

## NLA Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday May 24, 2012, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Legislative Assembly Library

Present:

- Jenny Thornhill
- Yvonne Earle
- Katharine Tagak-Devries
- Dan Galway
- Leigh Ann Cumming
- Tina Rose
- Carol Rigby

Regrets: Ron Knowling, Philippa Ootoowak, Katherine Hoyt

- 1) Agenda – approved with amendment – under point 8 “8(a) Correspondence Received”
- 2) Library/member updates

*Arctic College:*

- The Iqaluit branch of the Arctic College library will be closing to the public starting the last week of May; it will remain accessible to college faculty and students
- Virtua upgrade finally completed
  - One element that Katherine finds especially useful is that the system has a built-in maximum of 3 renewals and then the item must be returned, checked in and re-loaned
- A new Librarian has been hired, Jocelyn Philips (sp?), for the 3 year term while Katherine is off on study leave; Jocelyn will start June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Rae-Lynne Aramburo will be returning to Iqaluit and will work from June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup> on organizing the NRI Library

*NUCJ Law Library:*

- At the time of the meeting, NUCJ was still waiting to be scheduled for the upgrade (now scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>) – unable to catalogue until this is completed
- A new *Collection Development* policy and an *Access & Services* policy has been created for the Law Library and implemented
  - Other NLA members are welcome to adapt these policies for their own libraries – please see [www.nucj.ca/library/library.htm](http://www.nucj.ca/library/library.htm)
- The big project for the summer will be a collection strength evaluation project which will include a statistical analysis and two types of brief tests methodology; potentially this will also involve a client survey but this will be dependent upon authorization from Court Services and the Department of Justice
- The other project will be to continue to catalogue the backlog of Law Library materials into the electronic catalogue after the upgrade

*Health and Social Services & Arctic College (Cambridge Bay):*

- Cambridge Bay is currently down to 2 staff
- Leigh Ann has been working with the Mental Health and Addictions Division on various items including building briefing notes and CSA's, etc.
- Working on building the Mobile Addictions Treatment Pilot Project's reference collection, and she is working with the Mental Health and Addictions staff on the Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan to assist in gathering articles and websites
- Leigh Ann has had two information/research sessions with the Social Work students at NAC on internet and database searching
- Funding has been obtained to build a core reference collection for Mental Health and Addictions staff across Nunavut

*NPLS (Iqaluit):*

*(Dan presented for NPLS as well)*

- Ken Su has resigned and is working in Ontario – Dan Galway was the successful candidate and Dan is now indeterminate
- NPLS is also waiting for the Virtua upgrade to be scheduled
- Part-time and indeterminate librarians will be hired
- A new website is in progress for all of NPLS (TBA)
- Dan has been focusing on programming
  - By the first week of May – 90% of workshops/ 75% of events related to the National Youth Arts Week were hosted by NPLS
  - Working with *Alianait* to host the youth events for the festival at NPLS
  - TD Canada Summer Reading Club – 3 summer students have been hired for the program this summer -1 has already started and the others will start in June
  - Exploring new program ideas
  - CAP funding has been extended and the GN will be taking up the long term costs
  - David Fulgum (sp?) of the ATG society wants to create a mesh net node in the public library in order to improve internet access speed – will be donating (TBA)
- Dan travelled to Baker Lake to work on the strategic planning for NPLS Iqaluit
- A collaborative display with Health & Social Services for Mental Health week was displayed at the library
- Arctic Bay library closure – Ron will be meeting with the DEA to try to find an alternative solution to the closure
  - If this cannot be resolved then Dan will be heading to Arctic Bay to pack and ship out the library materials

*NWMB:*

- Dan's contract with NWMB has finished and Tina Rose has taken over
- The Library has moved to a new office and Tina's first job was to unpack the collection
- Currently she has been doing secretarial duties but Tina is hoping to get back to the library soon
- No decision yet has been made on whether Tina will be working with the other Coalition libraries
- The NWMB library has migrated its catalogue to a new database – the other libraries have not been moved from the old catalogue
- The Coalition may be breaking apart – discussions are ongoing
- NRI has definitely broken off from the Coalition

*Carol:*

- Carol will be presenting at CLA of the Young Adult Book Award
  - This will be Carol's final task on the Young Adult Book Award Jury after 5 years of service; she is looking forward to getting to read other types of fiction
- Carol is willing to present any concerns of the NLA to CLA especially in regards to the changes to Library and Archives Canada and the Federal governments elimination of all paper productions within the next year
- Cataloguing:
  - Carol is working with the Pond Inlet Library and Archives Society and she has finished the Inuktitut historical language collection except for the Teaching and Learning school books (an ongoing large project) by cataloguing them in the language in which they appear rather than all in English
  - Working with Ron on Inuktitut cataloguing for NPLS – as new items are published
  - Working with Legislative Assembly Library is ongoing – Carol is focusing on the electronic documents repository when working off-site

