

Nunavut Library Association (NLA) Meeting
May 8, 2008-05-21
Nunavut Arctic College, Iqaluit
7:30 pm ET

Members in Attendance

- Rae-Lynne Aramburo
- Gary Pon
- Carolyn Mallory
- Carol Rigby
- Yvonne Earle
- Leigh Ann Cumming (by telephone)
- Grant Karcich

Regrets

- Elisa Chandler
- Ron Knowling
- Ken Su
- Phillipa Ootoowak
- Janice Linton
- Diane Corbiel

1. Agenda

- Add Conferences and Copyright to the agenda
- Leigh Ann volunteered to take minutes

2. Library/Member Updates

Elise: An update from the Court Library

1. I have catalogued most of the aboriginal law collection. Have also used my scanner to scan in the contents of conferences, essay collections, etc., so searching by keyword is best.

2. I am also cataloguing articles and reports (vertical file kind of stuff) on Northern or Inuit legal issues and history, so if you have materials (especially old or weird stuff) in those subject areas that doesn't fit into your collection, I would be pleased to take them.

3. I have started an email distribution list called the Nunavut Legislation Update. Distributed weekly while the Legislative Assembly sits, the Update briefly summarizes Nunavut bills introduced, given assent and proclaimed in force. If you are interested in receiving this service, email Elise at echandler@gov.nu.ca

Gary:

- Will be leaving in July to attend film school in BC
- Attended meeting for Aboriginal Justice Strategies
- Court House now has Elise in casual position but full time position will go out for competition

Carolyn:

- Transferring fisheries materials back to Environment
- Received inquiry to work with QIA documents

Carol:

- Wrote her MLIS thesis during the month of April, send to Scotland for marking
- Copy will hopefully be available soon
- Went to Pond Inlet in March to assist Phillipa and the Library and Archive Society: made it through approximately one third of books, recatalogued resources, established protocols, added resources to the library catalogue.
- Plan to return to Pond Inlet in July to continue the work
- Continuing work at the legislative library
- On CLA YA Book Awards Committee, donating the books she had to read to the public library system
- Conducting a needs assessment for the Dept. Of Education for Teacher's Curriculum to establish a resource centre for departmental headquarters.

Yvonne:

- To deliver a presentation at the IFLA conference in Quebec City in August, on legislative services in Aboriginal language environment
- Attending Parliamentary Libraries meeting in Ottawa prior to the IFLA conference
- Youth Parliament participants made use of the legislative library
- Minnie is taking a year off; Connie Nowdluk is replacement
- Dept. Of Health and Social Services staff are talking to her to do ILLs.

Rae-Lynne:

- Hiring a library school student for the summer; duties will include digitization project and update Inuktitut index
- Offered 30 boxes of books from Milton Freeman (Canadian Circumpolar Institute in Alberta). He is willing to let collection be split up, as long as it goes to Nunavut.
- Establishing library collections in all 24 community learning centers; collection to consist of approx. 250 books, 50 DVDs and 6 magazines,

Grant:

- Iqaluit Public Library conducting Inuktitut and French Language story times.
- Received donation from Ontario Legislative Library of 19th and 20th century materials
- Received books from the Francophone Association, 13 boxes to be catalogued
- Awaiting materials from TD Summer Reading Club program.

Leigh Ann

- Now has 'Librarian' as part of her job title and information services as part of job description for Health and Social Services
- Going to conduct a needs assessment of the information needs of the Health and Social services
- Has been working for NAC campus library in Cambridge Bay
- Cleaning up the QG Hospital library, to meet with staff to discuss their information needs

3. Literacy Council Update

- No report at this time; most recent edition of NLC Links will be distributed with these minutes.

4. Partnership Report

**Partnership Meeting
January 30, 2008
Ontario Library Association Offices**

Attendance – Representatives from provincial and territorial Library Associations across Canada.

Minutes are normally not taken at Partnership meetings so the following is a transcription and rough adaptation of notes taken during the meeting.

