

## Report to the Nunavut Library Association, May 2015

### Progress report 4: Maintaining the NLA Website

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#### *Overview:*

The Nunavut Library Association has a basic website posted under our domain name: [www.nunavutlibraryassociation.ca](http://www.nunavutlibraryassociation.ca)

For the past three years, the website has been hosted on WordPress and uses the WordPress software, in website format with a blogging function for news and updates. Since WordPress does not host e-mail, the NLA has a G-mail account, [nunavutlibraryassociation@gmail.com](mailto:nunavutlibraryassociation@gmail.com), which is being monitored by Carol and forwarded on to Yvonne Earle, NLA president. We hope this means people who see or use the website will be able to contact the association and receive a timely response to any enquiries.

#### *Current Website*

Using WordPress as a platform, Carol is now able to monitor the site easily, upload new material such as blog posts and new issues of newsletters and reports, and check for and remove any spam comments. She tries to review and update the site at least quarterly, in addition to posting anything forwarded on by other NLA members.

There have been no major changes to the website since the last progress report. The Partnership page requires occasional maintenance to monitor the currency of the links. The site does not receive a lot of spam comments, relatively speaking.

#### *Funding*

Having the website point to our domain name is the only cost for having the site on the WordPress platform and hosted by WordPress. This is a relatively minimal charge (\$13/year). The very small income that the NLA receives from the Partnership as royalties for Education Institute seminar participation has been used to date to cover this expense. The membership may wish to discuss having that continue as a matter of principle.

A spreadsheet has been developed to track funds transferred for this purpose. A copy is attached of the current statement.

#### *Going forward*

Carol would still appreciate receiving materials from NLA members to post in the blog and to expand the website pages, so that the site does not appear too static; any submissions can be sent to [cerigby@xplornet.com](mailto:cerigby@xplornet.com).

Submissions could include any of the following:

- Short newsy items and publicity photos to post to the blog, such as:
  - A brief paragraph describing or announcing an event;
  - A photo or photos with identifying captions highlighting your library or its activities (news and pictures about the paint job at Iqaluit Centennial, for example?) Please note that if photos contain recognizable people in them, you should obtain their permission in writing to publicize the photo, and send that along too. Photographers should be credited.
- Copies of documents you may have written or published, or presentations given, that would be of interest to the wider Nunavut library community
- A description and photos of your library to highlight in the "Our libraries" section (we still don't have anything about NTI, ITK resource centres, for example)

- New ideas are also welcome!

The issue of language might need to be considered; WordPress offers interfaces in a number of languages, such as French, but Inuktitut is not among them. However, if we wanted to have some Inuktitut content within individual pages, the software is Unicode-compliant and syllabics do appear properly when typed into the pages. We currently have no material in any language other than English. Some discussion took place at our last meeting regarding an "official" translation for the name of our association in Inuit languages, but that has not been confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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