

## Minutes

Nunavut Library Association (NLA) Meeting  
November 10, 2010, 7:30 pm ET  
Office of the Commission Scolaire Francophone d'Iqaluit

Attending in person: Carolyn Mallory; Carol Rigby, Qingyi Su, Shiloah Thomas, Jenny Thornhill, Linda Xia

Attending by teleconference: no participants.

1. Agenda adopted as proposed. No notes were available from the previous meeting.
2. Library/member updates
  - Shiloah Thomas is the new Nunavut Arctic College Library Manager, has been here for three weeks. Katharine Tagak-DeVries will be going to Rankin Inlet next week to train a casual. Shiloah is getting up to speed on the Nunavut Research Institute project, has yet to meet with Mary Ellen Thomas regarding issues with upgrading the library system and integrating collections. This will probably happen next summer with summer students. She is also working on the library website, now that Rae-Lynne is not working on it. She has concerns with the Virtua ILS OPAC and cost issues. NAC is looking at acquiring more periodical databases.
  - Linda Xia reported for the Legislative Library. She started a 2-year term in June. The Leg Library now has an e-document space on the Leg website; the new website still has some dead links, and if anyone encounters any in using the site, please let Yvonne Earle know. Linda is developing a format for a new books report for the Leg Library.
  - Carol Rigby reported on her contract work. This includes cataloguing for the Legislative Library, where she has been working on the e-document repository, developing and checking procedures. Primary focus will be on uploading GN e-docs to the repository and linking them so they can be accessed from the Virtua OPAC. She was in Pond Inlet for 10 days in October, cataloguing the Pond Inlet Library and Archives Society's historical collection, where a good start was made on cataloguing the collection's non-English resources; all French items were completed and many Inuktitut items added. This work will continue at a distance into the new year. She also distributed her copies of the 2009 publications considered for the CLA Young Adult Book Award to NPLS, with a large number going directly to Iqaluit Centennial Library. All community libraries received at least 6 YA books from this distribution.
  - Carolyn Mallory reported on the Coalition library. She made the 10,000 entry into their holdings, a milestone for the Coalition. The Nunavut Research Institute is still under construction, and is currently working out of the Brown building. EDT has a new library space, with a computer for checking the catalogue; she is rearranging shelving and material coming out of offices. Environment –Fisheries have material to be organized and catalogued; they have been added to the Coalition. NWMB is talking about a new website, but nothing is happening yet.
  - Ken Su reported on Iqaluit Centennial Library, as the Head Librarian; they are now fully staffed. The TD summer reading program was very successful, with 300 kids participating and 75 people at the wind-up party, where prizes of bikes and I-pods were donated by Arctic Ventures. Baker Lake HQ is not fully

functional, as Ken has left as systems librarian (3 competitions, no staffing action yet) and Sue MacIsaac is on leave for a year. Iqaluit library has been given a budget of \$15K to do their own materials purchasing. They are running a number of new programs in partnership with other groups; e.g. with Income Support for resume workshops, participation by the Women's Shelter, etc. Lots of seasonal programs with the help of the Friends of Iqaluit Centennial Library; the Friends have also gotten funding to install power outlets for the CAP program. They are ordering new computers and will have 19. The new DM for CLEY, Simon Awa, requested recommendations for a wish list for 3 years down the road; the library is hoping for a second floor or other expansion. The library is seeing increasing use with new books, DVDs etc., and they are looking for more staff to open on Sunday. They are working to update the public library website with a content management system, and NPLS HQ is also doing an RFP for an Open Source catalogue & OPAC as they are having issues with VTLS and Virtua.

- Jenny Thornhill reported that she has just completed a library inventory of the Court Library: archives, circulation, and what they have on the shelves. She has set up a simple charging tray and card system for circulation. The Justice Library Advisory Committee will be relaunched in the new year. Her wish list is for an automated checkout machine. She is working on developing useful statistics and reports. She will be away December 2-20, when there will be no research services available.
- Jenny also reported for Leigh-Anne Cumming, who couldn't call in; H&SS is working to locate materials; she is seeing a good turnout at the NAC library in Cambridge for their Tuesday and Thursday open evenings. She will be attending the OLA superconference Feb. 2-5, 2011, and will be the NLA representative for the Partnership meeting held then. She encourages people to send items in for the newsletter.

### 3. Partnership report

- Jenny attended the August meeting of The Partnership on behalf of NLA. Many library associations are cancelling their annual conferences as they are stretched thin for funds and volunteers.
- Ontario has launched a digital repository, Knowledge Ontario, which provides chat reference. They have issues with funding; they have a membership fee. OLA runs it on a business model.
- The Lois Hole project: In the past, the Alberta government made a deal with academic libraries to fund a resource-sharing agreement to access major databases. The project was officially cut this year.
- Education Institute: EI courses will include 13% HST with new Ontario tax system. They are also looking for people to offer programs. In order to obtain royalties, we have to have people taking courses, and to post a link to the EI on our website. ACTION: Making a link to EI on NLA website put to the vote, and unanimously carried.
- Library Networking Group (LNG) online and listserv as a place to post documents is now dead; too expensive. It has been replaced by the OLA forum. Jenny has made a generic username and password for NLA use, if wanted.
- Alberta library association ran a pilot continuing education certification program to record professional development; if they can obtain funding they will run a larger test; asked the EI group to work with them to indicate what kind of activities should be

worth what kind of points in the documentation (e.g. assigning points to EI courses)

- Time was spent on the CLA-Partnership issue, trying to sort out respective organizational roles. CLA is undergoing a major restructuring; some concern over whether the Partnership would be expected to make an ongoing financial contribution to keep CLA going.
4. The NLA letter on the copyright issue went out by e-mail and received an out-of-office reply.
  5. Yvonne Earle submitted a report on EI activities, and there was some discussion of what sessions we could offer to the group.
  6. Next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in spring May 2011.
  7. Thanks were expressed to the Commission Scolaire Francophone d'Iqaluit for the use of the room and the conference call facilities.