

**Telephone Conference Call
KLF Budget Priorities for 2010
November 30, 2009**

Attended: Joanne Richards, Helen Graham, Evelyn Goodell, Eva Kelmen, Emma Dressler, Judy Foucher, Ursula Brigl, Ene Haabniit, Heather Buzzell.

Recorder: Helen Graham, KLF
Time: 10:03 am PST

Preamble:

Joanne: Spending priorities for the KLF. It's always difficult to come up with budget figures, because many of the projects have unknown expenses and things arise during the year that are necessary, or too good to pass up. Affordability and fairness to all KLF Libraries one of the factors when choosing what to spend money on. Seems to work best to spread the funding out over several projects, so that all Libraries will benefit from something.

Emma: Does the Strategic Plan factor into the spending priorities?

Joanne: Strategic Plan not finished yet, so, no it doesn't.

Emma: What about the provincial strategic plan, is it a factor?

Joanne: Only as it applies to the KLF.

Joanne: (preamble continued) KLF has \$12,000 to spend on the following initiatives:

Mail Bags:

- all Libraries participate in ILLs
- benefits a lot of Libraries
- may not be visible because it's not a service, but saves staff time
- the KLF would pay 30% of the cost of bags

Imagine Canada

- database of funding available to non-profit organizations.
- Thinks this would be useful to Libraries & KLF

Funding for Core Databases now that province no longer does it.

- The KLF will pay 15% of the cost of the core databases to Libraries.
- The prices quoted by Jim Looney are firm and will not change.
- Databases to small Libraries, serving populations under 3,0000, will depend on how many of the larger Libraries participate and what databases the larger Libraries choose.
- Libraries will be contacted about other databases, not listed in current quote, in the near future

Programming Boxes

- popular at Children's Meeting
- hopefully will help with programming,
- money for 15 more boxes in 2010
- maybe allow libraries 15 more boxes this year and then evaluate the program,
- distribution still to work out
- Ene – weigh bills from province maybe available. Can be a problem to areas without Puralator Service Author

Author Tours: Joanne drawing up draft on how to handle author visits

Round Table Discussion:

Re: core databases, mail bags, programming boxes, Imagine Canada database, author tours, rotating large print collection

Ursula: Core databases most important. Databases provides a lot of depth to the collection, which we would no longer be able to provide if they were discontinued. Saves space – magazine storage, Small Engine & Auto expensive to buy manuals, Imagine Canada: waffling on. Concerned about adding a new database when Regional District, City, and Province funding uncertain. Mail Bag concerns: no guarantee they will stay in KLF area, but logo & return address will help. Will participate. Databases and mail bags are high in core serves provided by libraries. Program boxes are nice, but not a necessity (wouldn't sacrifice other services for them).

Evelyn: Supports programming boxes and mail bags. Core Databases not user friendly and not well used at her Library. Well still try to support getting databases. Author visits are important. Imagine Canada will supports if Joanne wants it.

Judy: Mail Bags not an issue yet, because not an ILL provider, but hope to soon. Programming Boxes great. Imagine Canada subscription - yes. Core DB & Auto not well used, but sees as a necessary reference tool, LP not really needed have developed their own.

Emma: Mail Bags – doesn't want to spend money on them, uses reusable bags. Programming Boxes are an extra and not that valuable. Imagine Canada - yes. On-line databases well used – staff trained and pushes DBs. Save on reference material.

Like author tours and will do even if KLF doesn't. They have their own large print collection and ILLs books they don't have.

Eva: Mail bags – likes reusing bags, but will need more once ILLs are done through Evergreen/SITKA. Imagine Canada – yes. Small Engine repair worth

the cost. Databases are a powerhouse, couldn't possibly have all those resource at the Library. If 75% of the Libraries do not want the core databases what will small libraries do? Can they order on their own?

Program Boxes - confused as to how to use them in their Library,
Mail Bags could they have a hole in the plastic window to cancel stamps? The post office doesn't like it when they can't cancel the postage. Please don't put postage on plastic window.

Eva: Question for Joanne: Provincially DBs not chosen until the Dec. 14. Why does the KLF want to know on Dec. 10. She would like to know what the province doing before she makes a decision.

Joanne: The earlier date is so she can evaluate the KLFs participation to give to the province before their decision is made. KLFs participation will be a factor in the provincial decision.

