



## Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

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Fall 2010 Agenda

Thursday, November 18th, 2010

9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Grant MacEwan University – South Campus, Room 101

7319 - 29 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6K 2P1

(for information on parking, lunch etc, please see  
**Additional Information** at the end of this document)

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### AGENDA

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**9:00**

#### Refreshments & Socializing

- Special Thanks to Grant MacEwan University for hosting and arranging catering.
- Thanks also to and Medicine Hat College and to St. Mary's University College for sponsoring the coffee break.

**9:30**

#### Welcome & Introductions

- Approval of and additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes of the [2010 April 15] meeting.

#### Executive reports

- Chair: Brad Neufeldt
- Secretary/Treasurer: Sheila Clark
- Director-at-large: Isobel Rancier

#### Committee & Working Group Reports

- Newsletter: [Terry Donovan]
- Workshop committee report: [Sonya Betz & Valla McLean]
- AAAL statistics: [Susan Brayford]
- CTCL update: [Anne Marie Watson]
- TAL update [Fiona Dyer]

#### Business

1. Alberta Library Conference 2011 – sponsorship request.
2. Proposal to amend Section 2 part iv & part vi of the Bylaws (new dates for invoicing a membership fee payment)
3. Status of the Directory of Librarians
4. Website Domain Name status
5. Interim Appointment of AAAL webmaster manager

**10:30**

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#### Next Meeting

- proposed date: [DAY], [MMMM] [DD], [YYY] (NOTE: This is usually set to coincide with the date for the TAL spring BoD meetings)
- Proposed Location: any Calgary volunteers?
- Coffee Break Sponsors: any volunteers?

## Discussion

1. The Society for Technical Communication (STC) Alberta has asked us to consider some sort of affiliation with them.
2. Potential Growth / Responsibility role with TAL & LHCADL in regards to planning and licensing for academic library needs. Given recent developments with the LHCADL and the new TAL Universal Core (2010-2013):
  - Is there potential for a new or expanded role with respect to the TAL Post-Secondary Libraries Steering Committee?
  - What do you think this role should be?
3. Access Copyright Post-Secondary Tariff **{This is an item that can also be folded into the Roundtable}**
  - What are other institutions doing? (opt out, sit tight and wait, see what others do? Wait for resolution of CMEC court appeal of K-12 tariff) etc.
  - How did you/they decide?
  - Confused?

## Roundtable

- Developments at your institution

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**12:00 - 1:00**

### Lunch

- Special Thanks to Grant MacEwan University

### Tour

- TBA

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## WORKSHOPS

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**1:00- 1:45**

### **Assess This: Considerations for Information Literacy Assessment**

*SYNOPSIS:* Feeling the pressure to assess student learning? Interested? Excited? Anxious? This session will provide some practical tips on getting started or moving to the next steps.

*PRESENTER(s):* Nancy Goebel, U of A Augustana

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**1:45-2:15 pm**

### **The Human Library**

*SYNOPSIS:* What is a Human Library? How does it fit into an academic library setting? This enlightening session will delve into the history of the Human Library movement, give an overview of Grant MacEwan University's South Campus Human Library Pilot Project, and explain how this worldwide phenomenon has a place in academic libraries.

*PRESENTER(s):* Melinda Spears, MacEwan University

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**2:15 - 2:30 pm**

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**2:30-3:00 pm**

### **Olds College / High School Library merger**

*PRESENTER(s):* Robin Minion, Olds College

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**3:00-4:00 pm****Mobile Delivery Panel**

## &lt;1&gt; iPads at MacEwan

*SYNOPSIS:* The Grant Macewan University library acquired 35 iPads to lend to our students, staff, and faculty. Concurrently, we launched a patron-driven acquisitions project, empowering users to select new ebook titles. I'll provide an overview of the project, share some of the important lessons learned along the way, and plan to discuss some of the feedback received to date.

*PANELIST:* Richard Hayman, MacEwan University

## &lt;2&gt; Mobile interface at MRU

*PANELIST:* Kalen Gibb, Mount Royal University

## &lt;3&gt; Mobile Apps for Libraries

*SYNOPSIS:* In response to the growing population of smartphone users, several public libraries in Alberta have recently provided access to their collections in an online format optimized for mobile devices. I will outline some of these initiatives and identify the highlights of creating custom iPhone and iPad Apps for Yellowhead Regional Library.

*PANELIST:* Robert Zylstra, MacEwan University

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Costs**

- Lunch will cost \$20.00 and payment is by cash on November 18th.

