

**Alberta Association of College Librarians**

Spring 2008 Agenda

Thursday, April 17th

9:00 – 4:00

St. Mary's University College

Top floor LeFort Centre

**9:00** Refreshments and socializing

**9:30** Welcome and introductions

Approval of and additions to agenda

Approval of minutes of the November 22nd 2008 meeting

**Executive reports:**

Chair: Geoff Owens

Secretary/Treasurer: Lillian Li

Director: Karen Hering

**Committee and working group reports:**

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Workshop committee report: Alice Swabey and Anne-Marie Watson

AACL listserv and website: James Rout

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford

**10:30** Break

TAL report: Helga Kinnaird

LILAC update: Meagan Bowler

CTCL report: Keith Walker

LAA: Karen Hering

Nominations for & elections of new executive: Robin Minion

Roundtable of developments at your institution

**12:00 -1:00** Lunch & site tour with Brad

## Workshop

### **Job Exchange How To** -- Kathy Lea, Lethbridge College

Come to a 45 minute presentation with music and pictures from workplaces in England, Australia and New Zealand. Kathy will explain how to arrange your own job exchange. She'll also have a table of memorabilia. You can do this and she will tell you how!

### **Polishing Diamonds** -- Karen Hering, Grant MacEwan College

Learn about a non-evaluative peer observation project happening at GMC, and gain insight into how you can polish faculty diamonds in your own institution.

### **Learning commons Beta** -- Sona Kothari & Maureen Toews, Red Deer College

Hear about the trends and challenges that are transforming the information common into a learning commons.

**Alberta Association of College Librarians  
Fall 2007 Minutes  
NAITrium (H104)  
Northern Alberta Institution of Technology  
Thursday, November 22nd  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**9-9:30** Coffee and refreshments

**9:30-10:45**

Welcome and round table introductions

Geoff Owens (Chair) thanked NAIT for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Portage College and Olds College for sponsoring the coffee break.

*Approval of and additions to agenda*

Robin Minion from Olds College moved the agenda; Karen Hering from Grant MacEwan College seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

*Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2006 meeting*

Ann Gish from Grande Prairie Regional College moved for approval of Minutes of the Spring 2007 meeting. Alice Swabey from Mount Royal College seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

*Executive reports:*

Chair: Geoff Owens

Geoff updated the group with a couple of sponsorships that AACL made: \$200 to NetSpeed 2007 and \$250 to CLA 2008. He mentioned that the current executive team will be finishing their 2-year term in Spring 2008. Election for the new Executive is on the agenda for next meeting and Robin Minion will be coordinating the election as the past chair.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lilian Li

Lilian gave a brief report on the financial status of AACL. The last statement Lilian received indicated that AACL had a balance of \$2,212.59. And the 2007-2008 membership fee had been deposited so that would add another \$1,160 to the account. Lilian also circulated a sign-up sheet for attendance and an AACL directory for updates.

Director at Large: Karen Hering

Karen mentioned that the Information Awareness Committee of LHCADL developed a tool kit for information literacy. She encouraged college librarians to submit ideas to the tool kit. A demo by Karan followed. The tool kit can be found at <http://www.lhcadl.ca>, under Tools and Training.

*Committee and working group reports:*

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Dave proposed and the group agreed to abandon the column format and change to normal page view to accommodate online reading. The deadline for the Winter Newsletter is the end of January. Dave will send out an email reminder.

*Workshop:* Alice Swabey

Alice welcomed new committee member: Anne Marie Watson from Red Deer College. She mentioned that two workshops offered today are from the AACL workshop survey results.

*AACL listserv and website:* James Rout

James demoed a few features available from AACL's website: the option to search user profiles, contact tab to send email directly, RSS feed. The group suggested adding position and mailing address as the mandatory fields when people sign up for the blog.

*AACL statistics:* Susan Brayford

Susan distributed the July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 stats. It is the last time in print format. She also mentioned that Tom Skinner will have access to AACL website to post stats. There will be a Statistics Workshop offered by University of Alberta in February and college librarians were welcomed to participate.

Alice Swabey brought up the idea of reviewing job description for committees to encourage AACL members to sit on committees. The group agreed to put it onto next meeting's agenda.

Shannon O'Agnone from NAIT presented the NAIT library tour iMovie. It is available at <http://www.NAIT.ca/TCI/library>

### **10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00** Geoff announced the tentative location for the Spring 2008 meeting. Brad from St' Mary's University College has offered to host the meeting subject to room availability. Susan from SAIT will book a room at SAIT for the meeting as the backup.

*TAL report:* Helga Kinnaird

Helga updated the group with the followings: it has been a busy year for TAL; Red Crow joined TAL as the first First Nation member; LHCADL launch was a big success; TAL is looking at federated search solution; AAQ continues to grow (578 questions from college sector which marks 89% increase); NetSpeed 2007 saw the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of TAL; Keith Walker's outstanding job of leading TAL in his capacity as the Chair was acknowledged.

*CTCL report:* Susan Brayford

Susan commented that 20% of CTCL (the national association) membership is from Alberta which is great support. She invited everyone to attend the 2008 CLA in Vancouver. There will be open panel discussion at CTCL AGM and a CTCL session

offered on improving library spaces. CTCL thanked AACL for sponsoring the session at CLA. Susan encouraged nomination for CTCL awards.

