

**Alberta Association of College Librarians**

Spring 2010 Agenda

Thursday, April 15th

9:00 – 3:45

Mount Royal University – Room EA1057

**9:00** Refreshments and socializing: special thanks to Bow Valley College and King's University College.

**9:35** Welcome and introductions

Approval of and additions to agenda

Approval of [minutes of the November 26th meeting](#)

**Executive reports:**

Chair: Geoff Owens

Secretary/Treasurer: Lillian Li

Director: Cari Merkley

**Committee and working group reports:**

Newsletter: Dave Weber

Workshop committee report: Sonya Betz & Valla McLean

AACL statistics: Susan Brayford

CTCL update: Anne Marie Watson

TAL update: Fiona Dyer

Nominations – Robin Minion & Ann Gish

**10:30** Break

Discussion: [Proposed amendments to AAACL bylaws](#) – Bylaw committee

Roundtable of developments at your institution

Next meeting

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

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**Parking:** Due to classes still going on I was not able to get a great deal on parking. The meeting will be held in the Faculty of Arts EA building (Room 1057). The adjacent lot, "8", is \$10 for the day. There are some lots for \$4: "A" & "B" but they are a bit of a walk:

[http://www.mtroyal.ca/wcm/groups/public/documents/pdf/parking\\_oct09cb.pdf](http://www.mtroyal.ca/wcm/groups/public/documents/pdf/parking_oct09cb.pdf)

**Lunch:** \$15 per person payable by cheque or cash on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

**<break>**

### **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.

**Alberta Association of College Librarians**  
**Fall 2009 Minutes**  
**NAIT – NAITrium**  
**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am – 3:45 pm**

**9-9:45** Coffee, refreshments and socializing

**9:45-12**

Welcome and round table introductions

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

*Approval of and additions to agenda:*

NAIT library tour was moved to 3:45pm. Agenda item re. discussions on the future of AACL was moved before committee and workgroup reports. Additional agenda item: nomination committee proposal from Robin Minion.

Keith Walker moved for approval of the agenda and Jessica Knoch seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

*Approval of Minutes:*

Karen Hering moved for approval of the minutes and Kat Marlowe 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. He encouraged AACL members to attend LOEX of the West 2010 at Mount Royal University as it is the first time for this conference to come to Western Canada. He again mentioned that he is on his 3<sup>rd</sup> year term to serve as the AACL chair that is originally a two-year commitment. He will not mind staying on for now but if there is any association member who is interested in the chair position please let Geoff know.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lilian Li

Lilian briefly updated the members with the good financial standings of AACL. She proposed to nominate Leigh Cunningham from Medicine Hat College as the AACL's financial statement auditor to help Lilian prepare the yearly financial statement. Kat Marlowe moved for approval of the proposal and Terry Donovan seconded the motion. All in favour.

Director at Large: Cari Merkley

Cari mentioned that she is going to submit another article about AACL to LAA. She addressed the need to review the bylaws with the situation that Mount Royal and Grant MacEwen being university now.

*Discussions re. The future of AACL; name of organization and sharing stats*

A proposal to expand AACL membership to universities was brought up by Karen Hering. The rationale behind this was from the successful TAL LILAC Information Literacy symposium hosted by University of Calgary with great collaboration from college and university librarians. With Mount Royal and Grant MacEwan being university and much discussion on how AACL can handle this, this is a timely discussion and the idea arose: is there a way of all academic librarians coming together?

Key points in the discussions:

- Mount Royal University and Grant MacEwan University fall under the statutes of Colleges and Technical Institutes within the Post-Secondary Learning Act according to Advanced Education and Technology, Government of Alberta.
- Are there anything we share in common in terms of college librarianship and university librarianship?
- The expansion would be beneficial to the statistics AACL has been compiling. Even if the expansion did not go ahead, we should investigate the possibility of having university libraries participate statistics. This would also help to reduce the work of duplicating statistics submission.
- AACL right now is a comfortable forum for single librarian, e.g. the only librarian in some institutions. The expansion to include university librarians might be overwhelming to this group.
- What is the benefit to university librarians to join?
- We will look at bylaws to make sure the membership also applies to and includes Mount Royal University and Grant MacEwan University. Both institutions express desire to stay with AACL.
- The expansion will make AACL a stronger group.
- Bigger means lack of inclusive.
- In all circumstance, it is difficult to include aboriginal colleges and for them to join meetings simply because of staffing.
- Another way would be opening the membership to university librarians and let the dynamic flow.
- AACL is an excellent professional development platform for all academic librarians.
- Conclusion: we are investigating the possibilities of including university librarians; continue the discussion into April 2010. A workgroup was formed to review the bylaws, look at the name change, evaluate and review membership criteria, amend objectives of the organization and adjust the statistics collection. Members in the workgroup include: Cari Merkley (Mount Royal University); Eve Poirier (NorQuest College); Kristine Plastow (Red Deer College) and Dan Mirau (Concordia University College).

