Do you have expertise you would like to share? Send your ideas and suggestions to the editors at the contact information listed above.

Tromsø, Norway (Image by Michelle Raponi from Pixabay)
Bonjour, Hello! The 28th Polar Libraries Colloquy held in Québec City, Québec, was my fifth time attending PLC – I have been participating since the 2012 PLC in Boulder, Colorado. As a past PLC Chair and a current member of the steering committee, I was very grateful to receive this year’s Wenger Award to enable my attendance.

As a presenter at the 2022 Colloquy, I was able to speak on my experiences with research data management and provide a brief introduction to the topic for my fellow polar librarians. I also participated in a panel discussion on the same topic with my colleague at the Canadian Consortium for Arctic Data Interoperability (CCADI), Étienne Godin, and Martine Gagnon, a consulting librarian with Université Laval. Daniela Zavala-Mora, another librarian at Laval, did an excellent job moderating the panel session. It was a lively and useful discussion for the panelists and, I hope, for the audience! My final presenting contribution was a poster introducing our new database, the soon to launch AIDA: Arctic Information Discovery & Access.

This year’s PLC marked the introduction of the PLC-hosted University of the Arctic thematic network on Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM) and was the site of DALAM’s first workshop. Sharon Farnel led workshop participants through a discussion on Decolonizing Metadata: Enabling Sharing of Cultures through Respectful Representation. As a vice-chair for this thematic network, I was thrilled to see its launch and participate in its inaugural workshop.

In addition to the great presentations and networking opportunities, I was also happy to visit beautiful Quebec. Our wonderful hosts, Stéfano Biondo, Joë Bouchard, and Gaston Quirion, took every opportunity to showcase their lovely city to their PLC guests and introduce us to local culture and experiences. Personal highlights for me were the Tour of Charlevoix – especially the opportunity to see paper made – and the Banquet where I had the honour and joy to co-host the live auction with the always-hilarious Stéfano!

As always, PLC was a fantastic experience. I am saving up my pennies and looking forward to seeing everyone again at the 2024 Colloquy in Tromsø!

Shannon Christoffersen
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To join PLC on Twitter, go to @PolLibColloquy.

See you there!
The Polar Libraries Colloquy is pleased to announce the winner of the 2022 William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books is *The Nansen Photographs* by Geir Kløver (published by The Fram Museum).

*The Nansen Photographs* uses documents and recovered photographs to tell the story of Norwegian Arctic explorer Fridtjof Nansen and his ground-breaking efforts to reach the North Pole in the specially-designed polar ship the *Fram*. The book begins with the initial planning of the expedition in 1890 and continues until the end of Nansen’s international lecture tour in 1897.

Entries from the personal diaries of Nansen and seven of his crew members add to the story. The construction of the *Fram* is followed through numerous letters between Nansen and the ship’s designer and builder, Colin Archer, and five previously unknown sets of drawings are included, from the initial proposal for the ship to the final design.

Geir Kløver’s text knits the varied content together into an impressive tribute to Nansen and the *Fram*.

Two other nominations were awarded Honorable Mentions.

The first, *What I Remember, What I Know: The Life of a High Arctic Exile* by Larry Audlaluk (Inhabit Media) tells the story of the struggle of Audlaluk’s family to survive after their relocation by the Canadian Government. Seven families were moved from a traditional Inuit settlement west of Inujjuak, Nunavik to the High Arctic in the 1950s. Their suffering is juxtaposed in the book with excerpts from official reports conveying the relocation as a successful experiment.

“They were promised a land of plenty. They were given an inhospitable polar desert.”

The second, *Antarctic Atlas: New Maps and Graphics that Tell the Story of a Continent* by Peter Fretwell (Penguin Random House) presents an innovative collection of new maps and charts to tell the story of Antarctica’s history, climate, resources, oceans, atmosphere, wildlife and more. Predictions for Antarctica’s future are also included.

Peter Fretwell, a Geographic Information Scientist with the British Antarctic Survey, has succeeded in creating an atlas with great appeal to a wide variety of readers.

“Antarctica is … the frontier of our fight against climate change. If its ice melts, it will swamp almost every coastal city in the world. Antarctic Atlas … shows how, far from being abstract, it has direct relevance to us all.”