*LAA: Karen Hering*

Karen reported that LAA just had two recent meetings with the following updates: held a contest for tickets to an JK Rowling author appearance in October 2007 in Toronto; moving towards automating membership renewals and ALC registrations; formed a sub-committee to look at Risk Assessment for the association; sponsored a coffee break at PNLA 2007 in Edmonton; sent out a membership survey to assess the satisfaction with representation structure of the LAA Board within the Alberta library community; LAA continues to work closely with Education Institute; next LAA meeting will take place March 2008 in Edmonton and 2008 LAA/ALC will be held in Jasper from April 24 to April 27.

*Participating in UofA library school PD and partner day activities: Alice Swabey*  
Alice led a discussion about how college libraries can be more actively involved in UofA Library school's PD activities. It was decided it is an excellent opportunity to pursue for recruitment potentials especially for areas outside of Edmonton. A \$200 sponsorship from AACL for PD day coffee break was suggested. Dan moved the motion. Geoff seconded. All in favor.

### **Roundtable reports:**

Dan (Canadian University College): new president, new building that connects library to the rest of the campus, new classrooms and study spaces.

Karen (Grant MacEwan College): library renovation underway; business and nursing degrees approved; website undergoing major re-designing; LibQual survey just finished.

Lilian (Medicine Hat College): new Relais ILL system introduced in September; successful on-site LHCADL launch; IM reference service launched in September.

Carolyn (Ambrose College): new institution name (from Alliance University College-Nazarene University College to Ambrose College); a new campus building underway.

Helga (NAIT): two bachelor degrees approved; funding received to hire new staff; continue to work with faculty to improve information literacy.

Wanjiku (Lakeland College): new chair to report; now have librarian on each campus; AACL stats helps for budget request.

Kathy (Lethbridge College): new server acquired for Voyager; a successful reading program partnership with Lethbridge Public Library is in place.

Nancy (Augustana): new building underway; Information Literacy DVD is available for free downloads; the annual Information Literacy workshop will be held on Dec 10; information literacy assessment database is being developed.

Ann (GRPC): very happy with the new president; Jennifer and Ann co-chair the library; Media Services was let go and became a new department with Theatre; new student furniture added.

Carol (Mount Royal College): a very busy September with new degrees approved; working on improving library instruction to incorporate general education component.

Joan (Norquest): transformation portfolio including installing people soft software and massive calendar changes due to the new 3 intakes each year.

Tim (King's College): Tim showed off his "revolting librarian" t-shirt designed to acknowledge the Canadian Library Month.

### **12:00-1:00 Lunch**

1 p.m.

#### **Sudan Law Library Project**

In November 2006 Eve Poirier responded to an email from the Dept. of Justice calling for a Justice Librarian to be involved as a consultant expert in the creation of a law library in Southern Sudan. Eve told the story of how she got to Sudan, where the project still needs to go...what she learned along the way....and why she needs a holiday....

Presenter: Eve Poirier, Regional Librarian for the Prairie Region of the Federal Dept. of Justice.

1:45 p.m.

#### **Website Redevelopment: A SAIT Library Story**

Maintaining good humour and optimism during website redevelopment projects can challenge any institution. The group learned from SAIT's experience on how to meet these challenges as Kat profiled the heroes, dramas, and triumphs of the SAIT Library Website Redevelopment Project: from planning and development to launch and testing.

Presenter: Kat Marlowe, Web Development and Instructional Librarian, SAIT Library

3:00 p.m.

#### **Departmental On-Site Librarianship – The University of Alberta Engineering Librarians' Experience**

In the fall of 2003, the engineering librarians of the University of Alberta began offering librarian on-site information services to undergraduate students four hours a week in a Faculty of Engineering computer lab. Jerry and Randy described how the on-site service began, and the reasons it evolved into the departmental-specific service in place today.

Presenters: Jerry Kowalyk and Randy Reichardt – Research Services Librarians (Engineering), Cameron Science & Technology Library, University of Alberta

**Next Meeting: April 17 in Calgary at St. Mary's College**

## Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Christine Sammon	Alberta College of Art and Design
Carolyn Alho	Ambrose University College
Nancy Goebel	Augustana Campus, UofA
James Rout	Banff Centre
Colleen McPhee	Bow Valley College
Carol Nicks	Canadian University College
Sheila Clark	Canadian University College
Dan Mirau	Concordia University College of Alberta
Erica Hebert	Concordia University College of Alberta
Ann Gish	Grande Prairie Regional College
Karen Hering	Grant MacEwan
John Burgess	Keyano College
Tim Janewski	King's University College
Claudia Rodning	King's University College
Wanjiku Kaai	Lakeland College
Kathy Lea	Lethbridge College
Lilian Li	Medicine Hat College
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal College
Alice Swabey	Mount Royal College
Carol Shepstone	Mount Royal College
Shannon D'Agnone	NAIT
Christine Bouchier	NAIT
Helga Kinnaird	NAIT
Liz Pegoraro	NAIT
Harriet Arnold	NAIT
Kathy Zarft	Norquest College
Diane Reid	Norquest College
Joan Morrison	Norquest College
Robin Minion	Olds College
Veronica Lewis	Prairie Bible Institute
Maureen Toews	Red Deer College
Anne Marie Watson	Red Deer College
Nora Robinson	SAIT
Dave Weber	SAIT
Kat Marlowe	SAIT
May Chan	SAIT
Susan Brayford	SAIT
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University College
Wayne Wicks	Taylor University College