



Nunavut Library Association

Meeting Minutes May 21, 2015 Nunavut Legislative Library 7:00 pm ET

1. Opening.

Participating:

- Yvonne Earle, NLA President & Chair, Nunavut Legislative Librarian
- Martha Maktar, Nunavut Arctic College library
- Jenny Thornhill, Nunavut Court of Justice Law Librarian
- Ron Knowling, Manager, Nunavut Public Library Services (by teleconference)
- Carol Rigby, Contract Cataloguer (by teleconference)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 and the agenda was adopted.

Yvonne recorded the minutes

2. Library/member updates

NPLS – Ron is still working without Systems and Community Services librarians at HQ. They are in the process of sending out summer reading program materials; using the BC program which is more accessible. 5 libraries are participating. ILS was chosen but then found to not be sustainable and they have gone back to the bidders. ICL library was just painted (1st time since 1991?); bright colours in children's area. Library will be opening in Cape Dorset in September; shelving coming on sealift and collection ready to be sent. Dan has just made a site visit. New email system for NPLS is on Google; with recent GN block it is now only accessible on non-GN computers. Also can't access Dropbox for document sharing.

CJL – Jenny has purchased new ILS Resource Mate. It is now online but she cannot access though her GN computer yet. VTLS has been notified NUCJ will terminate their contract in December. She is now inventory checking to correct any migration glitches. New NUCJ website will go live next week. Jenny worked on content; link to NLA included.

NAC – Martha attended OLA Super Conference in January and found it really eye-opening. She attended sessions on Native / Aboriginal services - resource centre in Toronto, renewing a building to a good library, law libraries and the need for hardcopy sources even with so much digital (OLTA session). Learned Denmark supports libraries with \$41 million budget! At the Iqaluit Campus they had practicum students from Iqaluit and Igloolik this semester. Library is closing to the public June 12 – August; flooring is being replaced and inventory being done. Jeffrey Kheraj has been hired for NRI library.

Carol – has been doing a lot of non-Nunavut library work. She is a member of the CLA Technical Services Network which has provided concerns to CLA about the negotiations for a new national union catalogue between LAC and OCLC - impact on small libraries if not free access, a concern about support for syllabics. Appointed as a "co-opted" (non-voting) member on the Canadian Committee on Metadata Exchange.



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Chairs the CLA Library Trustees network. Cataloguing currently for NLL and Pond Inlet Library and Archives Society.

NLL – Yvonne reported that the e-TDs project is progressing slowly. Timely receipt of e-format documents is improving and the weblog has been received after a delay in the design process. William, the IT manager, is on leave until September. It is anticipated the Records Clerk and Sylvia will upload TDs daily during Session and they will be on the website. Sylvia has successfully completed her third library tech course. In-house digitization of older TDs not decided. Significant recent uptake of ILO services by GN Health employees is coordinated with Leigh Ann.

3. Partnership report

- Yvonne continues to attend EI teleconference meetings, post out EI information to NLA list. Unfortunate GN will not support Adobe Connect and Flashpoint to allow GN employees to participate in EI webinars. 2014 Royalties cheque has been received (\$12)
- Ron was the NLA rep at January 26-27, 2015 Partnership Meeting. (draft minutes available on request from Yvonne). Was very struck by the reaction after CLA reps had reported and left – quite hostile. Concern that voices at grassroots are marginalized. There is a new editor of the Partnership Journal and the job site has been prosperous.
- Ron attended the Future of CLA stakeholder consultation with Partnership January 31. It was a brainstorming session on why a national association is good /needed. Is there a will for a sustainable CLA? (synopsis notes available on request from Yvonne or Ron). A Working Group was struck and YLA will represent the north. Carol will sit in on the session at CLA conference.
- Partnership Retreat August 18-19, 2015. Yvonne canvassed NLA members by email. Only Carol and Ron indicated they might be able to attend – still indefinite. Partnership Chair has been informed.

4. Newsletter

- It appears to be in hiatus. Deferred.

5. Website (see attached report)

- Translation of NLA name for website: we agree that the association needs to have at least its name translated into the Nunavut official languages for the website. Action from fall meeting to be completed; Carol to follow up with Katherine.
- Please send photos of ICL new colourful paint job. New material to refresh /update website is needed – please send to Carol cerigby@xplornet.com
- Domain name will need to be renewed; that will be substantial cost. Nunavut Literacy Council currently holds and we need to have it transferred. Yvonne will contact Kim Crockatt again.

MOTION: To pay 2014 EI Royalties of \$12 to Carol Rigby for website expenses. Yvonne / Jenny Carried unanimously.

6. Issues

- Library and Archives Canada continues negotiations with OCLC for a national union catalogue. There has not been a lot of public information. It was a surprise to learn that OCLC does not currently support North American aboriginal syllabics although World Cat



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does have other non-roman scripts. As Carol noted above the CLA Technical Services Network has raised this issue.

- CLA restructuring raises concerns for small library associations in a federated system and for networks. Eg. there is no longer national association of libraries trustees they came under the CLA Trustee network. Where will various committees and networks find a home?
- There is not a lot of support from GN policy makers and legislators for libraries in Nunavut. With the interest in a Nunavut university it is important that the library be considered critical and be well funded. NLA needs to speak out about this.

7. Reports from Meetings / Conferences

- Jenny attended CALL “Tides of Change” conference in Moncton, NB. There has been a big drop in association membership and they too are looking at restructuring. There have been big fiscal cuts to law libraries and services. In Ontario remote access to many databases has been cut; independent lawyers are left relying on CanLII. Big concerns about the high costs of legal material. Law libraries are struggling. Jenny presented as part of a panel on collection challenges – 10 challenges (technical and content) in 10 minutes

8. Other business

- New president for NLA - no strong indications of interest yet.
- Science Literacy Week September 21-27. This is a new Canadian initiative and Yvonne was contacted randomly. She was asked to send out information. NLL will do a display of science related books.
- Jenny is using a library value tool which puts a dollar figure on the services provided by a library. The tool from Ann Arbour is no longer on web but there is one from Halifax Public library. She will post the link to the NLA list.
- *Legal Research in Canada* is being revised. Nunavut was not previously included and they are pleased to add us. Jenny wrote the chapter for Nunavut with assistance from Yvonne and John McLean (GN Justice). The chapter has been accepted and is going through editing process now.

9. Next meeting

Next meeting is tentatively planned for sometime in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.