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Decolonization of Arctic Library and Archives Metadata (DALAM) Thematic Network Update: January 2023

by Sandy Campbell
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When we last reported to readers of the PLC Bulletin on DALAM’s progress, we were at the point of having proposed the network to University of the Arctic (UArctic) and were anticipating its introduction at PLC 2022 in Quebec City. DALAM was approved as a UArctic Thematic Network in June of 2022. Four days later at PLC, Dr. Sharon Farnel presented the first in-person DALAM sponsored workshop on decolonizing metadata. The session was well-attended, with more than 20 participants. Many participants reported being at the beginning of the decolonization process in their archives and libraries.

Since the Colloquy, DALAM has offered two more training activities. In September, Brian Stearns and Fairfax Culpepper, of the University of Alberta Library presented an on-line session on Technical aspects of implementing decolonized subject headings at the University of Alberta Library and in January, 2023, Sharon Farnel presented an online version of her Decolonizing Metadata workshop.

As a UArctic Thematic Network, DALAM has a UArctic sponsored web-page where the organization is described, and activities, members, and publications and presentations are listed. The web-page is also linked from the PLC Partnerships page.

DALAM is led by Susanna Parikka (University of Lapland and Chair of the PLC Steering Committee), with Shannon Christoffersen (Arctic Institute of North America) and Sharon Farnel (University of Alberta) as vice-leads. The network is actively seeking an Indigenous co-lead. Members meet monthly, either to advance the business of the network or for an educational activity.

DALAM membership is open to all PLC members or any information professional working in a UArctic institution. For further information about the network and/or membership, contact Sandy Campbell: sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca

Colloquy Impressions from a First-Time Attendee

by Lars Iselid, Umeå University Library, Sweden

Before the Colloquy

What did I know about Québec before attending the Colloquy? Well, of course that most people were French speaking. Suitable for me who had French as my favourite subject in lower secondary school (au collège) and have studied it at university level. Though the Québec accent is nearly like a new language, and my French teacher at lower secondary school didn’t teach me that accent.

I discovered the PLC when our Head Librarian (at Umeå University) sent over information about the DALAM network to my boss, who then talked to me. I was persuaded into attending the PLC by Susanna Parikka in Rovaniemi, and after getting an allowance from my employer, I went across the Atlantique. Being raised and living most of my life near the Arctic region, I feel a connection with other people living with similar climate circumstances in other parts of the globe, like Canada.

Umeå University Library and Minority Languages

Why was I appointed to take part in the PLC? Umeå University belongs to the University of the Arctic network and PLC is also a member. For many years Umeå University has concentrated on both Sámi research at the Várddou Center for Sámi Research and on interdisciplinary Arctic research at the Arctic Centre. At Umeå University Library we have a team called, loosely translated, the Language Group, made up of people from the library with language skills, responsible for acquiring and cataloging books in languages other than Swedish and English. I am responsible for French and Italian also.

We have a focus on the five minority languages in Sweden: Yiddish, Romani, Finnish, Meänkieli, and Sámi. What people don’t know is that we don’t have one Sámi language in Sweden. We have five of them: Northern Sámi, Lule Sámi, Pite Sámi, Ume Sámi, and Southern Sámi. The Sámi people are the only recognized minority people in Europe, and they live in four countries: Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Russia. Many of them don’t speak Sámi languages, but a lot of projects have been implemented to revitalize the languages. The Northern Sámi language is the most widely spoken.

A researcher at the Sámi department contacted my Dewey expert colleague to discuss how classification systems treated Sámi studies. My colleague then contacted me because I work with our search engine, Primo. I showed how we could use a Sámi studies facet to help researchers refine their searches. The facet was implemented more than a year ago and has been since improved. It’s based mostly on Dewey Classification Code. Through my work with the Sámi facet and my work in the Language Group, I was advised to engage in the PLC and DALAM.

First Timer’s Thoughts

I met a lot of nice people at the conference, however, many of them came from institutions working directly with Arctic research, as opposed to the ethnology and language of Indigenous people. At our university, our Arctic and Indigenous peoples
research units are not separate units and share the resources of the library with other departments. Our library also no longer has a fully elaborated liaison librarian system, and some research areas lose a bit of focus.

A lot of the talks were very interesting for me because polar research is so unfamiliar to me. Also, the circumstances with Indigenous people in Canada were new to me, though there are similarities between the Nordic countries and Canada, like the marginalization of the Indigenous people’s culture, the decolonization discussion, and the importance of the caribou/reindeer for the Indigenous people’s lifestyle. What surprised me mostly were the facts I learned about the Indigenous people in Canada, and I understood I was more ignorant about it than I thought. I knew about the Inuit people but had never heard about the Innu people.