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**Presentations**

Arrangements have been made to make sure the following are available:

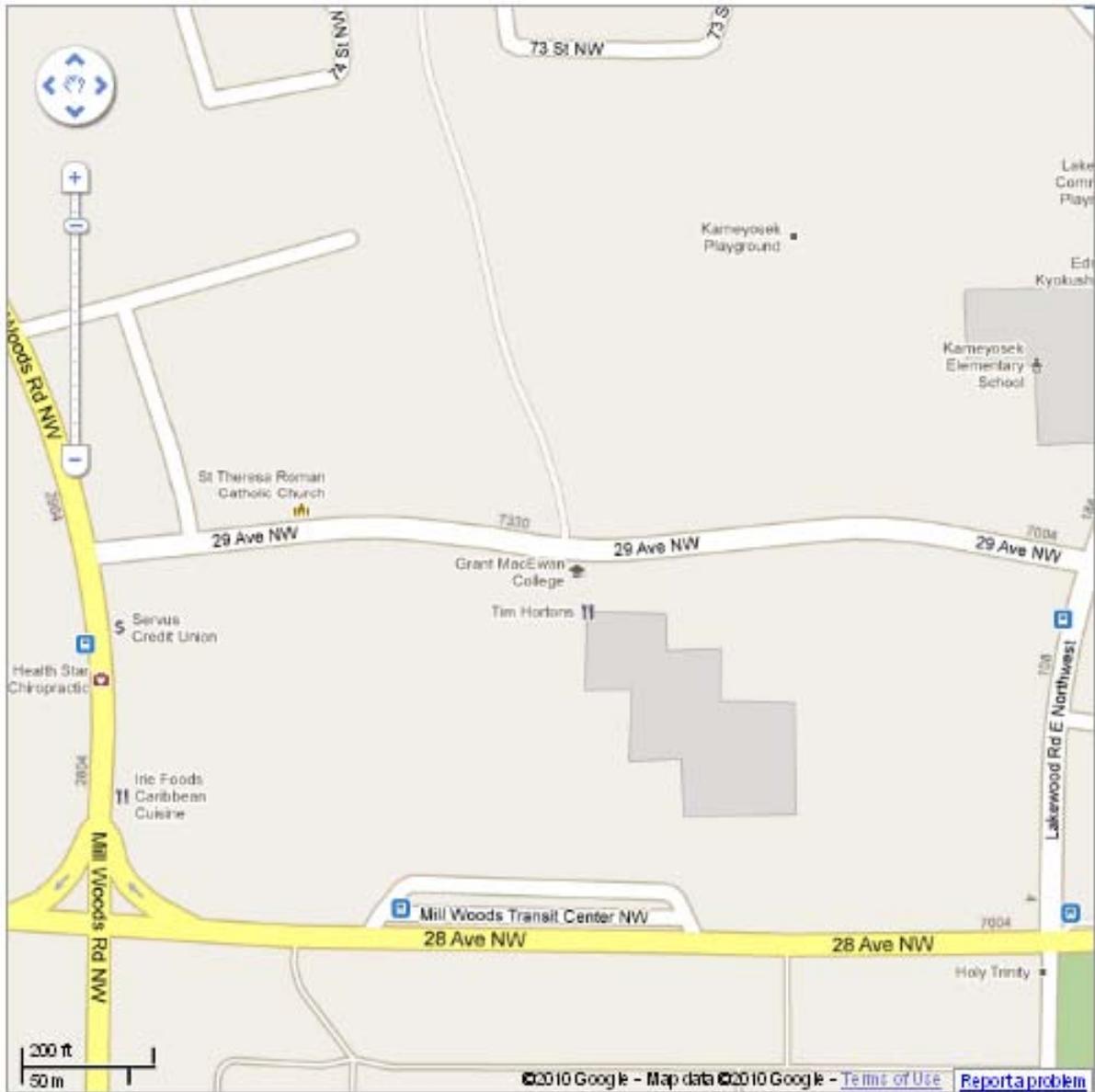
- VPU (projector)
- laptop
- internet access

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**Parking**

A map is on page 4 and can also be accessed, along with information about parking at MacEwan's South Campus, at:

- [http://www.macewan.ca/web/home/DetailsPage\\_secondary.cfm?id=93&MenuOption=0&utm\\_source=scampus&utm\\_medium=redirect](http://www.macewan.ca/web/home/DetailsPage_secondary.cfm?id=93&MenuOption=0&utm_source=scampus&utm_medium=redirect)



**Alberta Association of College Librarians  
Spring 2010 Minutes  
Mount Royal University – Room EA 1057  
Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 3:45 pm**

**9-9:35** Coffee, refreshments and socializing

**9:35-10:30**

Welcome and round table introductions

Geoff Owens (Chair) thanked Mount Royal University for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Bow Valley College and King's University College for sponsoring the coffee break.

