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First, a message from AAAL co-chair Samuel Cassady:

Thank you AAAL for making our Fall 2012 meeting such a success! Special thanks to **Tim Janewski** and **King's University College** for hosting, as well as **Norquest** and **Concordia** for each funding a coffee break.

Thanks to our Workshop Committee (**Lisa Shamchuk, Corene Kozey & Tara Stieglitz**), as the workshops were fantastic. There was a slight glitch in the distribution of the workshop schedule, so I wanted to take this space to specifically thank our workshop presenters:

We Can Do Better! Integrating APIs to Improve the User Experience

Sonya Betz and Robert Zylstra, MacEwan University

Going the Distance: Tutorials for Online Students

Kalin Jensen & Jodi Lommer, instruction librarians at NAIT

ILAAP: Information Literacy Assessment Alberta Pilot

Nancy Goebel, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus; Jessica Knoch Grant MacEwan University; Michelle Edwards Thomson, Red Deer College; Sara Sharun, Mount Royal University

Yellowhead Tribal College Library: The Little Library That Could

Liz Fulton-Lyne, Supervisor, Library Instruction, NorQuest College and Simon Underwood, Manager of Library Operations and Services, Yellowhead Tribal College

As we look forward to the Spring 2013 AAAL meeting and workshops, below are your 'AAAL Hot Topics' of interest (as well as some of the more creative Zombie survival strategies):

AAAL Hot Topic

Website x6
ebooks x3
Creation of an AAAL Technology Team
Info literacy/instruction x7
Mobile Tech x5
Copyright x2
Workshops x2
ILL x2
Evil Zombie Librarians
Professional communication

Zombie Weapon

Wet Tea Towel
Grzimek's Encyclopedia of Animals
I'm too old, I give up! x2
Brains
Library shelving rubber mallet
Garlic?
Evil inquisitive stare
Bicycle polo mallet
Invisibility
Running shoes

Northern Lakes College Submitted by Deborah Kendze

This past year has been a period of change for Northern Lakes College. Our President, Rick Neidig, has given notice that he will be retiring at the end of June 2013 so a search is underway for a new president for our institution. We also had budget cuts this past year which resulted in the Assistant Director, Library Services position being cut. Providing the same level of service with one less staff member has proven to be difficult at times, but the staff have really stepped up.

On a brighter note, the library has been working with instructors to implement more Information Literacy sessions with students and has tripled the number of sessions that were presented. A couple of projects for the upcoming year are to update the Library Services webpage and to visit all of the smaller campuses to see what library resources are available.

Alberta College of Art + Design Submitted by Christine Sammon

We are very pleased to have a new VP, Academic + Research Affairs, Diane Taylor-Gearing, as of June 1, 2012. She came to us from England where she was Pro Vice-Chancellor, Further Education + Widening Participation and Executive Dean Canterbury, Maidstone + Rochester at the University for the Creative Arts (UCA).

I am also extremely pleased to be able to announce that after being the only librarian at ACAD for my entire tenure at the College, I was able to hire a librarian this past summer. Adrienne Connelly is our new librarian. She holds a MLIS ('07) from McGill University, and a BFA ('05) from NSCAD University, with a major in media art and a minor in art history. She has just completed her MA in Art History at Concordia University. Adrienne replaces Barb Evans, a long term employee, who retired last year. Adrienne will provide primary direction for our information literacy at the College.

At the College we are working towards being able to offer our first Master's degree, a degree in Craft Media, in 2014. To date, the Campus Alberta Quality Council has been at the College for a site visit, and we should hear next month as to whether this will be supported.

And finally, the library is taking the lead in bringing Moodle to the College. We currently do not have any LMS at the College. We Beta tested Moodle in the Fall semester and will be rolling it out to additional invited faculty in the Winter semester. The library staff will be assuming the training for faculty, with the intention that library resources will be used through this platform.

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Submitted by Luke Malone

The new Trades and Technology Complex opened in September. This is the largest construction project in SAIT's history, adding 740,000 square feet of space to the campus and creating the capacity for an additional 8,100 students. The spaces are impressive, and library staff enjoyed their tour of the facilities.

MARC records for our demand driven acquisition pilot project will be added to the catalogue any day now. We're working with Electronic Book Library (EBL) and Yankee Book Peddler to offer a limited number of ebooks to our patrons, putting control of our purchasing in their hands. If all goes well, we'll increase funding to the project and begin to offer students more subject areas.

Rock and Rove kicked off last month – staff are now wearing eye-catching “Ask Me” buttons and taking our iPad into the stacks with them. We're now more visible to students on both levels of the library and are better able to help them when and where they need it.

We launched an in-depth research service on our homepage. Those in need of in-depth help can now fill out a quick online form, with the question then being streamed to the appropriate subject specialist.

In staffing news, we welcomed Jessica Norman, our new Coordinator of Instruction, in August. She comes to us all the way from Indiana, where she was working at Ivy Tech Community College.

Canadian University College
Submitted by Sheila Clark

Canadian University College Library is pleased to welcome Darel Bennebaek as the assistant librarian. Darel is a 2012 graduate of the University of Alberta's MLIS program. He is currently preparing to transition the library's cataloging from AACR 2 to RDA on March 31, 2013. For those of you attending the **ALISE** conference in Seattle, Darel will be presenting a paper with Anne Carr-Wiggin, “Through the eyes of students: inquiry into undergraduates' skills and practices”.

Mount Royal University
Submitted by Carol Shepstone

We have welcomed a number of new staff (both ongoing and on terms covering various leaves) including:

Richard Hayman, Digital Initiatives Librarian (tenure track)
Luke Beatty, Librarian (term)
Rebecca Cleaver, Librarian (term)
Brian Jackson, Librarian (term)
Jessie Loyer, Librarian (term)

We also welcomed Beverly Van Horne into the new position of supervisor for Access Services, Rick Paulson Technical Services Technician, and Matt Lonsdale as our new Copyright Advisor.