One of the cutest happenings at PLC was the auction. All participants were urged to bring a present with them from their workplace. I brought a pewter reindeer/caribou from the university store. Others had homemade maple syrup, books, caps, etc. During the conference you could make a bid on each item. After the last talk on Thursday, the auction was closed and at the banquet that evening the real fun started after some nice dishes and wine. People could make their last bids and trigger each other to higher bids. Very funny, I laughed a lot, and Joë and Stéfano from the Université Laval were a perfect match in persuading the audience to make more and better bids.

Strolling Around Québec

I arrived the Saturday before the conference and had time to make my own discoveries. I walked to the center along Rue Saint-Foy to see the Parc des Braves monument which commemorates a battle in 1760 between the French settlers and Englishmen called “Le bataille de Sainte-Foy.” I learned a bit about 16th century French explorer Jacques Cartier and Samuel Champlain, who founded Québec in the 17th century.

I also walked around Le Vieux-Québec before the tour and ate the Québec dish poutine. Not that pleasant because of the brown sauce, but better the next time I tried it at another place. Le Vieux-Québec is a fantastic place with a lot of cafés and secondhand stores for books and records. I liked it very much. I also visited the public library Claire-Martin and read some local newspapers, as I often do in new places to get a feeling for local life. I talked to the young librarian and was able to understand her French. I appreciate she didn’t change to English because I wanted to practice my French.

A True Story

I will end these reflections from the 28th PLC by telling the story about two of the guys on the organizing committee: Joë Bouchard and Stéfano Biondo. During a tour of the Charlevoix region, I learned that Joë and Stéfano attended a conference in Umeå in 2017. The real coincidence was when they said they had been in the library also. Okay, my workplace. A librarian had shown them the lunchroom and the great balcony. Then it struck
University) and Peter Lund (Scott Polar Research Institute) talk about outreach programs at their libraries.

Karina described a complete community engagement program through which their Center was able to develop and offer a number of well-attended sessions during COVID.

Peter’s project was a five year project, Shackleton Online, that meshed museum, library and picture library materials in the digital environment. The project culminated in extended web pages and an exhibition that traveled to Ireland, Chile and the Falkland Islands.

Along with posters, members were treated to a display of some of Laval’s most interesting Arctic maps and atlases. Among these are early maps that show the mythical island of Frisland. After the Poster Session, the group heard two more papers.

Andrew Gray presented a bibliometric study of studies related to the Arctic and Antarctic. Andrew’s work showed that the bulk of the studies are in natural science with a small increase in engineering related works. Social sciences form a small part of the scholarly literature in both regions (between 2% and 3% for the Antarctic; between 7% and 8% for the Arctic). The average number of authors is slowly rising. Papers that are international collaborations are more likely to be cited. Of all Arctic studies about 10% are Canadian/US collaborations.

Susanna Parikka presented research on the membership of the Polar Libraries Colloquy, which shows that members join the PLC and stay with it for both the academic and work related contact and networks, but equally value the friendships and fun.

8 June 2022 • Wednesday • Tours

Wednesday was “tour day”. We began with a visit to Laval’s museum. Marie-Pierre Thibault, Alex Morin, Marie-Isabelle de Melo gave us an introduction to a collection of artifacts from the Far North. We were able to have a close look at fur boots, and bone, wood and stone objects. We also learned about the conservation techniques being applied, particularly the use of freezing for processes with hide products.

Next we had a tour of the biological collections, which include many northern species. The Ornithology collection is very large, including both mounted birds and skins. Among other things, this collection contains mounted passenger pigeons and a two-headed calf.

After this tour, we boarded a bus for a tour with Joe’s cousin as our professional tour guide. Beginning at the Plains of Abraham, we heard stories of General Wolfe and General Montcalm, and the very brief
battle that changed the course of Canadian history. Next we went to Old Québec, to learn about the Château Frontenac and the history of this site. After, an excellent lunch at Restaurant La Buche, which serves French Canadian food with a twist. We lunched on shepherd’s pie, tourtierre, poutine and other fine foods.

After lunch we toured the lower part of old Québec with our guide providing many interesting details, such as wall niches at street corners, which would have held statues of saints for whom streets were named, so that people who could not read would know what the street was.