*Approval of and additions to agenda:*

Eve Poirier moved for approval of the agenda and Tim Janewski seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

*Approval of Minutes:*

Janet Monteith moved for approval of the minutes and Pearl Herscovitch seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

*Executive reports:*

Chair: Geoff Owens

Geoff updated the group with sponsorships that AACL had made in 2009: \$250 to CLA, ALC, LOEX of the West, respectively.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lilian Li

Lilian presented the audited financial statement for the fiscal year of April 2009 – March 2010. Terry Donovan moved for approval of the statement and Alice Swabey seconded the motion. Financial statement approved.

Proposal was put forward for the new executive to look at the possibility of having bank fee waived and also to review the TAL membership. There was concern that if AACL needs to be the affiliate member of TAL and also on the other side, given the economic situation that TAL faces, if it is a good timing to drop the membership. Susan Bradford suggested a better use of the membership fee to sponsor a new college librarian to travel to conference.

Director at Large: Cari Merkle

Cari mentioned the article she submitted to LAA. She also reported on behalf of Alice Swabey on the updates from LAA. LAA is focusing on advocacy activities, copyright legislation, and lending support to ongoing discussion on library book rate.

*Committee and working group reports:*

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Dave brought up again the notion that newsletter format is no longer viable. News entry through the website would be a wonderful complement to newsletter. A template or guidelines would be useful for libraries to post news. Sonya Betz volunteered to look into the AACL website for newsletter modification.

Workshop: Sonya Betz & Valla McLean

Some new ideas for future workshops: mobilize the content, information literacy assessment and benchmark, services for minority groups from academic libraries.

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford

Susan distributed the AACL statistics. She acknowledged Francine and Tom for their contribution and hard work. She stressed the importance of having statistics in hand when we are trying to compare with fellow institutions. AACL will continue the honorarium to Tom for his work on AACL statistics.

CTCL update: Keith Walker

Keith reported on behalf of Anne Marie Watson as the CTCL Secretary/*Communique* editor. He encouraged everyone to join CLA conference this year in Edmonton. CTCL is sponsoring a session with focus on college libraries. Medicine Hat College is also presenting their successful text messaging reference service. Keith as the incoming CLA president mentioned that CLA is going through major reviews in response to bad finance situation and the need to have a new role for CLA.

Nominations: Robin Minion and Ann Gish

The following AACL members have been declared as the newly acclaimed executive:

Chair: Brad Neufeldt from St. Mary's University College

Secretary/Treasurer: Sheila Clark from Canadian University College

Director at-large: Isobel Rancier from NAIT

Newsletter: Terry Donovan from Portage College

### **10:30 Break**

Discussion: Proposed amendments to AACL bylaws – Bylaw Committee (Cari Merkley, Eve Poirier, Kristine Plastow, Dan Mirau. Karen Hering)

- Thanks to the committee for all the work.
- Contexts from Fall 2009 meeting:
  - Inclusivity is the major theme for the proposal.
  - AACL currently covers 5 out of 6 post-secondary groups defined by Alberta government.
  - We want to respect the existing institution model. However, there is a disconnection between membership and voting model.
- Potential issues:
  - Size of the group
  - Difficulty in finding workshop topics that would be of common interest to all members
  - Directory: how it is going to be if we include all staff members
  - How do we invite universities
  - What is the relationship with new TAL groups, such as the TAL post-secondary library director committee.
- Current fiscal year is confirmed as April 1 to March 31.
- Voting representative can change from meeting to meeting and is up to individual institution to appoint.
- AACL strategic plan has expired and it is time to review and reflect on the new plan.

- Cari moved for the approval of the bylaw as proposed by the bylaw committee with the amendments agreed by AACL members. Barb Macleod seconded the motion. Bylaw with the amendments approved.
- Cari moved for the approval of the bylaw appendix changes. Ann Gish seconded the motion. Bylaw appendix changes approved.

### **Roundtable reports**

**Janet (MRU):** Janet has stepped down as the chair of the library after serving for 4 years. Pearl Herscovitch is the new chair; updates on retirement and new hirings; MRU is continuing to work on getting a new library building; MRU just became a member of COPPUL.

**Terry (Portage):** Director of Teaching and Learning is overlooking the library with the library director's position vacant; branch library in Cold Lake campus will be staffed half time.

**Robin (Olds):** Olds College just opened the community campus building; Olds high school was merged to Olds College library; Robin recently took on IT and registrar position in addition to her director's job in the library.

**Ann (Grand Prairie):** library website is under revamping; in the mean time a new library as well as computer lab is under way; Jennifer will be on sabbatical with a new chair coming in.

**Kieren, Sheila (CUC):** a plan for a new library in the next 5 years; new website is in the funding process; approved for a four year international education program.

**Debbie (Grant MacEwan):** two degrees were approved by the government; Judy Moore stepped down as the chair with the new focus on the information literacy project; RFP for discovery tool (federated search) just closed; e-reserve project is underway.

