

Library Directors Advisory Group  
Minutes  
October 26, 2012

Manual Training School  
Meeting & Small Conference Centre  
Cranbrook Public Library  
1212 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. Cranbrook BC

Attendance: Karin von Wittgenstein, Kimberley; Jane Jones, Radium Hot Springs; Diane Andrews, Elkford; Avi Silbertstein, Grand Forks; Marianne Hansen & Taylor Caron, Salmo; Katie Albright, Rossland; Heather Maisel, Castlegar; Judy Foucher, Greenwood; Eva Kelemen, Kaslo; Aaron Francis, Creston; June Stockdale, Nelson; Ursula Brigl, Cranbrook; Cindy Friesen, Cranbrook; Joanne Richards, KLF.

Minutes: Cindy Friesen/ Joanne Richards

Call to order – 10:12 am (MDT)

#### Introductions

1. Regular Business Meeting

- Motion to approve agenda. Ursula Brigl. Second. Marianne Hansen.
- Approval of Minutes – Motion to adopt May 4, 2012 minutes. Jane Jones. Second. Taylor Caron.
- Business arising from minutes

Item barcode labels and security strips from Dynamic Solutions provide good pricing for BC libraries. Order forms for item barcode labels are available on the KLF website - <http://klf.bclibrary.ca/Library/item-barcode-label-information/> . Federations plan to renew with Dynamic Solutions as contract ends December 2012.

Digital Family History project – on hold. Starting point for the project is to speak to Deryll White of the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History - <http://www.basininstitute.org/home/> . Will perhaps arrange for Deryll come and speak to the Library Directors about partnership projects.

2. Books for Babies

- There are funds left from the work of the provincial fundraising committee. These will be applied to help libraries purchase books for this year's kits. Federations will co-ordinate province wide consortium purchasing of kit components – bags, books & CDs

3. CBAL & Decoda Update

- Decoda is working on getting a literacy PR resource package together for Family Literacy Week. Will distribute resources that can be modified by the library. All libraries are invited to participate. Suggest inviting Margaret Sutherland, Decoda Program Manager to speak at spring 2013 meeting.
- Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre with info on resources available on working with people with mental health and substance use concerns will be forwarded as email.

#### 4. ABCPLD Update

- Ursula Brigl updated directors on the ABCPLD Conference this past week in North Vancouver. Scott Graham presented a workshop that spoke about how to differentiate between outputs and outcomes for library based workshops or services. Evaluation process needs to be considered in the planning phase. – handout shared and attached to email.
- LLB
  - demonstrated new website to replace the old existing service centre.
  - hosting an Inspiration Summit at the Sheraton Wall Centre Dec 6 & 7
- Digital Literacy Project update
  - June Stockdale updated directors.
  - Library Learning Object Repository – Project charter draft by June Stockdale and Sandra Singh distributed.
  - Intent is to develop training modules available online to BC libraries. BC Libraries Cooperative has submitted a proposal for hosting the repository.
  - The ABCPLD is in favour of this project.
- Advocacy Summit – BCLA, BCLTA, ABCPLD and BC Library Cooperative are working together developing an provincial advocacy plan with a consistent, common message. Intent is to create a database of MLAs and prominent people in communities to foster a relationship between these people and those working to support libraries.

#### 5. KLF Budget & Conveyance Letter

- Is it time to consider co-ordinate book ordering, processing, and cataloguing? BCLC would act as agent for this process. Joanne to discuss with Ben and may follow up with conference call.
- Direct patron request – opening up of sharing of resources. There is a pilot program in the North Coast Library Federation which is very popular. Outlook Online is expensive to maintain and does not empower patrons. Joanne to discuss with Ben and may follow up with conference call.
- Print Magazine Subscriptions – Survey and cost results
  - Pricing for 3 different packages of magazine subscriptions were obtained from Ebsco and Apollo; savings not significant enough to warrant disruption of arrangements in place.
  - Discussed the possibility of shared subscriptions among the East and West Kootenay libraries available through ILL – not feasible.
  - Joanne will inquire if ULS has the magazine option.
  - Zinio may impact print subscriptions
  - Suggestion: have an iPad available in the library for patrons to look at Zinio
  - Ursula Brigl mentioned that the Zinio has interface issues. Zinio needs to make it easier to use for patrons. Joanne encouraged everyone to send feedback to Tami at BC Libraries Cooperative.

OBOOK & Author Tours

- Author tours are a significant financial commitment for the KLF – both in covering costs of readings and especially time commitment from Helen.
  - 2013 process will be the same as 2012. There will be a survey for library's to choose authors they wish to host. To be considered: Cynthia Nicolson, Penny Draper CC grant application is submitted for these tours. Both are Red Cedar nominees. Another children's author – Yolanda Ridge from Rossland. Other suggestions to be considered: Deryn Collier, Jennifer Craig, Kate Bridger, Holly Rubinsky, Keith Powell, Dave Perrin, and Carolyn Herriot – Zero Mile Diet.
  - OBOK – appreciated by writing community in the region; circulation of titles is good and spring tour by short list authors was well received. Committee for 2012 will wrap up and will be looking for recruits for 2013.
  