Heather: 2 major priorities for her: Mail bags and databases. Grand Forks has program boxes, therefore the KLF are not as important to them. Author tours are important.

Joanne: What are your preferred database quote options? Do you want to purchase the complete EBSCO and/or Canadian Newsstand databases?

Emma: Complete newsstand-yes. EBSCO - confused over the difference between the options. What doesn't the MasterFile have that the Academic Elite has? DBs are used a lot by staff and patrons. Would like auto repair, small engine and novelist.

Ene: Academic Elite was added on when the colleges became partners with the Libraries. Most public libraries probably OK with just EBSCO master file,

Ursula: Is going with Option 1 EBSCO (MasterFile), novelist, Canadian Newsstand - major daily plus black press (community newspapers). This is what the community uses now. If bought Cranbrook bought the whole Canadian Newsstand package they would have to drop other databases. Auto repair, small engine repair, Global Road Warrior and Tumble Books - yes. Would like to keep Novelist K-8. QPlegalese what is happening with that? Would like to keep, plus other provincial resources.

Ene: Jim hasn't finished negotiating with province yet. Subscriptions don't end until March 31, 2010. Other BC resources, such as: codes etc. looks like they will be free, according to Jim.

Novelist K-8 is in Novelist, children just have to search the whole database.

Heather: No comment, due to illness at the Library, I haven't had a chance to look at the options carefully enough to make a decision.

Joanne: Programming Boxes on hold until funding secured. Mail bag information will be send soon.

**Telephone Conference Call
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December 2, 2009**

Attended: Heather Maisel, Amy Veysey, June Stockdale, Liz Robinson, Joanne Richards, Helen Graham

Recorder: Helen Graham, KLF

Preamble same as Monday, November 30 call.

Round Table

Liz: Databases: Does the price go down if all KLF libraries subscribe to small engine repair, auto repair, etc? (Joanne: No.)
Invermere will subscribe to EBSCO Option 3, Novelist – yes, Small engine repair, Auto Reference Centre. No to Canadian Newsstand. Not sure about Global Road Warrior, doesn't know how well it is used. Imagine Canada – yes.
Mail Bags: Yes, after discussion.

June was asked to comment on mail bags: They are quicker and easier to use than padded envelopes. Saves on staff time.

Heather: Databases – Castlegar will go with EBSCO Option 2, Novelist, Canadian Newsstand (Question: Does Pacific include Trail and other BC papers? Trail is not part of Black Press. June: Nelson is going with Black Press) Heather will research more before making decision, keep Auto Repair Reference Centre, Small Engine-yes, Global Road Warrior –no
Imagine Canada-yes
Mail bags – yes

June: Ebsco – Option 3, novelist, Canadian Newsstand basic plus Black Press, auto reference – yes, Global Road Warrior – unsure, Small engine checking usage.
Imagine Canada - yes
Mail bags – yes

Amy: Databases: Salmo's population is under 3,000, so they will have to go with whatever 75% of the province goes with. Auto Repair – yes.
Imagine Canada try for a year.

Mail Bags – would like 30

Joanne's comments: Everyone has to get in touch with Jim to tell him if you want to continue with **Auto Repair Reference Centre** or change to **ChiltonLibrary.com**

Data Bases: Libraries will pay the price quoted by Jim. Then they can apply for a grant from the KLF to help cover costs (up to 15%). It's the best way to do it, because Libraries get a GST rebate, KLF doesn't. Fax complete data base order to Jim Looney.

Mail Bags: Mail bags not a priority for smaller libraries, but larger libraries like them. Will order 500 mail bags with no logo and KLF address on back. I would ideally order 1,000 bags, because that is the number of ILLs KLF libraries do in a month and the bags would be cheaper per bag. Libraries can order more bags than indicated on list.

Imagine Canada: Joanne: database that the public can access from your Library. Webnair next Tues. Dec. 8 if you want to look at.

Everyone concurred with November 30 Conference Call participants on:

- Programming boxes not a priority now, we will evaluate and wait.
- Large print not a priority.
- Author tours: Policy around how to conduct author tours without Writer's in Libraries Grants has to be formulated. Looking at getting some Kootenay authors in the spring. What about until then? If local authors are interested in doing small tours of their own areas they might be accommodated if no traveling costs were incurred.