

**Alberta Association of College Librarians**

Fall 2008 Agenda

Thursday, November, 20th

9:00 – 4:00

Grant MacEwan College Room 7-142\*

**9:00** Refreshments and socializing: special thanks to Red Deer College & Canadian University College

**9:45** Welcome and introductions

Approval of and additions to agenda

Approval of minutes of the April 17th 2008 meeting

**Executive reports:**

Chair: Geoff Owens

Secretary/Treasurer: Lillian Li

Director: Cari Merkley

**Committee and working group reports:**

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Workshop committee report: Anne-Marie Watson

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford & Francine May

**10:30** Break

TAL report: Helga Kinnaird

LILAC update: TBD

CTCL report: Keith Walker

Roundtable of developments at your institution\*\*

Next meeting (addition)

**12:00 -1:00** Lunch & tour with Debbie

\*West Parkade is recommended for parking. The meeting is in the 107<sup>th</sup> Street building. See accompanying map for location details.

\*\*There will be a VPU and laptop available if you'd like to demonstrate anything online.

## Workshop

1 p.m.

Ann Currie, director of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta, will be joining us to discuss trends in LIS education, and current activities at the U of A.

1:50 p.m

Kathy West and Janet Williamson from the University of Alberta will be presenting "Wikipedia: Friend or Foe?" a research project they recently conducted that involved critically evaluating over 100 Wikipedia articles. Join us to hear about their surprising results.

3:05 p.m.

brief break

3:15 p.m

Isobel Rancier from NAIT will be presenting on the Best Practices in e-Learning Facilitation course originally created for NAIT faculty to foster effective online learning and now available via eCampus Alberta. Isobel will be discussing her role as information literacy facilitator for the course, and how facilitators can build opportunities for the development of information literacy skills within online courses.

**Alberta Association of College Librarians  
Spring 2008 Minutes  
St. Mary's University College  
LeFort Centre  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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

**9:30-10:45**

Welcome and round table introductions

Dr. Downey, president of St. Mary's University College, welcomed group.

Geoff Owens (Chair) thanked St. Mary's University College for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Mount Royal College and Medicine Hat College for sponsoring the coffee break.

2008 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AACL. The group celebrated the anniversary with a delicious cake brought from Medicine Hat!

*Approval of and additions to agenda*

Alice Swabey from Mount Royal College moved the agenda; Karen Hering from Grant MacEwan College seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

*Approval of Minutes of the Fall 2007 meeting*

Nora Robinson from SAIT moved for approval of Minutes of the Fall 2007 meeting. Maureen Toews from Red Deer 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 is finishing their 2-year term in today's meeting. The election of a new Executive team is on today's agenda under Robin Minion's coordination as the past chair.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lilian Li

Lilian presented the Financial Statement of AACL 2007 -2008. The report was audited by AACL auditors Keith Walker and Sheila Drummond both from Medicine Hat College. Robin Minion from Olds College moved for approval of the statement and Brad Neufeldt from St. Mary's University College seconded the motion. Financial Statement of AACL 2007-2008 approved. Lilian also reported that Columbia College recently signed up as new AACL member institution.

Director at Large: Karen Hering

Karen mentioned that SALA seemed no longer to be in existence based on her investigation. What we are going to be missing from SALA is update of what different organizations are doing. This could be accomplished through Letter of the LAA and other communication tolls and vehicles. An AACL update was included in the most recent edition of the Letter of the LAA. Karen is planning to put another one in the next edition as well. Maureen Toews suggested an interview with Mary Lou Armstrong from Red Deer College to recap AACL's history would be appropriate in celebrating AACL's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Committee and working group reports:*

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Dave led the discussion regarding how to revitalize AACL newsletter. Ideas included switching to "getting to know us" feature instead of pressing each institution for submission; encouraging individual institution to put their own content to AACL's website; highlighting a college library on each AACL newsletter issue...

Workshop: Alice Swabey

Alice brought up the concern of how to strengthen the relationship between AACL and UofA's SLIS due to the surprising no response to AACL's willingness to sponsor SLIS PD day. Alice mentioned that based on the conversation between Ann Curry (Director of SLIS program) and Carol Shepstone (Director of Mount Royal College Library), Ann is very interested in the practicum opportunities in college libraries. It was agreed that Alice and Geoff would write a letter to Ann Curry on behalf of AACL to support the idea of extending SLIS practicum opportunity to Alberta colleges other than UofA. A workshop suggestion for the Fall 2008 AACL meeting in Edmonton would see Ann Curry being invited for a presentation on library education.

AACL listserv and website: James Rout

James mentioned that AACL's website had recorded good usage. The RSS feed feature is functioning well. AACL's new logo designed by Joan Morrison from Norquest College was presented on AACL's website.

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford

Geoff presented AACL's letter and \$200 honourarium to Tom Skinner. Susan thanked everyone for the contribution to AACL stats and encouraged AACL members to participate and involve directly in collecting and compiling AACL stats.

**10:30 Break**

*TAL report:* Helga Kinnaird

Helga updated the group with the followings: TAL is still waiting for response from the government regarding LHCADL funding for 2008-2009; the next priority on agenda would be looking at licensing e-books; SFX license renewal was done with one library opting out; Keith continues to be TAL Chair for one more term; TAL is very proud of LHCADL since one of the key initiatives of TAL was to provide one universally licensed resources for all Alberta libraries and it was achieved by implementing LHCADL. Keith thanked Helga for representing college and technical libraries at TAL.