Meeting with CLA

Current President, Alvin Schrader and 2008/2009 President Ken Roberts attended the morning session of the meeting to discuss developments within the Canadian Library Association. This was interesting as CLA has often been characterized as diametrically opposed to the Partnership because it was a competing pan-Canadian association for librarians. The main points in CLA's discussion were the following

1. CLA is currently going through a strategic planning process to define its mission. They are doing this on a shoe string budget. Their main priorities are to
 - a. Build the strength and image of the profession
 - b. Advocate on issues of importance to librarians
 - c. Develop opportunities for career growth
 - d. Build CLA
2. CLA has also been participating in the "Human Resources Summit". This is a program coming out of the "8Rs" Report which looked at the challenges for recruitment and training within the

profession and was published in 2006. There is very little which is fixed about the summit. There is no planned date and the deliverables have not been defined. Nor is there any identified funding to support the summit. Alison Hopkins with NWT Library Services is working on this and would be able to provide an update on its progress or lack thereof.

3. CLA continues to work on national advocacy on issues the Canada Post Shipping Tool, Copyright, GST exemption for books, the deliberate destruction of libraries, alternative print formats and the "library leaders list".
4. CLA is working on Canadian Library Month but there are also questions if CLA is the right place for this program. Should it perhaps be run out of the National Library? Alternatively would anyone miss it if library month/week was devolved to provincial library associations and CLA moved to a national advertising/PSA deliverable?

Partnership Job Board

- The Job Board appears to be operating successfully. They have had 412 jobs posted since June, 2007 and 410,000 visits to the site.
- The associated career page is going through final edits.
- RSS feeds for the job board are not yet working.

Education Institute

- The Education Institute continues to operate successfully. There is some discussion of the marketing being used to promote the EI courses. Are the booklets the most effective way of promoting the Institute?
- French language sessions do not seem to be getting as much participation as the English sessions. Is this the result of poor marketing and can it be corrected?
- There is ongoing discussion of developing a "CP" or "Certified Practitioner" as part of an accreditation program for EI courses. There is an Australian model for certification which the Institute is currently investigating.
- Also as the EI has become more popular other groups want to use it to deliver courses to their members. But this is problematic as it raises questions about how to discount and share revenues between participating groups.

Partnership Journal

- The Journal is publishing. It will be listed on the "Directory of Open Access Journals" and with a webpage called "Informed Librarian".
- There is also the possibility of getting the Journal sponsored by private companies. There is some question however that this might compromise the independence of the journal. It was decided that the OLA accountant would help the journal editorial board draw up a rate card for this but that any sponsorships would have to be approved by the editorial board.
- Staffing of the journal is an issue as it grows. They need a lay-out editor.

5. Newsletter

- First Issue out in December 2007
- Copies circulated to all public libraries with a letter from Rae-Lynne
- Increased membership in NLA by one as a result of Rae-Lynne's letter
- Logo comments from previous meeting to be sent to Leigh Ann for her husband to continue work on it
- Leigh Ann will produce a second news letter in the fall after summer reading club programs and conferences.

6. Library Book Rate Update

- There was a meeting in April with Conservative Rural Caucus MPs. Merv Tweed, put forth a private members' bill C-458.

7. Conferences

- Katherine Tagak, NAC, attended the Alberta Association of Library Technicians conference in Red Deer. Michael Kusugak spoke at the conference.
- CLA Conference is in Vancouver. No one attending.
- Rae-Lynne to attend second Polar Library Colloquium in Alberta. She submitted a paper "A Survey of Book Publishing in Nunavut" and will presenting it at the meeting.
- Yvonne to attend Parliamentary Libraries, Research Division before IFLA, and IFLA in mid-August and present her paper.
- Gary and Elise to attend Canadian Association of Law Libraries in May.-21-08

8. Copyright

- President of APLC sent a letter of support to the librarian of Parliament supporting the new copyright legislation going before Parliament, that would make parliamentary libraries exempt from copyright regulations.
- Response from community was supportive, but points were made that the whole library community needs to be kept in mind (not just parliamentary libraries), and CLA should be kept informed

9. Next meeting

- Tentatively planning for the summer as a social event, opportunity for NAC's library student to meet other professionals
- Fall meeting planned