

**Kootenay Library Federation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
5 October 2013:**

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

**Attending Trustees:** Don Berriault, KLF Chair, Beaver Valley Public Library; Kay Hohn, KLF Treasurer, Salmo Public Library; Elaine Sloan, Castlegar & District Public Library; Karen McDonnell, Trail & District Public Library; Jane Hayes, Kimberley Public Library; Catherine McCormick, Kaslo & District Public Library; Fred Stevens, Cranbrook Public Library; Holly Auger, Invermere Public Library; Brenda Danyluk Invermere Public Library; Martin Domeij, Grand Forks & District Public Library; Mickey Wojnarowski, Nakusp Public Library; Linda Farynowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chair, Creston Valley Public Library.

Library Directors: Beverley Rintoul, Rossland Public Library; Jane Jones, Radium Hot Springs Public Library; Eva Kelemen, Kaslo & District Public Library; Jim Bertoia, Sparwood Public Library; Karin von Wittgenstein, Kimberley Public Library; Emma Dressler, Fernie Heritage Library; Heather Maisel, Castlegar & District Public Library; Avi Silberstein, Grand Forks & District Public Library; Stephanie Blotz, Midway Public Library; Ursula Brigl, Cranbrook Public Library; June Stockdale, Nelson Public Library; Aaron Francis, Creston Valley Public Library.

Guests: Mari Martin & Cindy Ralph, Libraries & Literacy Branch; Heather Buzzell, Library Director, Penticton Public Library; Linda King, Chair, Penticton Public Library.

Kootenay Library Federation: Joanne Richards, Director; Helen Graham, recorder.

Call to order – 1:13 pm MDT

1. Additions/approval of the Agenda. Motion to approve - Catherine McCormick. Second - Linda Farynowski.
2. Approval of the minutes of May 2013 meeting. Motion to approve – Linda Farynowski. Second – Holly Auger.
3. Business arising from the minutes:  
Question from Don Berriault: IT Assessment, when are we going to be hearing back? Joanne Richards: Executive Summary has been received. Individual library reports will be available on the Co-op website in the near future.
4. Correspondence: letter of introduction sent from KLF to Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education and his response.
5. Treasurer’s Business – Kay Hohn: board meeting package included the financial update and draft 2014 interim budget. It looks like the KLF has large Reserves, but significant portion is for Books for Babies, Penticton and Youth Card allowance. The 2014 Draft In-term budget is a budget in

process. The final budget will be approved in the spring. Motion to accept in-term budget until the final budget is prepared - Kay Hohn. Second – Holly Auger. Carried.

6. LLB presentation: Mari Martin and Cindy Ralph just completed an East Kootenay Tour. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, was a library trustee at FVRL. The position of Director of Library & Literacy, held by Jacqueline van Dyk, has been posted. A new position for LLB is Senior Performance Management Analyst, which has been filled by Tim Lowan. Implementation of Libraries without walls will continue. The current plan for roll out of provincial library grants is for some funds distributed before March 31, 2014 and a second lot that will flow in fiscal 2014-15. There was a Discussion on open government.

Cindy Ralph on Reflections 2012, comprehensive provincial report compiled from the reports submitted by the libraries. Please see here - <http://commons.bclibraries.ca/blog/> or – <http://commons.bclibraries.ca/reportshighlights/>

7. Reports:
  - KLF Chair Report, Don Berriault – wants to make a push to have more board members at next KLF conference.
  - LDAG Report, Eva Kelemen – 18 LDAG members attended. Report attached
  - Director’s report - submitted
8. Inaugural meeting – by teleconference, suggest Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 6:30 pm PDT, 7:30 pm MDT
9. Quick round table – 1 best newsworthy item from your library

Creston Valley Public Library – liaison with Lower Kootenay Band over the summer, continue to have a positive relationship

Nelson Public Library: Celebrated library month with library-related labeled Chocfellar chocolate bars and Oso Negro coffee for a fall fundraiser. Excellent community engagement.

Libraries & Literacy – completing the accountability report.

Midway Public Library - collaborated with a Grand Fork’s restaurant to do a benefit for someone with Pick’s disease.

Nakusp Public Library - due to up-grades in the building the library now has an elevator.

Salmo Public Library – the eternal expansion continues with great community support, including pig roast. Friends has new chair.

Grand Forks & District Public Library: Held a civic engagement forum with Alex Atamanenko, MP and Linda Larson, MLA to talk to local people about issues.

