

Library Directors Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2011

Creston Public Library
 531 16th Ave, Creston
 Call to order – 11 am (PDT)

Attending - Jim Bertoia, Sparwood, Chair; Belinda Wilkinson, Trail; Amy Veysey, Salmo; Marie Onyett, Beaver Valley; June Stockdale, Nelson; Eva Kelemen, Kaslo; Heather Buzzell, Grand Forks; Ursula Brigl, Cranbrook; Ann Day, Creston; Karin von Wittgenstein, Kimberley; Liz Robinson, Invermere; Sabina Iseli-Otto, Nakusp; Diane Andrews, Elkford

Guest – Marjorie Mitchell, past chair, BCLA

Minutes – Joanne Richards

1. Presentation by and Q&A session with Marjorie Mitchell, past chair, BCLA -
 Summary: BCLA is continuing to reach out to the regions of the province and to try and serve the needs of libraries in smaller communities. The BCLA has conducted a survey of members. Survey identified BCLA Conference as activity most valued by membership. BCLA is considering structural changes to improve organization function and service to members. Board is 13 people – possibly too large. Want to increase the effectiveness of the board and make more efficient. Membership is strong and stable.
 Q. > What can BCLA do to better serve the Kootenay Library community?
 Comments: BCLA has multifaceted mandate – difficult to meet all goals.
 Conference costs make it difficult for smaller library staff to attend.
 Topics at BC Library Conference may not meet the needs of libraries serving small communities.
 Fun and entertaining events sponsored by BCLA are appreciated.
 BCLA could act as a central repository and distribution of information
 BCLA wants and needs to engage all members in the organization.
2. Lunch
3. Regular Business Meeting – 12:45 pm
 - a. Additions to/Approval of Agenda –Heather Buzzell/ Sabina Iseli-Otto; carried
 - b. Approval of Minutes – 27 September 2010 – Ursula Brigl, Karin von Wittgenstein; carried
 - c. Recorded Books – Joanne noted several problems with orders and materials. Only six or seven libraries take part in this program. Consensus is to stop placing new orders with RB. Alternate Audiobook vendors – ULS carries titles from different publishers;

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CVS Midwest Tape based in Toronto. <http://www.cvsmidwesttapes.ca/>

- d. Barcode labels – Preferred vendor arrangements - No questions or comments
- e. Plastic zip folders - report from Ursula - GVPL uses plastic zip folios for e- readers and smaller book/audiobook kits. Joanne to locate source and pricing and let group know.
- f. Stock Layouts – no questions at this time. Joanne mentioned that printing services at UVic are quite reasonably priced. Kathy Anderson is willing to submit jobs to the UVic print shop and ship finished products to libraries if that helps.
- g. ILL
 - i. Mailbags – do we need more? Smaller bags may be a good idea as large sized bags damage smaller books. Bag windows do have to be cut to cancel the stamps. Joanne to follow up with pricing.
 - ii. Stickers for ILL – Grand Forks has gone paperless for the ILL and developed template for removable labels – Avery 6498; Price from local Select Office is \$14.95 for 300 labels. Compatible with Avery template 5160 for printing. Can we get better price with larger order? Joanne to check. Libraries may prefer to support local vendors.
note - Kaslo puts ILL labels over barcode.
- h. KLF Updates
 - i. OBOK – voting wraps up July 30th; please return results to Helen by August 5th:
 - ii. Books 4 Babies – press releases will be emailed to libraries in different regions over the next month. If you have queries from local credit unions, please direct them to me.
 - iii. Author tours – info shared on Kristeva Dowling – “*Chicken Poop for the Soul; in search of food sovereignty*” for September and , Margo Talbot - “*All that Glitters*” for November.
Also shared info from Arin Faye re exhibit and possible reading tour.
Please let Joanne know if interested in hosting
- i. Online database subscriptions – KLF discount towards database subscription is okay. Librarians would like this to continue. Ancestry.com - Available through provincial license, but likely too expensive. Joanne to check with Jim Looney.
- j. Book Club sets – see handouts ; KLF will provide \$750 contribution to Federations managed book club sets. Sets of new titles are available to libraries members of participating federations. Consensus this would be useful to the KLF. Documentation to follow.
- k. BC Library History Books - “*The Library Book; A History of Service to British Columbia*” – for MLA presentations; please advice neighbouring libraries and Joanne if arranging a presentation to regional MLA. More copies of the book can be ordered through Joanne
- l. October – Mental Health Month – CBAL is working with Betty Brown, Regional Facilitator: Mental Health Promotion - plan is to created displays that can be set up in

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libraries for a week or so. Joanne has requested 5 or 6 display boards to be shared by groups of libraries. More info to follow.

m. KLF Budget 2012 – suggestions? -

KLF could provide support for Education Institute online webinars.

Continue with OBOK – reader's choice very popular. Consider having Route 3 ad on the OBOK site.

Literacy or book day ads.

