This multi-media resource list, compiled by Shaun Briley of the San Diego Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary “Arctic Son” that premieres on August 21st, 2007 at 10 PM (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

In “Arctic Son,” the clash of tradition and modernity puts a Native father and son at odds in the village of Old Crow, 80 miles above the Arctic Circle. Stanley, Jr., raised in Seattle, drifts deeper into drinking and partying. Stanley, Sr., a remote, philosophical figure to his son, keeps the ways of his Gwich’in ancestors alive by hunting, fishing and living by his wits in the harsh arctic environment. After a lifetime apart, the two are reunited in the raw, quiet beauty of the Canadian Yukon in a story that captures the dialogue between a father and son from vastly different worlds.

ADULT NONFICTION


Frank, Johnny et al. Neerihinjik: Johnny Sarah hâ gaagowandak (We Traveled from Place to Place: The Gwich’in Stories of Johnny and Sarah Frank). Fairbanks, AK: Alaska Native Language Center, 1995. True stories about traditional life in the Arctic, transcribed from tape recordings into both English and the original native language.


Delve Deeper into “Arctic Son”
A film by Andrew Walton


ADULT FICTION


NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS


Maurice, Edward Beauclerk. The Last Gentleman Adventurer: Coming of Age in the Arctic. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2005. An account of a 16-year-old who was sent to work in an isolated trading post in the Canadian Arctic.


FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS


Wallis, Velma. Two Old Women. New York: Perennial, 1994. Recounts a Native American legend of two women who are abandoned by their tribe and must fight to survive in the Arctic wilderness.

FILMS/DOCUMENTARIES


“Oil on Ice.” A film by Bo Boudart and Dale Djerassi. Djerassi Films, 2004. (57 min.) A documentary about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the debate over the impacts of oil drilling in the region. www.oilonice.org