Castlegar: have acquired eight iPads with funding from Columbia Basin Trust, working on outreach to the community

Fernie Heritage Library: The library hosted a reception for the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, on her recent visit to the area.

Invermere Public Library: Nicole Pawlak has been the interim library director. The Friends of the Library had a very beautiful float in Canada Day Parade.

Cranbrook Public Library – had the most successful SRC to date, with 490 participating and 185 medals awarded.

Sparwood Public Library - A Lego Competition caught the public's imagination.

Kaslo & District Public Library - accessible doors, funding CBT & CBAL for programming, Strategic Plan,

Radium Hot Springs Public Library: library participates at the Market on Main every Fri. & Sat. in summer.

Kimberley: community partnerships like being an Immigration Welcome Committee centre, Friend's store-front selling used books, and annual golf tournament.

Trail & District Public: Despite construction in front of the library circulation is up.

Penticton Public Library: renovated library – carpet, painting, much more functional,

Rossland Public Library: Monthly Lego Club continues to be a great success, bringing the SRC to the weekly farmer's market very successful.

Beaver Valley Public Library: Carolyn Herriot's presentation sparked interest local youth to start a gardening space in the spring, in Fruitvale.

Cindy Ralph: Please share your stories on the Commons.

10. Spring meeting – Creston, May 3 or 24

Adjourned 3:00 pm

## LDAG Report on meeting held Oct 3 2013 Fairmont, BC

We welcomed Mari Martin and Cindy Ralph from the Libraries & Literacy Branch.

Attendance: 18 library directors present plus one staff from Nakusp.

Karin von Wittgenstein, Kimberley; Jane Jones, Radium Hot Springs; Nicole Pawluk, Invermere; Avi Silberstein, Grand Forks; Marianne Hansen & Taylor Caron, Salmo; Bev Rintoul, Rossland; Heather Maisel, Castlegar; Judy Foucher, Greenwood; Eva Kelemen, Kaslo; Aaron Francis, Creston; June Stockdale, Nelson; Ursula Brigl, Cranbrook; Emma Dressler, Fernie; Marie Onyett, Beaver Valley; Stephanie Boltz, Dianne Andrews, Elkford; Midway; Susan Rogers, Nakusp (and staff Patty); Joanne Richards, KLF.

Topics discussed:

The youth library card project --is on hold right now. Progress to date includes artwork with images from Robert Bateman (thanks to Karin), Angela Morgan, and Rose Cowles Martin. The pricing and minimum order requirements have been explored. Mari will find out how many school-aged children live in the Kootenays.

Ursula's suggestion for a regional reading challenge is tabled for now, but is a great idea.

IT Assessment reports: Joanne has the executive report--overall, it is good. There may be opportunity for consortium purchases to remedy common tech issues.

Joanne reported that 6 author tours per year are manageable. OBOK author tours are not included in this number. The LDAG is in favour of having 6 KLF sponsored tours per year. (5 authors and 1 Red Cedar author) The directors are to submit possible names. NOTES: Emma offered to be part of an author tour committee to help expand author tours since Fernie is contacted by authors often and makes arrangements that could benefit other libraries.

We struck an OBOK reading committee. Emma, Patty, Marianne, Jane, and Stephanie have agreed to read. We hope that Catherine and Deanne will be returning to read. The list should be available early November. There were 240 votes this year.

We looked at the interim budget and discussed priorities. The LDAG felt that staff training is very important. Mari confirmed that it is also a provincial priority for federations. A teleconference will follow to discuss this further. Other items discussed for the budget included continuation of support for RLC, and a possible consortium purchase and subsidy for language databases.

Some of the discussion around training included: online opportunities, KLF subsidized training (e.g. pay \$10 of a \$45 membership to Partnership), a travelling trainer to train a group of libraries.

There was talk of forming a training committee. We were going overtime--so we left it at a teleconference in November. ABCPLD takes time to brainstorm training ideas--there was a suggestion to do this by having a survey and voting. Another suggestion was a device toy box for staff--shared in the Kootenays.

The round table of 3 best things was tabled.

Mari discussed resource sharing & policies. On June 19, Canada Post announced that the library book rate is now the library materials rate. This means we can ship any item (movies, audiobooks, music CDs) at the subsidized rate. The provincial ILL policies are under review because of the common ILS and the change in shipping rates. NOTES: Some libraries in BC are very excited about this opportunity, and others are not. It is possible to use Evergreen (the common ILS for 52/71 libraries), for patron initiated holds. This could eventually eliminate the need for an annual subscription to Outlook.

We ran out of time!