We stopped at the site where “the King’s Daughters”, women brought from the streets of Paris to be married to men in Québec, came ashore in the mid-1600’s to select husbands. We were told that many had starved on the 3 month voyage from France, so fat men, who clearly had access to adequate food, were preferred husbands.

We ended our tour on rue Petit-Champlain, which is a crafts and restaurant street. This was an interesting and entertaining introduction to the history of Québec. (SC)

9 June 2022  •  Thursday Morning  •  Presentations

The program of Thursday morning got us back to the Arctic library world with three tough presentations. Shannon Christoffersen began with introducing research data management for polar librarians. She told about polar federated search that can be done in POLDER and introduced a new term to me, “databrian”.

Étienne Godin continued telling about a system of making polar data discoverable - Nordicana D as a component of the Canadian Consortium for Arctic data interoperability. Disciplines have different standards and different types of data which makes data interoperability particularly difficult for Arctic data.

Then it was Johanne Raade’s turn to tell about Open Polar, which is a discovery service covering the global output of openly accessible polar research data and publications. The presentations gave inspiration to lively discussion, e.g. how to unite POLDER and Open Polar?

After a coffee break there was a panel discussion about research data in polar studies. Shannon Christoffersen, Martine Gagnon and Étienne Godin described challenges, opportunities and best practices around the theme. They came to the conclusion that to move forward, training and education are much needed, as well as building relationships. Also systemwise, working on making data more findable. So - build relationships and consortia and work together! (SP)

9 June 2022  •  Thursday Afternoon  •  PLC Business Meeting  •  Presentations

We had a light lunch during the following program...
points: announcement of the William Mills Prize Winner, Honorary Mentions and Business Meeting. All this went as scheduled so we still had time for two presentations. First on the floor was Laura J. Kissel giving light to an important aspect of the work in archives and libraries. She was discussing their roles in anniversary celebrations.

The last presenter of this PLC conference was Ph.D, consultant and independent researcher Anne-Marie Hamelin, who told about Louis-Edmond Hamelin, the father of the concept of nordicity. His main contribution is his Northern thinking: “The North is as much a concept as a place.” The presentation gave us valuable information and a cultural historical perspective.

Then it was time to change our focus to the future. The PLC Tromsø team, Johanne Raade and Ivar Stokkeland, presented the next colloquy, which will be held in Tromsø, Norway, in June 2024. Hopefully we will see many members there! (SP)

**9 June 2022 • Thursday Evening • Museum Tour • Banquet • Silent Auction**

We were transported to the Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec in the city center for the banquet. We had a guided tour in the museum which gave us an informative cross-section about Québec art history. The museum also had a very special collection of Inuit Art. Then the evening continued with dinner, music and fun. Specific Silent Auction items were selected to be auctioned live at the dinner, and Shannon Christoffersen performed as a very convincing auctioneer. Some participants continued the evening as a dance night in Québec City. (SP)

**10 June 2022 • Friday • Tour • Farewells**

Friday included for some of us a very fine full-day optional tour in Charlevoix resort region, Home - Tourisme Charlevoix. Some of us had to begin our journey home. But all of us wish to express many thanks for a fine colloquy to the great team of organizers! See you in Norway 2024! (SP)

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**Colloquy Impressions continued from page 13**

me! It’s you, guys! A couple of years ago a colleague of mine, knowing about my French skills, introduced me to two French speaking guys visiting the university while I was sitting on the balcony. I remembered one of the guys, trying to speak French with me, while the other guy was taking photos on the balcony. Yes, the guys were Joë and Stéfano. Stéfano later showed me a picture he took of the balcony, and I could confirm it was my workplace balcony. Sometimes the world is small, even if the distance is more than 5500 kilometers.
PLC 2022 Attendees & Group Photo

36 librarians, professionals, specialists, and others attended the 2022 Polar Libraries Colloquy in Québec City. Participants from six countries represented 19 libraries, centers, institutes, or other entities:

**Canada**
- Arctic Institute of North America, UCalgary, Alberta
- Cameron Library, UAlberta, Edmonton
- John W. Scott Library, UAlberta, Edmonton
- McGill University Library, Montréal, Québec
- Université Laval, Québec City, Québec
- Bibliothèque de l’Université Laval
- Centre d’Études Nordiques
- Amundsen Science
- Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec
- Université de Toronto, Ontario

**Finland**
- Lapland University Consortium Library, Rovaniemi

**Norway**
- UiT- The Arctic University of Norway
- Norwegian Polar Institute

**Sweden**
- Umeå University

**United Kingdom**
- Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge University College London

**United States**
- Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus
- Institute of Arctic & Alpine Research, UColorado Boulder
- UAA/APU Consortium Library, UAlaska Anchorage

PLC 2024: Tromsø, Norway

WELCOME TO TROMSØ! For the historical record: Last time PLC happened in Tromsø, in 1982, it was called the 9th Northern Libraries Colloquy. So we felt it was high time to invite you up north again. Thank you, dear Québec friends Joë, Gaston and Stéfano for the great time you gave us during the 28th PLC!