We also said farewell and a big thank you to long-serving members of the Library team including Natalie O'Toole, Bup Do and Judy Potter.

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Submitted by Isobel Rancier

- We welcomed two new instruction and reference librarians. Jennifer Waugh and Kalin Jensen both started in August 2012 and will be with us at NAIT until June 2013.
- NAIT Library recently upgraded to version 4 of our Primo discovery tool.
- We have implemented a single-sign system so students can login once to their student portal and go right through to access electronic resources in the Library.
- We are now delivering a new “refresher APA course” for NAIT faculty at all levels.
- We created a new resource, *NAIT Library Resources and Services for Faculty*. This guide outlines how library resources and services support faculty who are designing, developing, and implementing face-to-face, blended, or online courses. It includes sections on information resources, research assistance, and information literacy instruction support.
- Our roving librarians will soon pilot a project. They will be going out at different times of the day to high traffic areas across campus with their tablets, offering research help and library assistance at various locations. The plan is to test if librarians’ help is sought out in either fixed locations (e.g. computer labs) or at point-of-need locations (e.g. cafeterias, hallways, pedways, etc.), or both.

Medicine Hat College
Submitted by Leigh Cunningham

Partnerships:

- New One Card One Community initiative allows reciprocal borrowing between college library, public library and regional library system (12 libraries in southeastern Alberta)
- New intern librarian Kris Samraj is spending one year working at the college library, public library, and regional library system
- New program Top Hat Teen Reads is partnership between three high schools, public library, and college library
- One Book One Community featured *The Cellist of Sarajevo* and was a great success in October. This is a community initiative involving the college library, public library and other community groups. Leigh Cunningham chairs this committee.

Technology:

- refreshed streamlined website
- introduction of 3 iPads for 24-hour loan
- investigating self-check station

Information Services/Information Literacy:

- new Faculty Quick Guides available using Google Sites
- embedded librarian services in History and Political Science classes continue to be successful
- individual appointments with library staff continue to be popular with students
- Information Literacy program integrated with new My First Year program at the Brooks Campus

Collections:

- addition of EBSCO ebooks package and NFB Campus
- new Graphic Novels collection

Staffing/PD:

- In the process of hiring new Copyright Officer
- Lilian Li has accepted the position of Chief Librarian, University of Calgary, Qatar, after working at Medicine Hat College for 10 years.
- Keith Walker is co-facilitating the One College initiative college-wide
- Lilian Li attended the Innovative Interfaces Inc. Leaders Forum in Chicago in October
- Valarie Westers, Interlibrary Loans Technician, attended the Nordic Resource Sharing, Reference and Collection Management Conference in Iceland

NorQuest College
Submitted by Liz Fulton-Lyne

NorQuest Library is excited to share some great news. Of note:

- The library welcomed new staff member Liz Fulton-Lyne as Supervisor of Library Instruction. Liz was formerly Manager of Library Operations and Services at Yellowhead Tribal College.

- The library launched a 6 minute Orientation video to introduce students to its resources and services. The video was created in collaboration with NorQuest's marketing department and features library staff members Penny Chu and Jane Gong. Click [here](#) to view the video.
- Students, faculty and staff are now able to borrow Sony and Kobo Ebook readers from the Library. This pilot was rolled out in September and the response has been very positive. The Library has acquired 24 more Ereaders based on the high demand.
- Library Office Hours were introduced in September. This service enables students to book one-on-one or small group instruction with a Librarian during set hours each week.
- NorQuest Library has joined the NEOS Libraries Consortium and is busy preparing for migration in the spring. More news to come!
- NorQuest Library has expanded its social media reach to include Pinterest, a virtual pinboard photosharing site, and one of the fastest growing social networks on the web. Now our users have another way to discover and share library-related information.

St. Mary's University College
Submitted by Brad Neufeldt

St. Mary's University College (StMU) in Calgary is now home to Western Canada's only full-sized fine art reproduction of The Saint John's Bible (SJB), the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commission in more than 500 years.

The SJB reflects the construction of its medieval predecessors. Written on vellum, its creation employed quills, natural handmade inks, hand-ground pigments and gold leaf while also incorporating modern themes, images and technology of the 21st century. Printed on cotton fiber paper, the fine art reproduction employed digital and hand applications to replicate many of the visual features found in the original.

Commissioned in 1998 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey and University in Minnesota, it was created by a team of scribes, artists and craftspeople in a scriptorium in Wales under the artistic direction of Donald Jackson, one of the world's foremost calligraphers and the Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Throughout the 2012/13 year, StMU will be hosting a series of events and lectures associated with the SJB. More information about the SJB and these events can be found at:

* Info on the SJB @ <http://www.stmu.ca/SJB/default.html>

* Events & Lectures @ <http://www.stmu.ca/SJB/SJBevents.html>

* Information about a new course toward the Certificate in Sacred Arts – Foundations: "Methods Of The Masters Of The Western Sacred Art Tradition" @ <http://www.stmu.ca/sacredarts/WesternSacredArt.html>

A calendar of these & upcoming events can be found @ http://library.stmu.ca/directory_e-resources/sjb.php.

In support of this series of events, StMU Library has put up a directory of online resources related to “Paleography & Sacred Text Resources” @ http://library.stmu.ca/directory_e-resources/subjects/guide.php?subject=paleography. This directory lists a variety of online and print resources related to paleography and sacred texts. Find and explore digital facsimiles of other manuscripts, illuminated texts, and early print editions.