- Database Options & Support
  - KLF has contributed ~\$5,000 a year to use towards the purchase of online database subscriptions for products formerly in the provincial core suite. Consensus is that this support should continue.
  - Several libraries are interested in the Ancestry.com, not Consumer's Report at this time.
  - Follow up will be a survey with pricing on options for subscriptions as federation packages. This does not include the core suite (e.g. Small Engine Repair, Ancestry, Directory of Foundations & Corporations, Global Road Warrior)
  - Collection development policy for KLF for database subscriptions would be helpful.
  
- Book Club Sets
  - Agreed to continue the book club sets contributions.
  
- 6. KLF Conference
  - Are these valuable to libraries and staff? – Yes:
  - Date for the next KLF Conference in Fall 2013 – October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> possible locations – Fairmont Hot Springs resort, or St. Eugene Mission in Cranbrook.
  - Eve Kelemen, Heather Maisel, Ursula Brigl, and Marianne Hansen will form planning committee.
  
- 7. Programming Boxes
  - Joanne mentioned that a report circulated at the table. Helen and Joanne monitor use of these materials and seek input from Children & Youth Librarians regarding the value of this shared resource.
  - Creating more boxes is possible
  
- 8. Roundtable
  - **Salmo:** held a community event pig roast and book review. Turnout was excellent. Getting bigger pig next year. Looking to install a drop box in Wymer. Arranging a teen night in Nov. This in collaboration with CBAL and CBT Youth Initiatives.
  - **Castlegar:** Their long-time volunteer (95 yrs young) is receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for long time service. City of Castlegar has applied for and received a Western Canada

Development grant to upgrade furnace and air conditioning. This will happen in November. Signed CUPE contract.

- **Kimberley:** Continues to build relationships with Arts Centre and College. Will hold workshops and split the profits. Have had one workshop so far. Is holding a Spring 2013 workshop for writers & illustrators. The College is looking after the admin and the library – the writers. Kimberley has had double the author readings from last year.
- **Greenwood:** Library to Go and Zinio are up and running. Continuing to educate the patrons. They will start work on a strategic plan in the near future. Judy has a new office chair.
- **Creston:** with a new librarian and new leadership things are now moving ahead. Have children's & youth programs in place. Outreach Storytimes & youth group. Major weed has spruced up the collection.
- **Rossland:** Continues to build relationships. Working with the Arts Council will be holding NFB film nights. 1 adult and 1 kid per month. Working on a floor plan layout survey.
- **Grand Forks:** working on programming and outreach. Held a canning workshop and exchange. Went very well. Organized a teen knitting club and plan to organize an adult craft programming club as well. Changed the way the staff meeting agenda is done. A blank agenda goes up on a wall and staff fills it out as the month goes by. Gift wrapped fiction and non-fiction books (only the barcode showing) and the items are placed at the checkout desk. Sign says "If you dare" This has been very successful.
- **Radium:** Has partnered with the school - grades 1-6. The kids' artwork is displayed in the library. A kindergarten teacher comes in once per month to get 40 books to read to her kids. Participates as a presence in Market on Main event with music, concession and books. Headbanger Run continues and library received some funding from that event.
- **Elkford:** Library to Go up and running. Staff is excited about Zinio. Summer Reading Club had 38 kids signed up this year. 15 kids came to each session throughout the summer. Held 5<sup>th</sup> annual photo contest. Local photographer as judge plus 1 library board member. There are 5 categories and 5 weeks of winners. A calendar will be made of all the winners.
- **Cranbrook:** Went to 7 day operation September 5<sup>th</sup>. The adult programming Scrapbook sessions continues to be a big success thanks to Deanne Perreault. The library is looking to having more sessions in 2013. The Strategic Plan will be finalized in November.
- **Nelson:** In the past have partnered with the museum and CBAL to create a gala fundraising event. New approach - partnering with Chocofeller with creative chocolate bars resembling books. Selling for \$4.00 each or 4 for \$15. Also made bookmarks using local artists work selling for \$2.00 each. Books Everywhere continues to be popular; 15 bins located around Nelson: at coffee shops, doctors offices, women's centres, etc. The idea is that you can take a book and return it or not. The library partners with CBAL and Rotary for this popular event.
- **Kaslo:** Formed a Teen Advisory Group. 16 teens showed up for the first meeting. Since then have had 3 meetings and 16-18 kids show up each time. This group decides what services and programs will be provided at the library. Held a Duct Tape night. Monopoly games night. Teens are using the library to play cards. Work flow is working much better since the renovation.

Next meeting is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Location TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.