



Nunavut Library Association

Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015
Nunavut Legislative Library
7:00 pm ET

In attendance:

In person: Yvonne Earle, Carol Rigby, Riel Gallant

By teleconference: Dan Galway, Leigh Ann Cumming

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Leigh Ann joined the call at 7:30
Carol agreed to take the notes.

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Library/member updates

Dan Galway (for Iqaluit Centennial Library/NPLS):

- NPLS will be migrating to the Koha ILS soon with December 12 as the planned date to go live. Training was conducted recently and the system looks good. Yvonne wondered about syllabics in Koha; Dans says the system will display Unicode. They haven't done much with cleaning up records as it looks like it will be easier to run batch modifications to records in the new system. Carol wondered about access and training for her contract Inuktitut cataloguing; Dan indicated that there are good training videos provided by Bywater, their service provider, and that access can be given by the NPLS systems librarian. Carol will need to contact NPLS (Ron or Alex) about that.
- Iqaluit Centennial Library staff have also recently gone through "de-escalation" training, to help them cope with some challenging library users. There have been recent incidents of threatening behaviour and physical violence at the library. Paul Carolan, the GN workplace health officer, has provided the training so that staff can be prepared in case anything happens. This has been helpful for staff and they have put the training to use already. They now also have a list of resources from the suicide intervention association to help.
- The library was freshly painted in May, and decorated brightly in the children's area. They hope to get a new circulation desk at some point.
- A new Assistant Librarian has been appointed, Kathleen McLeod, who was a casual staff.
- A brief update on the Cape Dorset library: because of the fire at the high school, resources are being diverted to ensure kids can attend school, so the space intended for the library is currently being used for classroom space. Shelving was ordered and has arrived, and they hope to open in the new year.

Riel Gallant, Records and Information Manager, NTI

- Among his library-related projects, their paperless meeting system is working well. Using iPads and PDF documents, they ran the AGM for 23 people.



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There are some challenges, such as hesitation from some elders, bilingual/trilingual packaging, designing virtual “bundles.” Money is saved on paper and printing. They provide the iPads, taken in a special bulk carrying case.

- They have digitized all of the old TFN collection held in Yellowknife, 50 banker’s boxes worth of material, including minutes, resolutions, and reports. They are now selecting what will be made available to the public through their website.
- He is also working on OCR for syllabics along with Ron Knowing at NPLS, implementing the “Tessa” software for Apple. They are looking for batch processing method to match OCR with PDFs; they need to be mindful of possible metadata loss.
- He is creating a database for all resolutions, so they will become a searchable list.

Jenny Thornhill, Manager of Court Library Services, sent regrets due to illness and supplied the following report for the Law Library:

- ResourceMate is now fully implemented as our library catalogue. Over the summer I managed the migration of all our records to the new catalogue and verified the accuracy of the database.
- In the fall, Help Desk finally set up my work station so that I can catalogue from my computer rather than an off network computer – a long process, but well worth it.
- Overall the product is excellent and very easy to use
- At this time, due to issues with high rates of patron changeover and certain technical challenges we are still doing manual circulation for borrowing, but I am entering the records into ResourceMate to track our circulation statistics
- The Library is fine and while Court Services is planning changes to the building structure to accommodate staff growth, at this time there are no plans to take library space for that purpose

Leigh Ann (NAC Kitikmeot Campus; GN Health)

- Katharine Tagak (NAC Manager of Library Services) was recently over in Cambridge Bay for a campus library site visit. They did a good weeding and a work plan
- It’s been a good semester with more use of the library by students and much higher statistics. Instructors are avid users and pushing the students to use the library
- Not a lot of change in status at the Health department; she will be getting a new supervisor (#14) in January. Yvonne asked about database subscriptions for health professionals’ access; they have “Up to Date” but no budget increases for resource purchasing.
- She will be going to the OLA Super Conference in January for professional development and hopes to attend some health-related sessions put on by the Ontario Health Library Association.
- She did an EI course, her first webinar in a long time. Took it from home as the GN system could not support the software needed.



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Carol Rigby (contract cataloguer)

- Her current site visit to the Legislative Library is focusing on work planning for the first quarter of 2016, in preparation for Yvonne's retirement in December.
- The backlog of electronic documents has now been catalogued and added to the Legislative Library's e-doc repository. Documents can be accessed from items linked with URLs in the catalogue, and are approaching 1800 in total
- She continues to work with NPLS to do the original cataloguing of Inuktitut and northern published items being added to their collection.
- She is also anticipating a project in the new year with the Pond Inlet Library and Archives Society, adding their collection of Baffin Divisional Board of Education publications to their holdings. This may involve some work with NPLS on how to handle old records for BDBE books that were translated or transliterated, rather than being in syllabics.
- She had an article published this summer in a special Indigenous Issue of *Cataloguing and Classification Quarterly* on Nunavut's Inuktitut bibliographic record cataloguing standards.

Yvonne Earle (Legislative Librarian)

- This past sitting, TDs were made available in electronic format, and a *Rules* change has been passed so going forward, all TDs will have to be supplied in e-format. The goal is to have them posted to the Assembly website by next day after tabling. Sylvia Kalluk, the Library Assistant, will be spearheading the effort to have these go live on the website for the Winter Sitting, 2016.
- Yvonne's last day of work is December 16.

