

Canadian ethnic serial publications are quite high, the ethnic serials project is an ongoing process which identifies and acquires all new newspaper and periodical titles. The collection of about 1,600 titles is the largest in Canada.

This program preserves and makes available to researchers material that would otherwise be lost or difficult to obtain. An ethnic serials specialist is on staff in the reference and information services division to provide a reference and consulting service to researchers.

Periodicals and newspapers on microfilm in the National Library collection are available to researchers on interlibrary loan; original newspapers must be consulted in the library.

Checklist of Canadian ethnic serials was published by the National Library in May 1981, listing all known Canadian ethnic serial publications.

14.6 Native communications program

This program provides core-funding to 15 native communications organizations established to serve the varied media needs of native people in designated regions of the country. Most of

the societies supported under this program publish newspapers; others provide maintenance to native community radio stations, produce radio and video programs, provide translation services, and support point-to-point survival communications through high frequency and single band radio systems.

The northern native broadcast access program, established in 1983, provides support to 13 northern native broadcasting centres to produce regional radio and television programs in the native languages of the region. The programs are then available on existing broadcasting services in the North, such as CBC or TVOntario. Announced with the government's northern broadcasting policy, the program seeks to offset the effects of satellite-delivered TV to the isolated North with programming that is culturally relevant and which will have a significant impact on the survival of approximately 30 northern native dialects. Thirteen broadcasters are presently producing 20 hours per week of regional radio. Television services are in the development stage, with regional network services ranging from 30 minutes to four hours per week.

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