

NLA Summer Meeting

Date: June 9, 2016 from 6:30-8 pm **Location:** Iqaluit Centennial Library

Start time: 6:30

Attendees:

_Jenny Thornhill _Carol Rigby

_Dan Galway _Riel Gallant

Agenda:

1) Library Updates

Riel - Archives Council of Nunavut

- works in records management so little on the library-side
- working on developing paperless meetings with the boards of directors
- a lot of work currently on digitization projects

Dan – for Iqaluit Centennial Public Library and NPLS

- Outside of the building is being painted – due to be completed by the end of August
- National youth arts month just finished and there was good turnout for the workshops
- Summer Reading club is currently in progress – last year they switched from the TD Reading Club to the BC Libraries Reading Club which has a better format and better resources – very successful
- Chess Club and multilingual programming are both ongoing
- Monthly cultural program of Inuit drumming is very popular
- The Family Story time program works very well and they have now expanded into a Baby & Books story time with interactive touch books for babies and parents/guardians – also very easy to run with a minor investment in the books
- Expanded opening hours are still in discussion – would require extra staff
- Iqaluit Centennial is fully staffed with 2 full-time staff and two part-time staff with a complement of casuals
- Reel Canada screening for National Canada film day was a great success – at least 1-2 Nunavut movies and 2 Newfoundland movies were screened
- Maker club has ceased to function
- NPLS is working on their new website which has not yet gone live
 - o Website is staff sourced and each person has taken a section to work on and maintain
 - o Transition to the KOHA catalogue very successful

Carol – Legislative Library/Pond Inlet Archives

- Pond Inlet Archives – working on completing a full archive of NWT/NU educational materials in Inuktitut
 - o An almost complete collection exists for materials starting from the 1960s and 1970s through to current TLC materials
 - o Carol is updating the existing English records for those records that exist with Inuktitut content or creating new records for newly identified content
 - o Funding from CLEY for this project now guaranteed for another year
- Worked with NPLS after their catalogue migration sorting out some bugs – problems now fixed
- Legislative Library
 - o Has been working with Sylvia for the last two sessions to keep the library running
 - o Sylvia posts the tabled documents to the website while Carol does the cataloguing and adding them to the electronic repository
 - o A replacement for Yvonne has not yet been appointed

Jenny – Nunavut Court of Justice Law Library

- transitioned to ResourceMate (ILS) last year – still working well and very functional; this site doesn't have an Inuktitut interface for searching, but it does display syllabics and so items with Inuktitut can be searched for
- Jenny has just completed another weed of the older outdated content; more current material has been added and continues to be added
- Courthouse is currently under construction which is causing some delays to court matters and, combined with holidays, there isn't a great deal of foot traffic in the library right now
- Judicial shortage is causing some problems with courts and lawyer schedules

2) Conference Updates

- a. Carol Rigby will attend August Partnership meeting on behalf of the NLA – confirmed
- b. CALL 2016 – Jenny
 - The Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALLABCD) had its annual conference in May 15-19,2016
 - Conference was excellent
 - Two themes were highly noticeable
 - o the older librarians are retiring in large numbers and are looking to have the younger generation take over, particularly for committees, however, many younger librarians are not able to take over these committees, *and*
 - o budgets – most libraries either have had budget cuts or are being told to expect significant budget cuts in the next two years

3) Future federated library association of Canada (CFLA)

- Issues
- Concerns
- Role of the Northern Libraries given the new Association participation model

-discussion – how can the NLA take part in CFLA given its new governance structure requiring library associations to pay to participate?

- agreed that we were not in a position to become a formal association and charge fees that would allow for our participation
- we do have a voice through Partnership which doesn't charge us money to be involved, but that is a small voice

-Ron Knowing attended the last CLA conference – we are going to ask him to provide the NLA with a report about the conference and discussions regarding CFLA

-Technical Services Network (Carol)

- this former CLA network has been discussing how to represent this area of librarianship without CLA
- a lot of Canadian representation to international committees comes from this group, however, their mandate came from and still references CLA
- there is a risk of the Canadian voice being dropped from the international library community without this group and CLA

4) Executive

- a. New President of NLA *or*
- b. Continuing with divided roles and responsibilities – NLA contacts
 - i. CLA-org/ CFLA contact – *Dan*
 - ii. Partnership contact – Leigh Ann
 - iii. NLA / general mail – Jenny
 - iv. Webmaster – Carol
 - v. Advocacy Coordinator – *Carol*

- Agreed that we will continue with shared duties for now – will look for a president for the fall meeting
- Dan agreed to take over the role of CLA/CFLA contact as a result of Alex's departure from NPLS
- Carol has agreed to coordinate the advocacy efforts – she will reach out to the person(s) she feels has the appropriate expertise to address an area of advocacy – she will monitor for situations that require advocacy
- Discussion – should NLA write a letter in protest of the Newfoundland library closures – Ron Knowing wrote a letter, decided not to have a second letter from NLA

5) Communication

a. Carol – Website update

- Carol's report accepted as is
- Carol indicated the site is working well
- The issue of having the NLA name translated into Inuktitut has not yet been done
- Wordpress doesn't have an Inuktitut interface, but syllabics do display well so Inuktitut content can be placed on the site
- Appeal for content

b. Carol – NLA Correspondence

- Has been mostly caught up since Yvonne's retirement
- Discussion – can someone be a member of the NLA distribution list without being active in Nunavut libraries?
- Decision: No – they can review the website for information, but to be on the list they must be actively involved in Nunavut libraries

6) Other

- Proposed an NLA dinner get together for August

End time: 7:20