

Nunavut Library Association

Notes from Conference Call Meeting, Nov. 4, 2008

Present: Leigh Ann Cumming, Sue MacIsaac, Ken Su, Fabienne Thayz, Diane Corbeil, Carol Rigby, Rae-Lynne Aramburo, Yvonne Earle, Grant Karcich joined at 8:15.

Regrets: Katherine Tagak-DeVries, Carolyn Mallory, Dee Ladouceur

1. Agenda. Add item 9 Other business. Agenda approved as amended.

2. Library /Member Updates

- Sue (NPLS HQ) – gearing up to do book processing in Baker Lake. Now have Chapters corporate account that will allow them to respond more quickly to patron requests. Getting ready for Children’s Book Week.
- Ken (NPLS HQ) – he was in Iqaluit as branch manager through September. His time there led to discussion on his return re ordering changes to be more responsive and reduce patron wait times. He also discussed with VTLS users the idea of migrating to open source software, specifically KOHA. He has been doing more work in KOHA and will e-mail an update to the other managers.
- Yvonne (Legislative Library) – recarpeting is finished and library is getting back to normal. Some of our VTLS problems persist (after tests we found only NLL has them) and we have not been pleased with the lack of response from VTLS (Sandy Boone). Gearing up for 3rd Assembly and arrival of new MLAs Nov. 5, next couple of weeks could be very busy. Pitsiula is the new casual library assistant.
- Carol (librarian contractor) - covered some of the VTLS problems. The major Legislative Library project is cataloguing of Nunavut tabled documents and she is now up to 2nd Assembly, 3rd Session. Also, setting up and classifying a Dept. of Education curriculum resource centre. They will be producing a shelf list.
- Diane (Iqaluit Centennial) – They will be celebrating Canadian Children’s Book Week with a special Family Story Hour Nov.18, 6:30 pm. The Friends of the Library are having a booksale Nov. 29. Diane has prepared a book list of donated books which she will share with other libraries to see if they would like. Rae-Lynne will get her the contact information for the Nunavut learning centres.
- Rae-Lynne (Arctic College) – She will be starting her maternity leave in Dec. Katherine will be covering her year of leave; the transfer assignment began Nov. 1 to allow one month intensive training. She hired a library school summer student from UBC and the index for Inuktitut magazine has been updated; won’t be on the website but she will share with us and post it out to several lists. Community learning centres received libraries of about 200 books and 50 DVDs with focus on lower literacy level, northern and as much Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun as possible.
- Leigh Ann (H&SS CamBay) – NLA newsletter has had first draft. She is working on the library at Qikiqtani hospital; had help from doctors for weeding old collection and is looking for budget for new materials. (Yvonne is putting aside donated medical materials that might be appropriate.). She started evenings again at Nunavut Arctic College library in September. The new Foundation Studies instructor is using the library and she is trying to get the students in.
- Fabienne (Rankin Inlet library) – organized a lot of activities in October around Thanksgiving crafts & Halloween; they have more computers so more people coming in. They are trying to start a book club. Had an open house to tell people about John Ayarauq after whom the library was named. Will be hosting Helene, a story teller and Rosalie Kissuq, a singer who has overcome difficulties and a disability. Has a young student helping with children after school and Lego is the big thing.

- Grant (Iqaluit Centennial) – ran TD Summer reading Program with a student and had about 100 participants. Ken has revamped the patron interface with VTLS circulation and patron info now sits on Canadian website. They are cataloguing more donated material (brief records). Going to start cataloguing of Manning collection monographs. In need of new computers; had 1 computer blow today. On personal note, has just has a Croatian history & genealogy book published.

3. Literacy Council Update.

- NLC report from Kim Crockatt will be e-mailed to everyone. To highlight: Read for 15 was a big success, 7855 people participated. NLC has started a project to pilot a literacy development in one of Nunavut's decentralized communities; it will be a monitored research project. PGI will be in Pond inlet April 29-May 1, 2009. Board members acclaimed and AGM will be Dec. 6 in Yellowknife at NWT Literacy Council office. If you are there you are welcome to attend.

4. Partnership report

The Partnership is an association of library associations and does not duplicate CLA/ABC advocacy role.

- Carol represented us at August meeting and gave a full report that will be in the newsletter. A significant change for us will be that OLA will now only cover costs for 1 meeting per year (Aug.); the January meeting is timed around OLA super conference and any delegate to Partnership meeting will have reduced/free conference registration.
- Education Institute conference call reviewed some of the discussion from August meeting. Looking at courses offered re duplication of other agencies / getting more response.
- Partnership Journal (online & open source) is getting good response and a good reputation for quality of content.
- Carol is working with a committee on the jobs website.

5. Logo

- Everyone had the visual # 1 with darker border, # 2 without border. After the first draft we had asked to have border taken out as in small size it might look too busy. General agreement that dark border adds definition to large size. Resolution on logo with dark border needs to be cleaner. Agreed we will have 2 formats and when using small size will use one without border.
- We will have the name in 4 languages and outside the logo. Leigh Ann will get Inuinnaqtun translation done, Diane will do French and Rae-Lynne will ask Katherine for Inuktitut.
- Thanks to Keith Morrison from NLA for his work on the logo.

6. Chairperson

- Rae-Lynne reviewed the duties: 2 NLA meetings a year, Partnership contact and disseminating that information, Education Institute calls every couple of months, any correspondence if there are lobbying efforts. The position could be interim until she returns in a year or ongoing.
- Agreed Rae-Lynne will send an e-mail so that it reaches members not at the meeting who might be interested.

8. Website

- It seems we are the only library association without a website. Do we need one? How would it benefit us? How onerous to keep updated?
- QLA had just launched a new site using open source Drupal

- Grant said it would be simple and we could likely have it hosted on one of the other library association sites.
- Ken has expertise to set up but not graphic skills.

Leigh Ann and Fabienne left the meeting.

9. Other business

- Book Week already mentioned above Nov. 15-22
- Iqaluit Literacy Committee has not met this year. There was little response 2007-08 and there needs to be a decision re continuing. No request from NPLS to be the Baffin go-between for the Gr 1 books that can be requested for Nunavut schools.

10. Next meeting - Spring 2009. Someone other than Rae-Lynne will have to convene.

Adjourned 9pm.