

Kootenay Library Federation  
LDAG Meeting Minutes  
1 May 2009

Location:

Causeway Bay Hotel, Red Cedar Room  
102A Red Cedar Dr, Sparwood, BC V0B 2G0  
(250) 425-2003

Attendance: Kathy Anderson, Marie Onyett, Heather Maisel, Indira Wickremasinghe, Jim Bertoia, Ursula Brigl, Emma Dressler, Karin Von Wittgenstein, Eva Kelemen, Judy Foucher, Jane Jones

Minutes - Joanne Richards, KLF

8:15 am - Workshop - Conflict Resolution Workshop by Mary Shier, COTR, Fernie Campus. Enlightening and engaging workshop on different personality types and how the communication priorities vary for types; seems to be more accessible and practical than Myers-Briggs. Several requests for a continuation with more emphasis on conflict avoidance and resolution.

Business meeting - Call to order 1:02 pm

1. **Motion to approve the agenda** as amended - Ursula Brigl; Second Judy Foucher.  
Carried
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes** from 26 September 2008, Indira Wickremasinghe;  
Second - Marie Onyett. Carried
3. Correspondence - none
4. **Election of LDAG Chair and Vice Chair**  
Jim Bertoia, Sparwood nominated by Kathy Anderson  
Emma Dressler nominated by Ursula Brigl  
- Emma declines, Jim accepts. Jim is elected chair of the KLF LDAG.  
Vice Chair - Emma is nominated and accepts. Elected as LDAG vice chair.
5. **KLF Minutes** - Because of the issues surrounding library staff at LDAG and Board meetings, it does not seem to be appropriate to have the current KLF admin assistant at these meetings. Work of recording secretary makes it difficult for KLF director or another participant to attend to the meeting discussions.

**Motion** by Kathy Anderson - That the Joanne hire an independent temporary person to record minutes at LDAG and Board meetings. Second - Heather Maisel, Carried.

## 6. Old Business - updates

### a) Provincial Database User Group

- Corinne Loewen of Castlegar represents the KLF in this group.
- Did anyone go and meet Beaumont the Basset at BCLA? - Yes. Report was that posters could be more exciting.

### b) CAP Network - is a separate KLF network still something this group is interested in creating? Dealing with Edgewood is still frustrating, there is a lot of inaccuracy in information and appears highly disorganized. CAP admin money would flow to KLF if the KLF administrated the network.

**Motion** by Ursula Brigl - That Joanne continue work setting a KLF CAP network.  
Second - Heather Maisel. Supported by all libraries present with CAP sites.

### c) Database Training - Eva Kelemen had developed a training course for volunteers at the Kaslo Library. The course material is now too dated to be of practical use and Eva does not have time to revise. Dropped.

### d) Programming boxes - 20 boxes are nearing completion. Cost so far is \$4060 in grants to libraries. Additional costs will be incurred for cataloguing.

Q: How do we intend to use these boxes - loan to public, in library use only or library and preschool loans?

- Divided opinions in response.
- We will need more boxes to have an adequate supply for in library use and many more to lend to the public.
- To facilitate rotating the boxes, Joanne plans to set up separate East Kootenay and West Kootenay collection with occasional swapping across the Kootenay Pass.

Suggested that we need input from children's librarians to plan for box use. Tabled to children's librarians meeting.

### e) Playaway shared collection - 49 units currently in Castlegar, catalogued with records on disc. Will move on to a new home in July.

Q: Any library not interested in hosting these items? - not Radium. Libraries currently holding Playaways (Nelson, Grand Forks, Cranbrook & Kimberley) will not be the priority for receiving the shared collection.

### f) Puppet Workshop & Children's Librarians meeting - Rossland High School Drama teacher Lisa Hendersen teaches puppetry. She would be willing to conduct a workshop for the children's librarians on developing puppet scripts, perhaps on building sets and puppets. She is a part time teacher and believes we can hold the

workshop during her day to take advantage of the equipment at the school. Lisa suggests late June or early fall for workshop. To be discussed with children's librarians.

- g) SRC Facilitators meeting - still to be planned for June. One in the east and one in the west. Joanne will be seeking two children's librarian to conduct the sessions.
  - h) Author tours - PLSB spending is on hold because of the election. There are no WIL grants until the new cabinet is in place and the budget is released after the election. Leanne has notified authors that our plans are on hold until funding is clarified.
7. **Circ Policies** - Joanne is seeking information from the libraries about the current circulation practices. There are forms in the handouts to be turned in to me. Also included is a sheet summarizing the patron types for Evergreen that has been approved by the interim Board of Directors of the BC Library Co-op.
- a) BC OneCard - Lending policies, DVD and other media return - those in attendance agree that the OneCard grant covers the cost of returning all materials to lending libraries.
  - b) Common KLF Circ policy - Federations are encouraged to develop consistent circulation policies across the region. Consistency promotes patron satisfaction.
  - c) KLF Evergreen Users Group - this will be a good thing to have as more KLF libraries move onto Evergreen. It has been suggested that the KLF build capacity for Evergreen support within the region. Evergreen user group will give a forum to discuss issues - technical and policy related. Meeting by conference call. Corinne Loewen has attended migration sessions in Rossland and Salmo to develop expertise for migration and would participate in the group.
8. **One Book One Kootenay Update** - Committee has selected a book. Online component will be important. Looking into an event planner for example - Function D'Eva from Nelson or Lisa Mose from Fernie.
9. **KLF projects 2009-2010** (youth programming)
- a) Reading Link Challenge for Grade 4 & 5 <http://readinglink.bclibrary.ca/> - Kathy Anderson - Coquitlam has a successful program. Questions and programs are prepared for participating libraries. Books are provided; prizes are responsibility of the libraries. In Smithers, this program was called Battle of the Books and was very popular. Please email Joanne by May 10<sup>th</sup> if your library is interested in participating. Joanne to email Ada Con now to let her know KLF libraries will be participating.
10. **Consumers Report subscription** - Consumers Report.org - Heather - asks that the libraries reconsider taking up this subscription. Heather feels that the presentation is

user friendly and the database will appeal to patrons. Heather and Joanne to resend information and subscription costs to the libraries.