**Arctic Connections: 29th Polar Libraries Colloquy** will take place in Tromsø, 9-14 June 2024. The venue is only a five-minute walk from the centre of town. The planning committee hopes to attract librarians and several other types of polar information specialists from many countries. The work with budget planning and program has started, and we aim to keep to the overall broad and social nature of earlier colloquies. You will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss issues like the exploration of the north, and Sami life and history. Also, midnight sun is guaranteed.

Velkommen!!
— Mona, Birgit, Johanne, Mariann, and Ivar on behalf of the planning committee
New Digitized Collection: Collating Wrangel Island

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The Dartmouth College Library is pleased to announce a major new digitized collection: Collating Wrangel Island: Selections from the Vilhjalmur Stefansson Collection on Polar Exploration, 1900-1930. Wrangel Island is a gateway to the northern portion of the Arctic Sea above the Bering Strait. This 2,900-square-mile expanse has been claimed at various times by Canada and Russia. Manuscript materials in the Dartmouth Library’s Vilhjalmur Stefansson Collection on Polar Exploration document Wrangel Island from 1900-1930. This digital project “collates” these materials in order to reveal the nuanced history of this contested space. Highlights include the Papers of Ada Blackjack; Wrangel Island Expedition photographs; The Papers of Harold Noice; and selections from Stefansson’s papers.

The Dartmouth Library has also opened the collection to the wider community through a crowd-sourced transcription project; to contribute, and to preview selected unpublished materials, join the project here: https://fromthepage.com/dartmouthlibrary/wrangel-island-set

The project was generously supported by a gift from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, and through support from the Alaska Library Network. The open access digitized collection can be accessed here: https://www.library.dartmouth.edu/digital/digital-collections/collating-wrangel-island

ANCJA Research Resource Guide Now Available Online

The Alaska Historical Society has launched its new online publication, Guide to the Sources for the Study of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The three-part guide includes an extensive survey of archival resources, a bibliography of popular and scholarly print materials as well as films, oral histories, webinars, and radio programs (many of which are available online), and a guide designed for social studies teachers and instructors who teach the history of ANCJA.

William Schneider directed the two-year project to mark the 50th anniversary of the passage of ANCJA. The guide, edited by Karen Brewster, was a collaborative effort funded by Doyon, Sealaska, Calista, Bering Straits, and Koniag Regional Corporations as well as the Rasmuson Foundation and the Atwood Foundation.

The Guide is available online for researchers, students, or the general public on the Alaska Historical Society website or via ScholarWorks@UA, a digital repository for University of Alaska research.

— Adapted from the publisher’s announcement. The editors express their thanks to Stephen Rollins, Dean, UAA/APU Consortium Library, UAAlaska Anchorage, for bringing this item to our attention.
New Publications


Reviewed by Cameron J. R. Machinski and Sandy Campbell

This retelling of the traditional story of the amautalik is a graphic novel version featuring Putuguq and Kublu, who have been featured in other Inhabit Media publications. In this version, the children’s grandparents tell them the story of a group of children who have strayed away from camp. An amautalik, a monster that steals children, comes to take them. An orphan boy scares the amautalik away by convincing it that his toes, sticking out of his worn-out boots, are scary monsters.

Putuguq wants to show that he is brave, so he and his sister recreate their grandparents’ story as a play, with Putuguq playing the orphan boy. In a surprise ending, Putuguq wins the battle against the amautalik, played by his sister, by throwing his stinky sock, that has a hole in it, at its face.

The story is enhanced by vibrant artwork. The amautalik is drawn in scary detail. To highlight the story-within-a-story, the panels for that part of the book are all in purple.

While this book would interest children from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3, the reading level is too high for those ages, so parents will need to read this book to children.

This book is highly recommended for all Canadian elementary school libraries and public libraries.