

Nunavut Library Association

Minutes of Meeting, April 30, 2007

Present: Gary Pon, Philippa Ootoovak, Carolyn Mallory, Carol Rigby, Yvonne Earle, Rae-Lynne Patterson, Leigh Ann Cumming (by phone)

Regrets: Tori-Lynne Evans, Leanna Ellsworth, Janice Linton, Catherine Hoyt

1. Agenda approved

2. Library updates

- Yvonne – Legislative Library digitization project with Library of Parliament is moving forward. She will be meeting with LoP people when in Ottawa this week. They are using more aspects of Virtua after training session. Will be attending Law Libraries and CLA conferences in May.
- Carol – continues with contract cataloguing at Legislative Library; 25% of tabled document collection has now been added. More confident about adding URLs to records now that she can use web crawler tool to ensure accuracy. Backfilling Inuktitut content on records for bilingual items initially only done in English. Finished a contract with the Teaching and Learning Centre to buy required shelving and set up faceted classification system to organize materials.
- Carolyn – continues to work at the Coalition mostly cataloguing and weeding. Looking to hire a summer student. Has a cataloguing contract with L'Ecole des Trois Soleils. Their library now has open hours for families.
- Philippa - just completed a contract for the Rebecca P. Idlout Library Board funded by Council of Canadian Archives. However, there is confusion about the Library Board receiving archive funds so they may have to create 2 societies. Pond Inlet community librarian on mat. leave and was not replaced by a term person. The casual replacement had no training so service has been limited to opening the doors and providing access to the computers. Library is closed this week.
- Gary – has not begun working on cataloguing or using the Virtua system yet. Will attend CALL conference and Judicial Institute meeting in May. Is focusing on the Court Services website, and noted that developing the Inuktitut sections of the site is an issue, without resources allocated for translations.
- From Tori – there were applications for all 3 NPLS positions; still in competition process. She will be coordinating 2007 TD Summer Reading Program in Nunavut. Currently choosing the 2007 CCBW author for Nunavut; many want to come here.
- Rae-Lynne – NAC website was launched in Feb. www.nac.nu.ca . She is not hiring a summer student this summer for NAC library. NRI may hire student to work on the materials from the Igloolik research station which she will need to oversee. She attended Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute (NELI) and found it a very good experience – like “library camp”. Lots of areas covered but none of the mentors had solo or rural/remote experience. Katherine is signed up for SAIT distance ed. cataloguing courses.
- Leigh Anne – moved to Cambridge Bay in January and was offered the part-time high school library position. Finding it a very different experience from her previous and varied library work (including New York PL and New Brunswick PLS). Doing lots of weeding and working with new community librarian. New library information system Minisis soon to be set up for school.

3. Nunavut Literacy Council

- Kim is on holiday this month. The Council has funding from Feds. to keep the office running for 2007-2008. The Harper government has reduced funds across

Canada for literacy initiatives and next fiscal year the organizations will not get administrative funds from a federal program.

- PGI (celebrity golf tournament) is happening in Rankin Inlet in May.

4. The Partnership

- NLA letter that Rae-Lynne wrote was well received. She has since heard unofficially and verbally that we are now a member in our own stead but has had no official notice.
- We will be invited to the meeting in Toronto in August. Bad timing for Rae-Lynne but hopefully she will be able to go; we need to have someone at that meeting.
- We had an NLA blurb in the 1st issue of the e-journal. Carol has written a piece on the TLC for the next issue.
- Rae-Lynne will start forwarding Institute courses to distribution list

5. IFLA submission

- Article was written by Carol, crunched to 1000 words by Rae-Lynne, proofed by consortium members and submitted by deadline.
- Editorial committee has asked for some results or response to the Inuktitut catalogue. Suggested we get a comment from the Languages Commissioner's Office.

6. Newsletter

- Leigh Ann has done newsletters in other roles –tips, humour, updates. Willing to do one for NLA. Would be a good way to communicate with other library workers in the territory who don't otherwise participate in the NLA, and to foster a sense of community. Go for it!
- Decided it would be electronic distributed by e-mail.

7. NLA membership

- Rae-Lynne will work on a letter to go out to anyone affiliated or working with libraries in Nunavut. It can accompany the first issue of the new newsletter. She will also then compile the membership list, based on responses to letter.

8. Other items

- Philippa interested to know how school library in some places are used & staffed and in Pond Inlet they are looking at using the high school library space for something else. Carolyn also mentioned the closed library at Inuksuk this year. Seems to be very Principal or DEA dependant; no departmental policy or guidelines. Direction to Rae-Lynne & Carolyn to write an open letter to the Minister of Education re school libraries which will also go to the press.
- Rae-Lynne received an invitation from CLA to attend the conference and have her registration paid. No explanation why and no notification about a meeting of provincial & territorial associations that is in the CLA program. Unfortunately she cannot attend due to restrictions on southern travel.

9. Next meeting – Early Fall 2007 (September?)

Adjourned 8:50pm