Family focussed reading program – spring break library reading.

n. Election – LDAG chair - Eva Kelemen, Kaslo & vice chair – Amy Veysey, Salmo

4. Next meeting – Salmo, October 14th; time to be announced.

Roundtable – What is new at your library?

Sparwood Library – Evergreen is working well. There is one little anomaly - everything is due July 27th, so nothing is overdue. This is a residue of training session. Cataloguing is going well. ILL process is interesting.

Grand Forks – lots of changes – 2 retirements, so lots of new staff. No towns for tomorrow grant so no major renovation at this time. The basement is not useable. Christina Lake service starts in two week with small browsing collection, and story time offered. One year pilot project. There is a small alcove to work from and store materials. New contract negotiated in five hours.

Kimberley – Kimberley has mostly finished interior renovations. Exterior renovations planned to replace rotting beams etc. New server installed. Upgraded from Windows NT with help of students from COTR. Have recently completed third annual poetry competition.

Nakusp – Nakusp – Everything is new. Several activities planned including: Sunday in the Park with local authors and story time at Nakusp music festival. Received a CBT grant for new shelving for youth area. Trying a pilot project on fine-free youth collections and Radio series on local community radio using materials from the Gutenberg project (copyright-free).

Trail – outdoor book drop by arena. 61.5 hours per week. Have done more staff training on collaborative problem solving; new computers for children and public access including one station that meets accessibility standards; new children's program and collection is under development; also providing one on one computer instruction to seniors.

Kaslo – Second year of five year plan to improve library mil rate to \$0.12 per \$1000 assessed value. Have achieved this rate, which has allowed improvements in hours and wages. Summer reading club and story time wages are now part of regular budget. Applied for and received Canada Summer Jobs grant to hire student.

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Have just past one year anniversary of being on Evergreen; finding working with the system better
Renovations to historic city hall forced library to move to a new store front space. Major headaches with communications and planning for renovation of basement library facility. Eva reworked plan to improve use of space.

Beaver Valley – continues with gaming program for youth. Have purchased gaming equipment (2 flat screen TVs, gaming stations in locally created secure station). Have developed gaming collection for lending; finds that this service attracts a different group of youth to the library. Participated in the local Adventure picnic - excellent for promoting community resources for the 0-6 age group; estimate 160 people attended.
Hosted CBAL computer lab for seniors that was well received.
Created programming boxes of library materials for the local schools; worked with each teacher to establish need and content; next year will expand to include the nursery schools
All day kindergarten starts next year; library will try and do weekly story time in the school
Migrating to Evergreen in the fall.

Nelson – library renovations are now complete.

The referendum for taxation for library service (November 2010) was successful in two of three areas; developing logistics for larger service area and populations; now working with and reporting to the RDCK

Working on new strategic plan

Salmo – have achieved two items in strategic plan - more open hours (28 hrs per week) and expanded space (<http://salmo.bclibrary.ca/about/Strategic%20Plan%20Final.pdf>)
increased lending limits to allow patrons to borrow more items.

Creston – new Lawrence Lavender Reading Garden is open;
readjusting finances to accommodate collective agreement implementation;
implemented a new self-check system;
have two students for SRP; implemented 'Readers are Leaders' program for summer (volunteers read with children);
five new board members; strategic plan is first priority

Elkford – Diane assumed directors position June 2010;
hired two new staff that are completing the CLTP program; implemented story time and teen programming;
library space is being renovated;
in process of Evergreen migration and PLOT site implementation;
sponsor Haunted House at Halloween.

Cranbrook – working with CBAL to offer new library programs to fill programming gaps for adults and seniors; programs include tea and discussions; very popular;

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Completed 'Poetry Slam' for teens with guest slam poet;
 Policy manual under review; includes development of marketing plan;
 Idlewild Music Festival – August 20th; this is the sixth year
 Adult SRC – 'Passport to Reading' encourages patrons to use different parts of library collection.
 Includes prize draws in July and August for those who have completed six items on the passport.

Invermere - continuing monthly seniors' programs; bus picks up seniors from homes and brings them to the library.

Annual Book Sale – "The Big Book Sale" is planned for July 16th; last year sale earned \$7800; purchases are made by donation, with suggested prices are posted as below:

Paperbacks \$1.00
 Hardcover \$2.00
 Children's books \$.50
 Best Sellers \$4.00

Sample of email PR:



Hello Friends

Please mark your calendars – **Saturday, July 16, 8:30 am -1:30 pm – BIG Book Sale, Invermere Community Hall.**

The Friends of Invermere Public Library invite you to browse through many thousands of quality used books.

They're sorted into more than 80 categories so you can find exactly what interests you.

Look for Book Club Picks, Best Sellers, Beach Reads (aka mystery or romance), Cook books, Children's books, Canadiana, Favourite authors, History, Pets, Crafts – and the list goes on!

Don't miss THE Book Event of the year!!

See you at the BIG Book Sale (come early for the best selection)!

Lynda

Adjourn – 3:30 pm (PDT)

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