

Nunavut Library Association

Minutes of Meeting, October 29, 2012

Present: Carol Rigby, Tina Rose, Leigh Ann Cummings, Yvonne Earle

Regrets: Catherine Hoyt, Dan Galway, Jenny Thornhill, Jocelyn Phillips

Call to order 7:32.

1. Agenda Jocelyn requested an addition to item 8

2. Library /Member Updates

Leigh Ann – has begun season 6 with Arctic College library. Hours changed to Wednesday and Thursday nights 7-9. Working to encourage more student use.

At Health & Social Services she is being involved in more programs at the knowledge sharing and knowledge management levels eg. participates on the National Native Addictions Council. Has funding for 2 years from Territorial Health Access Fund to buy mental health and addictions resources. Working with Mental Health staff to find resources needed for the front line work. Has been asked to help Health Promotion Division organize and make accessible the resources they have produced over the years and may come to Iqaluit this winter.

Tina – has had a job change and is now the Executive Assistant at NWMB but still with some library duties. The Nunavut Wildlife Resources Coalition (NWRCC) does not seem to exist formally with cost sharing agreements. Only NWMB and GN Environment are adding materials to the new catalogue (www.nwmb-lib.com); others (ED&T, DFO) have holdings in the old catalogue (<http://nwrcc.ca/>) and it will require time and funding on their part to convert.

Carol – has had a busy summer. Attended CLA in May and after a presentation on 2012 Young Adult Notables selection (read it on the new website) and the award ceremony (All Good Children/ Catherin Austen) she finished her 5 year commitment on the CLA Young Adult Book Awards Committee. She was NLA's representative at the Partnership Retreat in August in Toronto.

Cataloguing did take second place to vegie gardening for a few months but work on the Legislative Library repository continued and over 500 GN, NIC & OIC documents are now linked and downloadable from the catalogue. She is cataloguing new Inuktitut materials from Inhabit Media and Dept. of Education in Inuktitut for NPLS; there are no funds to do retrospective cataloguing of Inuktitut materials.

Dan submitted a report for ICL.

-the Telesat trial run ends at the end of October. We experienced incredibly fast internet speeds for our CAP site for two months, much to the community's delight. As well, Telesat donated three state of the art touch screen desktops for permanent use at the library.

Following the end of the Telesat trial, Northwestel has agreed to provide the CAP site with a fibre-optic connection. Apparently this will not be as fast as the Telesat connection, but much

faster than our previous connection.

- The Friends of the Library are having a book sale this coming weekend, on Saturday, November 3rd.
- Our "Write to Santa" program will be held on December 1st, 2012. This is always a hugely successful program at ICL.
- Staff are brainstorming for new program ideas. We intend to launch a video games club – although still in the planning stages, Simon Cuerrier will be coordination this initiative.
- I will be attending the Nunavut ICT Summit (hosted by Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation) later this week as a representative of NPLS/ICL.
- The Summer Reading Club was a great success this year. We were able to provide more programs and reach out to more organizations this year than in any previous years.
- I will be travelling to Arctic Bay next week to help the staff set up their new library.

NPLS – are partnering to provide Foster Parent Resources through community libraries. Hope to have a new Community Services Librarian starting this fall.

Yvonne – very pleased that Sylvia Kalluk has accepted the indeterminate Library Assistant position. She has been with the legislative library since May 2012.

Attended the annual parliamentary libraries (APLIC) meeting in Toronto in September. Her term as President is in year 2.

3. Partnership Report (Carol)

- There was an advocacy session with Wendy Newman. Many resources on CLA website that we can use. We always need to be ready to advocate.
- CNIB presentation. They want to supply materials to libraries not have a library supplying services and items directly.
- Kelly Moore from CLA confirmed it is very hard to do advocacy around Library and Archives Canada issues because no-one seems to know really what is happening / the game plan.
- OLA's Forest of Reading is on offer to other jurisdictions. There is some cost. Carol can provide more information if anyone interested.
- If we ever do a member survey The Partnership would like a copy.
- Next meeting will be at OLA super conference Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2013. All costs will be NLA's but we get a free registration. Leigh Ann hopes to attend the conference. Carol is willing to cover expenses to represent NLA if needed.

4. Newsletter

Leigh Ann plans to have a newsletter out early in December. She will send another email to the list requesting items– she really needs news.

She queried if the newsletter is worth the effort it takes to get input. Some discussion, this problem seems to endemic, not just NLA. Tina said she found getting NLA history interesting

and helpful when she started working on the website. This is different from having a blog for more current and quick news.

ACTION: Yvonne to ask Dan to take photos of new Arctic Bay library and do short write-up.

5. Website

- Carol's report tabled as written. Many people using Wordpress and many are keeping their own domain name. We have 3 paid years left on our domain name registration. We discussed the 3 options in the report and accepted option 3: WordPress hosting with \$18 year fee and keep our domain name.

We will pay the hosting fee for 3 years (\$44) using EI royalties (\$24) and donations from members. Carol will take the lead with the website, Tina will give tech support and social media expertise. Review as the website progresses will include someone in a smaller community.

6. Issues

- Book Rate legislation has passed House of Commons and is at the Senate for review.
- Library and Archives Canada is looking to options for a new national union catalogue to replace AMICUS. Yvonne, as President of APLIC, is on a LAC committee discussing issues including outsourcing. Several national catalogues have been outsourced to OCLC.

ILL services from LAC collections will no longer be provided in 2013.

Advised APLIC members they will no longer collect provincial and territorial government publications as of September 2012, including what were formerly legal deposit copies with assigned ISBNs. Collection and retention of GN publications (both p-format and e-format) will reside solely with NLL.

- Concern about so much being blocked on GN internet. Censorship when one is trying to access certain topics and making it impossible to share information (file size limitation). NLA needs to address this issue – a letter? ACTION: Yvonne will follow up.

- CLA advocacy toolkit re federal library cuts is available

http://www.cla.ca/Content/NavigationMenu/CLAAatWork/Advocacy/CLA_Member_Toolkit-Federal_Library_Budget_Cuts.pdf

7. Reports from Meetings / Conferences

- APLIC. The portal for federal, provincial and territorial e-publications has been launched. Full text searching in English and French. No Nunavut records have been uploaded yet but Yvonne will be working on that. Session discussions included issues around digital information being easier to hide or not disclose and also the difficulty of working in the environment of secrecy and security of current governments.

- CLA. The death of LAC as we have known it was an overriding discussion and the focus of a protest. Daniel Caron's keynote reflected an archaic view of what librarian of the 21st century

do and the later hotseat session with him was hostile. Two Inhabit Media publications were considered for CLA book awards.

8. Other business

- deferred until Jocelyn is available.

9. Next meeting -- Spring 2013.