*LILAC update: Karen Hering*

The LILAC committee of the Lois Hole Digital Library continues to meet semi-regularly. Karen gave a demonstration of the Lois Hole website to APLEN in March and there was a lot of interest for the toolkit and digital resources from the public libraries. The toolkit is also going to be promoted at both CLA and WILU over the next month. Any suggestion and feedback on the toolkit is welcome. Karen invited everyone to contribute to the toolkit by submitting relevant instruction materials and tutorials. LILAC is also hoping to do some onsite training for the First Nations colleges over the spring and summer months. TAL will be looking at revamping the LHCADL website with the goal to make the toolkit more prominent.

*CTCL report: Keith Walker*

Keith encouraged librarians who are attending the CLA conference in Vancouver to be sure to attend the CTCL sessions. Keith also mentioned that Joanne Kemp from MacEwan College is receiving the Outstanding College Librarian Award from CTCL. CTCL is working on re-establishing the directory of college libraries and the online version will be available via the CLA website. This is Keith's last year as CTCL Chair and he will continue on for two more years as past Chair. Keith also encouraged CTCL membership from Alberta colleges as there is no extra charge to become CTCL member as long as the college already has institutional CLA membership.

*LAA: Karen Hering/Sona Kothari*

LAA met in February 2008 in Edmonton and the next LAA AGM meeting would be held at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper on April 25, 2008. LAA is partnering with the Centre for Family Literacy and will offer an Education Institute workshop in Fall 2008. LAA is also partnering with the Writers Guild of Alberta to bring the *Check Out the Writer* Writer-in-Residence program to the regional library systems. LAA has added the functionality of online membership renewals to its website and online registration to the conference website.

**Executive election:**

Geoff Owens from Mount Royal College has agreed to stay on as the Chair of AACL. Lilian Li from Medicine Hat College has agreed to stay on as the Secretary/Treasurer of AACL.

Cari Merkley from Mount Royal College was elected as the Director-at-large of AACL. Debbie suggested a leadership role for director-at-large for developing new AACL business plan.

**Roundtable reports:**

Alice (Mount Royal College): MRC is in the early phase of planning new library building and is still waiting for response from Government of Alberta for funding. New librarian from Montreal was recruited into the team.

May/Kat (SAIT): SAIT recently got extra funding to be spent on collection development; successful technology training sessions were offered to library staff.

James (Banff Centre): Banff Centre witnessed the ground-breaking for the new learning centre building; a new librarian was hired; \$25,000 donation was received for purchasing software for cataloguing and digitization projects.

Debbie (MacEwan): a full-time continuing health science librarian was hired for the new Bachelor of Health Science degree; Bachelor of Science and Music degrees were approved; MacEwan will be joining NEOS as full member which will be bringing huge transition to library operations due to new ILS; MacEwan just started first approval plan with Coutts.

Helga (NAIT): cohort Bachelor of Technology program just started; cohort Bachelor of Business Administration will start in September; two continuing librarian's positions were added with focus on information literacy, generating bibliography for course development, teaching phase-to-phase content and developing information literacy modules for e-learning courses.

Maureen (RDC): RDC is building a new facility for Trades which involves a learning common led by library; Computer lab learning department became part of the library services; RDC is making progress in co-teaching and embedding with classes and is expanding information literacy to media, technology and computer literacy.

Christine (ADAC): ADAC is in the accreditation process with National Association of School of Art and Design to ensure that US states accept ADAC degrees.

Sheila (MHC): It is the fourth year of the successful One Book One Community event and the fifth one is already under planning; MHC in partner with SAIN is organizing an information literacy workshop at UofL in early May.

Joan (NorQuest): full credited library instruction has been implemented into the business industry career program.

Fiona (LC): LC hosted Web 2.0 sessions for library staff and received positive feedback.

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

**Workshop:**

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

A 45 minute presentation with music and pictures from workplaces in England, Australia and New Zealand. Kathy explained how to arrange your own job exchange and talked about her job exchange experience.

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

Karen presented a non-evaluative peer observation project happening at GMC, and gave insight into how we can polish faculty diamonds in our own institution.

**Learning commons Beta** -- Sona Kothari & Maureen Toews, Red Deer College  
 Sona and Maureen talked about the trends and challenges that are transforming the information common into a learning common.

**Next Meeting: November 20 in Edmonton, Grant MacEwan College**

## Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Christine Sammon	Alberta College of Art and Design
James Rout	Banff Centre
Colleen McPhee	Bow Valley College
Sheila Clark	Canadian University College
Karen Hering	Grant MacEwan College
Debbie McGugan	Gran MacEwan College
John Burgess	Keyano College
Fiona Dyer	Lethbridge College
Kathy Lea	Lethbridge College
Lilian Li	Medicine Hat College
Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College
Sheila Drummond	Medicine Hat College
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal College
Alice Swabey	Mount Royal College
Francine May	Mount Royal College
Michelle Sinotte	Mount Royal College
Cari Merkley	Mount Royal College
Helga Kinnaird	NAIT
Joan Morrison	Norquest College
Robin Minion	Olds College
Barbara Palmer	Portage College
Veronica Lewis	Prairie Bible College
Bill Nyman	Prairie Bible College
Maureen Toews	Red Deer College
Anne Marie Watson	Red Deer College
Sona Kothari	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