11. **VR Scheduling** - Phil would like the KLF to work internally to develop schedules and share sessions amongst the libraries. After discussion, those attending recommend that Joanne go back to Phil Hall and ask him to manage shift changes when libraries must give up participation. AskAway scheduling is not the responsibility of the KLF director and should be managed by Phil Hall.
12. **Library 2020 update** - Ursula - Library 2020 committee hired a consultant to develop a business model for library service to share resources across three library sectors - public, academic and K - 12 libraries. Two reports completed. First report on consortia in other jurisdictions. The second report focuses on developing consultation processes for moving consortium forward.  
Concerns are that libraries will lose their autonomy and groups will lose their independence.  
Q: Why is this being investigated, how is it different than BC Library co-operative?  
Library 2020 is to focus on how to encourage collaboration between sectors? Build foundation of understanding of where collaboration is happening and where it can be expanded. Library 2020 needs to hear what the libraries in each sector see as feasible plan for collaboration.
13. **ABCPLD update** - Ursula - Ursula is now the chair of the ABCPLD. The organization is open to all directors of BC Public Libraries. Other executive are: Barry Holmes, Vice chair, Margot Schiller, Secretary, Audrey Fenema, Treasurer. ABCPLD is working on populating new website. Also working with BCLTA, BCLA, working on library issues (funding) during the elections and hosting UBCM reception. As chair, Ursula is working on professional development for library directors to create TOP for Directors and develop skills for handling widespread issues like homeless people in libraries.
14. **Insurance for libraries** - There didn't appear to be a lot of interest in this topic. Most libraries get their commercial liability & contents insurance with building from city.
15. **Kootenay Conference 2010** - Joanne is exploring options in Nelson - Best Western or Prestige seems to be the choices.
  - a) subcommittee formed includes -Heather, Karin, Kathy, Jim, Emma, June(?)
  - b) theme for conference - to be developed.
16. **Friends get together** - Fall 2009, Castlegar
17. **Review of group subscriptions sign ups**
  - a) *Audio Cine Film Canada License renewal* - Nelson, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Grand Forks, Fernie, Beaver Valley

- b) *Canadian Directory to Foundations and Corporations* - Grand Forks, Greenwood, Nelson, Cranbrook, Radium, Sparwood, Fernie, Kaslo, Radium, Kimberley, Castlegar, Beaver Valley, Rossland
- c) *Booklist Online* - Grand Forks, Greenwood, Sparwood, Fernie, Castlegar, Kimberley, Beaver Valley, Rossland

**18. Round Table** - what's new at your library? Any recommended reads?

- a) Sparwood - may be happy with budget and get a bit more money this year. Need to replace furnace and carpet. Baby Lap Time (Hop, Leap & Move) ½ hour - stories, and finger plays
- b) Rossland - on Evergreen and finding it a positive experience. Very good tech support. Migration was fraught with problems.
- c) Castlegar - redo children's area and basement area.
- d) Beaver Valley - staffing changes, new children's librarian and other staff changes. Video game collection will be announced at start of SRC. Friends buying equipment and flat screen TVs for video gaming. Beaver Valley Adventure Picnic - Library will participate. There is usually a very good turnout.
- e) Greenwood - completed 6<sup>th</sup> annual quilt for the fundraising raffle. Hosted a fundraising dinner - 89 year old Japanese Canadian resident told stories of being interned in Greenwood. Used an interview format. Event was well attended. May be looking for new space for the library
- f) Cranbrook - Red Cedar Mini Gala is happening on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Hosted AKBLG conference reception at the library on Thursday, April 23. Website redesign is in the works. Launch of PlayAway book collection. Friends received Direct access grant and have hired a community outreach and education co-ordinator. They are also building up the home bound service and developing relationship with local band.
- g) Kimberley - \$500,000 renovation of the library to expand into the upstairs area. Meeting room will remain and the board has applied for meeting room technologies grant. There is a new reading garden - Jack Ratcliff Reading Garden. Six additional hours for admin support has been approved by the board.
- h) GF - not settled contract; process has gone to mediation. Received 4.3% increase in funding. Library is hosting a homework club and expanded it to include library education and research training. Looking for a new director.

Recommended read - *Slum Dog Millionaire*. Read the book, skip the movie.

- i) Radium - Sean Cullen reading at Edgewater School is next week. Radium is participating in the literacy golf tournament. They have started book club. Baby Goose is at the library. Radium book is about to be published
- j) Kaslo - half way through barcoding. Library and city hall may have new geo thermal heat which is good because the library is always cold. Library will be closed during restoration. Backroom is fixed up as part of BC 150 grant. Feng Shui the library to

bring peace and contentment to the librarian. Held the 45 books in 45 minutes - great event and very well attended.

19. Adjourned at 4:30 pm followed by tour of Sparwood Library