*Committee and working group reports:*

Newsletter: Dave Weber

We are hoping to develop a new communication tool to replace the traditional format of newsletter. Dave would draft a guideline for submitting news from AACL libraries. He stressed that AACL newsletter is also interested in campus news besides library updates. It was suggested that each individual library would initiate a quick submission to AACL

blog before the meeting so that librarian's conversation can be focused and to-the-point. Dave would get together with James to discuss the idea.

Workshop: Sonya Betz & Valla McLean

A workshop survey was conducted with the following topics listed starting from most interesting: product and technology; service and assessment; strategic planning; salary and compensation. Workshop committee is always seeking volunteers and new ideas.

Nomination Committee: Robin Minion

A nomination committee was formed to look after the nomination process. The committee consists of Robin Minion and Ann Gish.

AACL statistics: Francine May

Francine reminded member libraries that December 10 is the deadline to submit statistics. Ebook usage is the newly added category. We will also continue the honorarium to Tom Skinner for his work on AACL statistics with the amount of \$200 per year.

CTCL update: Keith Walker

Keith reported that there are a number of AAAC member librarians serving on CACUL and CTCL executive: Carol Shepston as the CACUL Director-at-Large; Christine Sammon as the CACUL Secretary/Treasurer and Anne Marie Watson as the CTCL Secretary/*Communique* editor. Keith also congratulated James Rout on receiving the CACUL Innovation Achievement Award. Keith encourages AAAC librarians to run for the positions of CTCL as it is a great way to work in the national level and to network with great people. CTCL is looking for nominations for two awards; Award for Outstanding College Librarian and Innovation Achievement Award.

TAL update: Maureen Woods

TAL is in the process of assessing where the organization is standing now and the future/potential of the organization. Maureen is open to all ideas and seeking innovative ideas on identifying and developing collective opportunities. Maureen also reported that TAL's financial reporting will be more transparent. There will be consultation process to solicit inputs from all library directors.

**No Roundtable reports this meeting. Watch for AAAC blog for library updates.**

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

**Workshop:**

**1:00- 1:45**

Jessica Knoch presented on Grant MacEwan University's Roving Reference Project

**1:45-2:30**

Brad Neufeldt presented on STMU Library's E-Resources Management tool, SubjectsPlus

**2:50-3:45**

Panel discussion about e-books: Liz Pegoraro from NAIT, Kristine Plastow from RDC, and Katharine Barrette from Mount Royal

**Next Meeting: April 15, 2010 at Mount Royal University**

## Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Christine Sammon	Alberta College of Art and Design
Sandy Ayer	Ambrose University College & Seminary
James Rout	Banff Centre
Colleen McPhee	Bow Valley College
Erica Hebert	Canadian University College
Dan Mirau	Canadian University College
Ann Gish	Grande Prairie Regional College
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan University
Karen Hering	MacEwan University
Melinda Spears	MacEwan University
Yvonne Rezek	MacEwan University
Sonya Betz	MacEwan University
Valla McLean	MacEwan University
Jessica Knoch	MacEwan University
Claudia Rodning	King's University College
Wanjiku Kaai	Lakeland College
Fiona Dyer	Lethbridge College
Leigh Cunningham	Medicine Hat College
Lilian Li	Medicine Hat College
Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal University
Kalen Gibb	Mount Royal University
Francine May	Mount Royal University
Katharine Barnette	Mount Royal University
Becky Willson	Mount Royal University
Cari Merkley	Mount Royal University
Helga Kinnaird	NAIT
Harriet Arnold	NAIT
Shannon O' Agnone	NAIT
Kendra Bender	NAIT
Florence Li	NAIT
Christine Bouchier	NAIT
Eve Poirier	Norquest College
Joan Morrison	Norquest College
Diane Reid	Norquest College
Robin Minion	Olds College
Terry Donovan	Portage College
Kristine Plastow	Red Deer College
Dave Weber	SAIT
Kat Marlowe	SAIT
May Chan	SAIT
Ewa Piorko	SAIT
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University College
Wayne Wicks	Taylor University College
Maureen Woods	The Alberta Library

