Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

AAAL SPRING AGM 2016 Meeting Agenda
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016
Location: Gallery Hall (Taylor Family Digital Library)
Lunch Cost: Free! (RSVP Required)
Parking: Visitor parking info (parking map)
Hotels near the University of Calgary: Hotel Alma

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Morning Schedule of Events

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Coffee and Breakfast Pastries provided by AAAL

9:00 am – 9:15 am
Introduction from U of C Host
Introduction of Members
Approval of Minutes of the Fall 2015 Meeting
Approval of Agenda

9:15 am – 9:30 am
AAAL Executive Reports
- Co-Chairs - Robyn & Sonya
- Secretary/Treasurer - Leigh
  ○ Approval of the annual financial statement
- Director at Large - CJ
- Membership Coordinator - Jessica

9:30 am – 9:50 am
AAAL Committee Reports
- Communications Committee
- Workshop Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Statistics and Assessment Committee

9:50 am - 10:00 am
AAAL Working Group Updates
- Mentorship Working Group - Robyn & Sonya
- Resource Sharing Working Group - CJ

10:00 am - 10:10 am
Nominations Committee Update
- Vote on Director-at-Large position - CJ de Jong, University of Alberta (term renewal by acclamation) CJ de Jong has been the Director at Large for the last two years and is willing to continue in this role for another term. The AAAL is a valuable association to the Alberta academic library community and it is an honour to be part of it.
- Vote on Secretary/Treasurer position - Genevieve Luthy, SAIT Polytechnic (by acclamation) Genevieve has been the AAAL Statistics Coordinator for the past 2.5 years and would be happy
   to continue working with AAAL in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer.

10:10 am - 10:15 am
Fall 2016 Host -- Robyn & Sonya

10:15 am - 10:30 am
Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am
Round-table -- CJ
- News from local sssociations
- News from member Libraries

11:30 am -- 11:45 pm
CLA Update - Robyn & Sonya on behalf of Jason Openo, Library Association of Alberta
- Call for AAAL representation at ALC Session F1 *The Library Landscape in Alberta: It's Time to Shake it Up!* (10:45am-11:45am Saturday, April 2)

11:45 pm -- 1:30 pm
Lunch at That Empty Space
Participate in lunch table talks followed by optional tours of the Nickel Gallery and the University of Calgary Taylor Library

Afternoon Schedule of Events

1:30pm -- 2:30pm
Keynote: Embedding Librarians in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), the integration of teaching and research to better understand and improve student learning, is becoming more familiar in post-secondary learning environments and academic libraries. This presentation will provide an overview of SoTL and its importance in post-secondary contexts, as well as some examples of possible programming and support drawn from the University of Calgary's Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning. A highlight is Libraries and Cultural Resources initiative to appoint a Teaching and Learning Librarian to establish a library presence within the Institute's SoTL programming. This model of SoTL promotes knowledge-sharing in support of post-secondary teaching and learning—demonstrating a scholarly approach to teaching and learning across campus, strengthening the work of SoTL practitioners, and opening up new partnerships, research, teaching, and learning opportunities for library colleagues.

Nancy Chick is the Academic Director for Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning at the University of Calgary and founding editor of Teaching & Learning Inquiry, the journal for the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.   She is internationally recognized for her contributions to teaching and learning.

Caitlin McClurg is the newly appointed Teaching and Learning Librarian in Libraries and Cultural Resources at the University of Calgary.

2:30pm -- 2:45pm **How Faculty Can add your Libguides Content to Moodle**
Many libraries including NorQuest College, use the Springshare LibGuides platform to host their Research Guides. Recently NorQuest has set up the LibGuides LTI tool for our Moodle learning management system. This tool enables our faculty to pull our Research Guides right into their Moodle courses. The tool allows faculty to pull in a complete guide, a guide page or a single content box into their course and their students then can open the guide right within Moodle. This session will have a brief demonstration of how the tool works and how the guides look within our Moodle site. I will also discuss how we rolled the tool out to the faculty and recent updates to the LTI tool by Springshare. The LTI tool is available with Libguides CMS and works with Moodle, Blackboard, Canvas and Desire2Learn.
Kathy Zarft, Norquest College

2:45pm -- 3:00pm **Library Consulting Overseas: The Engagement de l'Afrique Project**
Some of us may have the opportunity, during our careers, to do library consulting overseas for governmental organizations or NGO's. This account of my experience as a consultant for three seminaries in francophone Africa (the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, and Cameroon) for the Engagement de l'Afrique project should give an impression of the strengths and weaknesses of African academic (all three institutions grant doctoral degrees) libraries, of the kinds of challenges African academic libraries face, and of what library consulting in the developing world (I've also done consulting in the Philippines) involves.
Sandy Ayer, Ambrose University

3:00pm -- 3:15pm
Break

3:15pm --3:30pm **Developing an Embedded Librarian Program at a Polytechnic Institution**
Development of an embedded librarian program at SAIT began in the fall of 2015. This session will highlight the creation of the program and review the preliminary assessment results. Surveys of faculty and students were positive, but what do those results really mean? What are the next steps to develop a stable, expandable, assessment-based program? This program was recently awarded the Cisco Systems Chair in e-Learning Award at SAIT which provides opportunities to answer these questions.
Jessica Norman, SAIT Polytechnic

3:30pm-3:45pm **Blurred Lines - Redefining Technical Services in an Academic Library**
The migration to a new integrated library system provided the opportunity to review the role of the technical services department in an academic library. The technical services department is responsible for acquisitions and processing, cataloguing and interlibrary loans. This team is staffed by one librarian, three library technicians, and one library assistant. At the time of migration, the staff was invited to review the current roles and processes and offer suggestions for restructuring their workflow. The examination of the technicians' duties resulted in a new and unique service arrangement. Join a technician and librarian as we discuss this exciting journey.

