

**Nunavut Library Association (NLA) Meeting**  
October 30, 2006, Nunavut Arctic College, 7:30 pm EST

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** (Iqaluit) Rae-Lynne Patterson, Yvonne Earle, Carol Rigby, Gary Pon; (Baker Lake) Taryl Gula; (Winnipeg) Janice Linton

**Regrets:** Kim Crockett, Carolyn Mallory, Tori-Lynne Evans

**1. Agenda - approved**

**2. Library updates**

- Taryl advised that NPLS saw good participation in Canadian Library Month with an activity for every library day in Baker Lake, including NFB movie nights every Thursday. The Igloolik library is open again after the school paid for a person to act as the school librarian. There is some question about a pre-existing joint-use facilities policy that may apply that would have been inherited from the NWT and Taryl was advised to investigate NPLS past files and also contact Alison, the chief librarian at the NWT Public Library for details. NPLS is pleased with the progress of its online book club, purchased for \$300/year and with its upcoming author tour which will feature 13 readers. Taryl could provide no update as to when the open HQ positions would be filled. Tori-Lynne represented Nunavut at CLA's pre-conference Literary Summit session in June.

- Janice is a new member of the NLA working out of the U of M health sciences library as the Aboriginal Health Librarian. She has been supporting the nurses and doctors in the Kivalliq region for 8 years and has recently received extra funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health to expand services to Nunavut. We were all invited to contact her for any health research or materials. Janice also publishes a newsletter of current awareness for Kivalliq health professionals and maintains a website at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/health/aboriginal/kivalliq.html>. There was a brief discussion about the need for database access by Nunavut's health care workers. Janice reminded us of the Cochrane Network, made a general recommendation of Gale's products for consumer health information, and noted Saskatchewan's initiatives to negotiate a province-wide license for database access.

- Yvonne hosted the parliamentary librarians from across Canada at the APLIC conference in July. She advised us that the Legislative library is getting more of their collection catalogued and online. The Library of Parliament has expressed interest in assisting with digitization projects,

especially Nunavut Implementation documents and has offered to scan any materials provided by the Legislative library.

- Carol is adding tabled documents to the Legislative library catalogue. She is also pursuing an online MS in Information and Library Studies from RGU in Aberdeen, Scotland.

- Gary completed his library move into the new courthouse during the month of April after disposing materials that could not be placed in the new building. He has installed a qiniq modem for public internet access in the library and is hoping to work on upgrading the website before attempting to re-start cataloguing of the law library collection.

- Rae-Lynne advised that the U.S. Embassy wanted to donate further material to the 'American shelf' in Rankin Inlet. She arranged for a couple of their embassy staff including their librarian to visit the site in Rankin. Rae-Lynne has also been acting as a project manager for the NAC's new website and hopes to launch very shortly. Rae-Lynne also had a chance to peruse the material donated by the Igloodik Research Institute (50 + boxes) that are now in a storage room at the old residence, and will be working with the Nunavut Research Institute to catalogue the collection and make it accessible, when space and staff hours can be found.

### **3. Literacy Council update**

- Rae-Lynne related the notes from Kim. Read for 15 contest results - NU tied with NWT while Yukon joined in for the first time. An especially notable performance was displayed by Gjoa Haven which had an 88% turnout.

- To address their recent funding cuts, some of the NLC staff have already taken a voluntary 10% cut, but in order to maintain some ongoing projects, NLC will have to lay off staff.

### **4. Library Book Rate update**

- We received thank you form letters from Bev Oda and the Policy Advisor to the Parliamentary Secretary in response to an NLA letter that we sent expressing our concerns. We were pleased to find out recently that the LBR program, in its current form, has been extended to January 2008.

### **5. Partnership / CLA update**

- Rae-Lynne sent notes to confirm our interest in participating, but did not receive any agenda before their August meeting, nor any minutes from that meeting. At the August meeting, they decided that the NLA would be lumped in, along with the Yukon, with the NWT and represented by the NWT rep.

- As well, NLA was not informed of the provincial and territorial directors meeting at CLA.

- Rae-Lynne will draft letters to the Partnership, the NWT LA, and the CLA about our concerns about how the NLA can participate and be effectively represented at these national meetings. We would seek clarification about why we are being treated differently, whether it is because we do not collect membership dues or due to the cost of transporting our reps from Nunavut.

## **6. IFLA submission**

- Carol initiated a response to an RFP for 'innovative library initiatives' that will be published when the 2008 IFLA conference is held in Quebec City. She and Rae-Lynne drafted a submission on Nunavut's Inuktitut cataloguing initiatives.

## **7. Maps update**

- Yvonne had drafted a letter in response to the proposed elimination of paper map publication by NRCan, but the decision was reversed before she had sent it off

## **8. Freedom to Read Week - February 25 - March 3, 2007**

- notice circulated

## **9. Next meeting**

- sometime in mid to late January