**Harrit (NAIT):** NAIT continues to focus on degree programs; new hirings due to staff leave; large emphasis on information literacy; site visit to MacEwan and King's University college took place.

**Leigh (MHC):** college wide new website project undergoing; LibQUAL survey completed.

**Susan (SAIT):** David Luinstra was introduced as the new librarian; there is also a position open for Coordinator of Technical Services.

**Yvonne Anderson (RDC):** focus on information fluency program; technology orientated new president; is looking at merging information desk and circulation desk since the circulation statistics have gone down.

**Eve (Norquest):** also a new building coming; recessions have made negative impact on budget; undertake a research project on how to structure information literacy.

**Dan (Concordia):** renovation is going on; Concordia is initiating an organizational review with the theme "Concordia Tomorrow"; the library just launched WorldCat Local.

### **Workshop:**

### **1:00- 1:45 Digital Streaming at SAIT**

Join AnneMarie as she discusses SAIT's digital streaming experiences. SAIT's AV collection includes the Instructional Video Collection (approx. 3000 items), a Home Use Collection (approx. 900 items), an externally hosted Digital Streamed Video Collection (approx. 1600 titles) and they are in the process of working on a self hosted Digital Streaming Video Collection of 500 titles.

AnneMarie deGroot, Technologist III (Library System Administrator and AV Services Coordinator) AnneMarie has been working at the SAIT Library since 1993, and is a graduate of the SAIT Library and Information Technology (LIT) Program. Since that time, AnneMarie has held a variety of roles within Technical Service and Customer Services units. At present and over the last few years, AnneMarie has been the SIRSI Administrator for the Library, as well as overseeing the AV collection in its evolution from reels to DVDs, recently introducing digital streaming video. In addition to AnneMarie's role at SAIT, she is also pursuing a degree in Human Resources.

### **1:45-2:30 Text Messaging Reference Service**

With increasing number of students using handheld devices such as cell phones and text messaging as a means of communication, it seems only natural for libraries to reach out and serve the students' information needs through the use of text messaging technology. Medicine Hat College Library Services caught the wave and initiated a text messaging reference service in September 2009. This service as an effort to meet the needs of a new generation of technologically savvy students has proven to be efficient and well embraced by our clientele. In the session, we will review the launching process, technology considerations, staffing, and after all, the joys and struggles (sometimes) with the messages we are getting from our students. Future enhancements will also be shared to generate discussions.

Lilian Li is the Information and Technology Librarian at the Medicine Hat College. She finds technologies fascinating and believes that they are essential for libraries to explore in order to stay connected and connect well with library users. Jesse N. Malinsky has been working in academic libraries for the past 9 years. He is keenly interested in technology and how it can be implemented to better serve library patrons.

### **2:50-3:45 Credo Reference as an Information Portal**

Many of our library users were overwhelmed with all the possible ways to find electronic resources on our webpage. In the Google, single-searchbox era, researchers are used to a simple interface. Terry Donovan has used a recent feature of Credo Reference to provide access to all of Portage College Library's commonly used electronic resources. Think of it as federated searching on a budget. It's free and doesn't take much work to set up.

Terry Donovan is a former bush pilot who became the Public Services Librarian at Portage College in Lac La Biche in November 2005. Since the departure of the Manager of Library Services in October 2009, he has taken over some management duties while still trying to juggle his initial responsibilities.

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2010 at Grant MacEwan**

## Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Sandy Ayer	Ambrose University College & Seminary
Colleen McPhee	Bow Valley College
Kieren Bailey	Canadian University College
Sheila Clark	Canadian University College
Erica Hebert	Concordia University College
Dan Mirau	Concordia University College
Ann Gish	Grande Prairie Regional College
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan University
Karen Hering	MacEwan University
Sonya Betz	MacEwan University
Valla McLean	MacEwan University
Tim Janewski	King's University College
Leigh Cunningham	Medicine Hat College
Lilian Li	Medicine Hat College
Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College
Jess Malinsky	Medicine Hat College
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal University
Kalen Gibb	Mount Royal University
Francine May	Mount Royal University
Meagan Bowler	Mount Royal University
Becky Willson	Mount Royal University
Janet Monteith	Mount Royal University
Michelle Sinotte	Mount Royal University
Cari Merkley	Mount Royal University
Pearl Herscovitch	Mount Royal University
Barb Macleod	Mount Royal University
Alice Swabey	Mount Royal University
Harriet Arnold	NAIT
Isobel Rancier	NAIT
Eve Poirier	Norquest College
Robin Minion	Olds College
Terry Donovan	Portage College
Yvonne Anderson	Red Deer College
Dave Weber	SAIT
Kat Marlowe	SAIT
Susan Brayford	SAIT
David Luinstra	SAIT
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University College