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Leigh Cunningham/Valarie Westers, Medicine Hat College

3:45pm-4:00pm **Long Nights Against Procrastination at the Red Deer College Library**
Inspired by other institutions who host "Long Night Against Procrastination" events, RDC Library hosted its first "LNAP" in November 2015 and second event in March 2016. Find out how a small library with a $24.32 budget can still hold an event that makes students really happy (and is fun for staff too!).
Yvonne Phillips, Librarian, Red Deer College Library

4:00 pm
Meeting Adjournment

List of Reports

- **AAAL Co-Chair's Report**
- **Secretary Treasurer Report**
- **Membership-Coordinator Report**
- **Director-at-Large Report**
- **AAAL Professional Development Committee Report**
- **AAAL Workshop Committee Report**
- **AAAL Communications Committee Report**
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AAAL Co-Chair's Report

March 24, 2016

It's been another busy year with the AAAL, and we've enjoyed seeing the organization grow and develop.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you all for your continued support of and engagement with the AAAL. We'd like to thank the new and continuing members on our committees and the executive: http://aaal.ca/contact. Through your hard work we are able to host our twice annual meetings, recruit and organize our workshops, keep track of our members and finances, liaise with external organizations, communicate with you through social media and the website, track the statistics of academic libraries in the province, provide PD awards to members of our community, and nominate members of the executive to keep the AAAL running. Many thanks to all of you.

Leigh Cunningham will be stepping down after two terms as Secretary / Treasurer, and we would like to extend a huge thank you to her. Leigh has been the AAAL Secretary / Treasurer for 4 years, and has done an exceptional job, particularly ensuring that we are a legitimate not-for-profit association with a viable bank account.

CJ de Jong is also completing his term as Director at Large. CJ has been a wonderful external voice for the association, liaising with other library associations, and sharing his expertise with the Resource Sharing Task Group.

Thank you CJ and Leigh for your many contributions to the AAAL.

Meetings:

The fall AAAL meeting in Edmonton on November 19 was extremely well attended, with 55 attendees from post-secondary institutions around the province. We voted through some changes to our bylaws that we hope will lead to greater communication between our committees and executive, and created a new committee to handle Statistics and Assessment.

We opened and closed our workshop afternoon with presentations from the BCOER Librarians and Dr. Michael McNally who raised thoughtful questions about open educational resources and the role of academic libraries in OER initiatives. We also heard three excellent lightning strike presentations from our members on a diverse set of topics: research data management, a study trip to China, and Augustana's personal librarian program.

Thank you to MacEwan University Libraries for hosting, and many thanks also to our presenters, volunteers and attendees for making the day a success!

Activities:

In addition to working with the Executive and Workshop Committee to plan the fall and spring AAAL meetings, we've been carrying out some AAAL housekeeping, such as filing the changes to our bylaws with the Alberta Registry, and conducting an inventory of all of our historical AAAL documentation and working through organizing it. To bring our bylaw changes into effect we asked each committee to nominate a convenor to act as a liaison between the committee and the executive, and held our first Executive + Convenors meeting early in March. We also called for volunteers for the new Statistics and Assessment committee, and were amazed by the overwhelming response. We struck a new Mentorship Working Group and tasked them with developing recommendations for a new AAAL mentorship program. Finally we were contacted by Jason Openo, the President of the Library Association of Alberta, who spoke with our Executive in late January about some of the changes happening with the CLA and the proposed federation of library associations. We also completed the Association Survey regarding the future of CLA.

We look forward to another year of working with the AAAL, and will see you at our AGM in Calgary on April 14.

Submitted by:
Robyn Hall and Sonya Betz, AAAL Co-Chairs

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AAAL Secretary-Treasurer's Report

March 24, 2016

The annual financial statement will be reviewed by AAAL auditors at year end (March 31) and provided to the membership at the AGM for approval. The current executive recommends maintaining the AAAL annual membership fee at $100 per library. The budget and expenditures will need to be monitored and reviewed annually as attendance and costs may increase.

As I approach the end of my second two-year term, I have created procedures for the Secretary-Treasurer role and worked with Sonya and Robyn to ensure all documentation is organized efficiently.

Submitted by:
Leigh Cunningham, AAAL Secretary-Treasurer

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AAAL Membership Coordinator's Report

March 24, 2016

Thirty one people participated in the fall 2015 meeting survey, of which 6.5% were library staff, 61% were librarians, and 32.5% were library directors or managers. Feedback about meeting format, lightning strike and keynote sessions, and catering was reviewed while planning the spring 2016 meeting. I appreciate all members who took the time to complete the survey.

