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A Workshop on Managing 1986 Computer-readable Census Files

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Sponsor:	The Population Research Laboratory and University of Alberta Computing Systems in conjunction with the Summer Institute
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Place:	University of Alberta
Cost:	\$25

Computer-readable files of 1986 Census of Canada data at very small geographic levels as well as individual level data, are being purchased by universities and colleges across Canada, through a Consortium led by CARL/ABRC (Canadian Association of Research Libraries). These files provide more flexible access to census information than the standard printed publications. Few academic libraries currently have the systems or experienced staff to handle computerized data, especially of this volume and complexity.

The workshop will introduce basic management techniques needed to work with these computer products. The topics to be covered will include: content and structure of the 1986 computer-readable census data, technical processing of the data within existing library/computing facilities, cataloguing standards for computer files, integration of census data into traditional reference services and materials. Examples of common uses of the data, limitations of the data, use with popular statistical packages, the organization of the files on computer tape and accompanying documentation, and data retrieval techniques will also be discussed.

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