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Directory of Canadian Map Collections – Répertoire des collections canadiennes de cartes. 5th edition. Lorraine Dubreuil. Ottawa: Association of Canadian Map Libraries, 1986. viii, 163 p. \$12.00.

For a number of years, the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives has been promoting the use of cartographic records. It serves as the main forum through which professionals in the field of cartographic records management may further the development of high standards in every phase of the organization and administration of map libraries and archives. It is only fitting that this organization would want to publish a directory of Canadian map collections. In this fifth edition, the ACMLA keeps members and non-members up to date about repositories of cartographic records across the country.

As in previous editions, the directory lists the Canadian collections in alphabetical order by province. A total of 122 institutions is featured. It notes a contact person for each collection, size of the holdings (including the number of accessions acquired each year), area of specialization, facilities available to researchers, hours of operation, policy regarding loans, and systems under which the material has been classified and catalogued. There are three indexes: one provides a handy cross-reference to the names of contact persons; the second contains a convenient listing of government agencies — both Canadian and foreign — and the map library with which they have entered into a depository agreement; the third is an alphabetical listing of all the collections, regardless of their provincial location.

The directory is a very useful reference on Canadian map collections. In the ever-changing world of map curatorship, the ACMLA is to be congratulated on keeping its directory current.

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