3. The Partnership report

Presented by Yvonne:

- Education Institute Committee was restructured and refocused in the spring. NLA is no longer required to participate regularly in meetings.
- Education Institute mails out royalties for member participation in programs twice a year. Current contact is Yvonne's e-mail and the Legislative Library for paper mailing address. A new contact is needed for e-mail & mailing by December 16
- Partnership update: The Partnership has been participating in the CLA-led discussions about creating a new national federation of library associations. They have sent around an actions list from the August meeting to be followed up, which Yvonne has been doing. They are also asking members to consider new ideas for generating revenue.
- Next Partnership meeting will be January 26, 2016, at the OLA Super Conference. Leigh Ann will be going and is willing to attend to represent NLA, as it is good for us to have a person at the table.
ACTION: Yvonne will give Su Cleyle Leigh Ann's work e-mail for follow-up.

4. Website:

Carol tabled her written report on activities with the website since the May meeting

- The domain name nunavutlibraryassociation.ca has been renewed for an additional three years, through a donation from Yvonne
MOTION: Moved by Carol and seconded by Riel that the NLA thank Yvonne for her generosity and support for our continuing on with the website. Carried.
- Any royalties from EI are being applied to the cost of mapping our WordPress site to the domain name (US\$13/year)



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- Yvonne brought up the question of language in our website. Carol noted that there is now one post in English and Inuktitut, a recent press release from the NTI resource centre, which displays fine. However, the site framework is still in English only and we do not have an official Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun translation for the name of our association. Riel noted that NTI's website is trilingual and uses WordPress as its CMS, although they make more sophisticated use of the full WordPress software (not just the free templates, as used by NLA).
- Yvonne noted that e-mail received by the NLA Gmail address referenced on the website is forwarded to her own work e-mail, and a new forwarding address will be needed after December 16. The volume is not high, maybe one or two e-mails a month.

Dan had to leave the call at 8 p.m. Before departing, he inquired if the IFLA conference noted on the agenda was one regularly attended by anyone from NLA; Yvonne indicated that the dates were provided as an information item since the conference is being held in North America (Columbus, Ohio) this year. Dan noted that he used their trends report in some of his current course work. He also indicated that it would be difficult for him to take on the President's role for NLA as he is now on the CAP board for Nunavut.

5. Issues

Library & Archives Canada

- Yvonne reported that Dr. Guy Berthiaume, the new Librarian and Archivist of Canada, presented at the APLIC conference, with a much more positive attitude than his predecessor.
- Carol noted that at the CLA conference, LAC had a very large presence, with keynote speech by Dr. Berthiaume accompanied by his staff to provide answers to questions, and many information sessions by LAC at the conference on topics such as their digitization projects, web cataloguing etc.

National Union Catalogue

- Dr. Berthiaume indicated at APLIC that the target for replacing AMICUS will be late 2016, and that LAC is very aware of issues such as cost of access for small libraries

Future of CLA

- CLA is proposing to fold its current identity, and change into a national federation of library associations.
- Yvonne submitted the institutional response for NLA to CLA's survey on the proposal, and several NLA members also responded as individuals
- Concern currently is the governance structure proposed, with a cost for associations to be members. It is possible NLA would need to make changes to be a member (i.e. handle money, charge membership fees etc.).
- Also concern about the lack of any form of personal membership or affiliation with the new federation in the current proposal, and concern about whether the current CLA Networks will be able to carry on their activities (e.g. RDA training by the Technical Services Network)
- Carol noted that there has been a lot of discussion among individual CLA members who want to see these activities continue, and a new organization is starting up that hopes to fill some of the holes left when CLA shuts down. Their website is Librarianship.ca,
ACTION: Carol will forward the introductory e-mail from Librarianship.ca to Yvonne for distribution.



6. Reports from Meetings / Conferences

- APLIC – Yvonne reported that this year's conference focused on demonstrating how legislative libraries provide value, not just in terms of cost but also in effectively providing the needed information out of the glut that is out there. They also conducted a collective examination of trends and issues having an impact on services. Dr. Berthiaume attended as a speaker and invited guest at a cocktail hour along with other library and archives professionals in Ottawa.
- CLA – Carol attended this year's CLA conference in Ottawa. The good thing was the positive reappearance of Library and Archives Canada as an active partner in the library world. The bad was that it felt like a wake for CLA—lower attendance and subdued atmosphere.

7. Other business

New President for NLA:

- A new volunteer is needed by early December so that Yvonne can change contacts in a number of places.
- Several people have declined to take on the role due to other commitments.
- Leigh Ann expressed concern about the fact that GN employees have to have activities outside of work approved by their deputy ministers for any possible work conflict.
- Leigh Ann is willing to be the contact for pushing out The Partnership information
- There may be a need to break down responsibilities and distribute them among the group.
ACTION: Yvonne will be following up so as to be able to hand off responsibilities.
- Leigh Ann indicated that the support from library colleagues provided by the NLA is very important, so it is worthwhile to keep the association going.

Information items:

- IFLA Columbus Ohio August 13-19, 2016
- Science Literacy Week Sept. 21-27, 2015—The Legislative Library did a poster and book display. No other general participation from those at the meeting

8. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was left to be determined by the group in the spring, it is hoped with a new President.