- Carol came to Iqaluit in April to do a quick session with the p-format documents for the Leg Library
- Carol has moved to Ontario but she is maintaining a full business presence in Nunavut

*Legislative Assembly:*

- More and more electronic records are being integrated into the Leg library's electronic catalogue, approximately 500 items are already in the catalogue
  - Not just as links to external URL's but actually linked within the catalogue to the Leg's digital repository
  - The items are primarily Government of Nunavut at present
- Awaiting the VTLS upgrade as well
- A fair number of library tours have been given this year
- More information is being pushed out to GN policy staff
- Summer 2012, Sylvia will be returning as a summer student and she will also be working with the Legislative Assembly
- Due to space needs, a weed of NWT materials was performed
- The casual contract for the Library Assistant has finished; a competition will be run again in the fall

3) Partnership Report

A) NLA Representative to the August Partnership meeting

- Carol Rigby will be in Ontario during this time and has offered to attend on behalf of NLA
- A brief explanation of Partnership and the funding to attend (Up to \$500 in travel expenses and the hotel accommodation) was provided for new member Tina Rose

## B) Education Institute (Yvonne)

- Yvonne remains the representative on the Education Institute Committee for NLA which meets every couple of months, usually by teleconference
- EI will still offer courses during the summer of 2012, however they will be targeted primarily to academic librarians (who have indicated this is the best time available for them to attend)

## 4) Newsletter (Leigh Ann)

- Leigh Ann is working to compose a fall issue of the newsletter
- All items are welcome but in particular she is seeking:
  - Biographies of new staff
  - Summer library photos
  - Summer programming offerings and photos
  - Websites and links of value to the group
- Leigh Ann is targeting a mid to late November release so all submissions are **due** the beginning of November

## 5) NLA Website

- Earl West at NALD (current website host) has indicated that NALD will not be cutting back on its services at this time, however, they are not sure of how their own funding will change
  - Earl indicated that they will eventually be moving to a for-cost system to do updates. Hosting will be free
- Earl has indicated that he will do the NLA website updates without cost and the website updates will be sent to him
  - Note: The NLA site could not be updated for the last 2 years
- Discussion took place about the possibility of using WordPress (similar to a blog) to create a NLA website
  - You must own your own web address which NLA does
  - It would eliminate the need for a web developer

- Tina Rose may be able to assume the work of developing the site on WordPress – she and Yvonne will explore this option

## 6) Issues

### A) CAP Funding due to cancellation of CAP program

- The group agreed to send the letter composed by Yvonne to Minister Aglukkaq with a CC to the Minister of Industry
- A formal announcement was to be made at the Iqaluit Public Library by Premier Aariak on May 25, 2012, regarding steps the GN was taking to ensure the long term access to the Internet through the Public Libraries
  - NOTE: After the meeting , this announcement was made and the GN is picking up the costs where the CAP funding ended

### B) Library & Archives Canada (LAC) – ILL's

- There is great concern amongst the Library community as LAC is moving away from being a national library and is not collecting the history of Canada
- The political appointee who is the head of LAC is focusing strictly on federal government documents despite the LAC mandate
  - LAC is also looking to disperse the existing collection and collect only digital documents
  - LAC will not collect provincial/territorial government documents despite its mandate to provide a backup to provincial/territorial libraries in the case of damage or loss
- The national Legal Deposit program may close
- The Interlibrary loan department of LAC will close effective February 2013
- The AMICUS catalogue will still be maintained (for now)
- CLA has written a letter on this issue to the government
- It has been suggested that NLA should write a letter – it was agreed that this letter will wait until after the CLA meeting as the LAC Director was to be a guest speaker at CLA and presumably address these issues of concern
  - Carol will prepare a draft of this letter upon her return from the CLA conference

- An issue of concern is the fact that LAC has become very user *unfriendly*

## 7) Reports from Meetings/Conferences

### A) APLIC

- The annual meeting of this group will be held in September in Toronto
- Yvonne will be coordinating a teleconference for the group in June

### B) Canadian Library Month

- Ron was unable to attend the meeting so a report was not given
- It was noted that the poster selected for Library month 2012 was very colorful

### C) TD Canadian Children's Book week

- Gr. 1 book distribution - unsure if it was coordinated by Nunavut Dept. of Education
- Canadian Children's Book week was held the week prior to the NLA meeting
- A presentation was given at the Iqaluit public Library by Alan Stratton, an author, as part of his book tour

## 8) Other Business

### A) Correspondence received

- A letter was received from Grant Karcich indicating his issue has been resolved and he has left the territory
  - Grant was the former head of the Iqaluit Public Library
- Letter received from CAUT in regards to the LAC issues
  - Contact Yvonne if you wish to see a copy of the letter
  - CAUT has posted their campaign on their website if you wish more information
- Note: As the Virtua upgrades are completed each library will be moved off of the Iportal and onto a new version of it. Until the upgrade is complete searchers will have to go to separate catalogues to search the different libraries



9) Next meeting will be approximately October or November 2012