

Automated Catalogs Now Possible

Development of programs on the Regional Library computer management system in the Pacific Northwest Regional Office means we can now begin installing automated catalogs for park collections. Pilot projects are completed for Klondike Gold Rush NHP (Seattle Unit) and John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Fort Clatsop National Memorial will be the third area to switch to the completely automated management system.

Park benefits include elimination of catalog file cards. The information in them will be stored in the park's computer for instant accessibility, using conventional author, title, and subject. Other major improvements are the ability to search the park's collection, quickly assemble hard-copy bibliographies prior to new research, and access to the Regional Library for compatible-format additional resources.

Parks will continue to receive completely cataloged new accessions, with spine labels and card packets upon request to the Regional Library. Shelf lists will be updated on a routine basis by the Regional Librarian.

The Regional Library, with its completely automated library management system, is making a significant contribution toward development of a Servicewide automated library management system.

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