I continue to make updates to the AAAL membership list and recently added a column indicating which members participate in the resource sharing program.

No membership changes have occurred since the last meeting in November 2015.

Submitted by:
Jessica Norman, AAAL Membership Coordinator

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AAAL Director-at-Large Report

March 24, 2016

At the Fall Meeting, I provided reports collected from various local associations and facilitated the members' roundtable, and will do so again this Spring Meeting. I also requested that we strike a Resource Sharing Task Group to evaluate our Resource Sharing agreement among AAAL members and consider the potential for expansion. The Task Group was struck and we've met once and devised a plan to move forward with our task over the spring and summer months. I am completing a two year term as Director at Large and I've been privileged to see the Association develop and grow in this short time.

Submitted by:
CJ de Jong
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AAAL Professional Development Committee Report

Since the inception of the award in Spring 2015 we have received 12 applications. Funding was awarded to two applicants in Spring 2015 ($500 total) and one applicant in Spring 2016 ($250). No award was given in Fall 2015. Of the 12 applications received over the course of the three cycles 6 applicants/applications did not meet the basic application criteria.

It is the recommendation of the PD committee that the application process for PD funding be joined with the workshop application. This would encourage more workshop applications and ensure that individuals applying for and receiving professional development funding were also active contributors to AAAL.

Submitted by: Suzanne Rackover (on behalf of the AAAL PD Committee members: Leigh Cunningham, Suzanne Rackover, Janet Sainsbury)

AAAL Workshop Committee Report

Since Spring 2015 AAAL AGM, the Workshop Committee has been engaged the following activities:

- Welcomed four new members: Trish Rosseel, Claudette Cloutier, Rene Martin, Shawna Murphy
- Issued calls for lightning strike submissions for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 meetings:
* Fall 2015: 7 submissions received; 4 selected; 3 presented
* Spring 2016: 9 submissions received; 5 selected

- Organized opening and closing keynote sessions for Fall 2015 meeting on theme of open educational resources; as well as opening keynote session for Spring 2016 meeting on theme of the scholarship of teaching and learning
- Solicited and reviewed feedback on Fall 2015 professional development program; incorporated feedback into 2016 planning
- Will be developing rubric for use in selecting lightning strike sessions for Fall 2016

Submitted by the AAAL Workshop Committee: Claudette Cloutier, Shawna Murphy, & Trish Rosseel

AAAL Communications Committee Report

We continue to gain followers on social media. We have continued the AAAL 7 questions blog post series, as well as finding content that will be meaningful to AAAL members for both social media and the blog. In addition the communications team has taken over the administration of the listserv, and is currently evaluating new listserv technologies as well as the possibility of discontinuing the AAAL listserv altogether.

Submitted by: Dana Ouellette (on behalf of the AAAL Communications Committee: Yvonne Phillips, Mary Medinsky, and Dana Ouellette)

AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee Report

In February 2016, responsibility for administering the AAAL Statistics shifted from the Library Manager, SAIT, to the newly formed Statistics & Assessment Committee. The committee has established goals for the coming year, including:

- Reviewing and updating the data definitions on the existing survey
- Developing a new form-based tool for collecting data
- Transferring archived data into the Dataverse repository at University of Alberta

Submitted by: Ebony Magnus (on behalf of the AAAL Statistics & Assessment Committee: Ebony Magnus, Nicole Palanuk, & Tara Stieglitz)

AAAL Nominations Committee Report

This year, the Nominations Committee was tasked with finding candidates for both the Director-at-Large and Secretary-Treasurer AAAL Executive positions. While we did not receive any nominations or volunteers, we did make several inquiries to suitable candidates and are very pleased with the resolution – a strong Executive group! However, we would like to encourage library directors and AAAL members to become more active in promoting AAAL opportunities, as we feel that AAAL presents a wonderful opportunity to connect with and directly impact the Alberta academic library community.

Submitted by: Samuel Cassady (on behalf of Isobel Rancier, Jane Duffy & Samuel Cassady)

APPENDIX A: Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes

 Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

AAAL Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015
Location: MacEwan University
Edmonton, Alberta
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Coffee and Breakfast Pastries provided by AAAL

9:00 am – 9:05 am
Introduction from Host: Debbie McGugan, Dean, MacEwan University Library

9:05 am – 9:15 am
Introduction of Members, and Recognition of Service: Keith Walker

9:18 am
Meeting called to order.
Motion by CJ de Jong to approve the agenda with revisions. Motion seconded by Eve Poirier. Motion passed.

Motion by Rene Martin to approve the Spring 2015 AAAL AGM minutes. Motion seconded by Elaine Fabbro. Motion passed.

9:15 am – 9:50 am
AAAL Executive and Committee Updates
Note: Executive reports submitted in advance and included in the meeting package.

Verbal Reports:
Secretary/Treasurer: Leigh Cunningham
Rene Martin (ACAD) and Jane Duffy (MacEwan) volunteered to serve as auditors to review AAAL financial information before the spring AGM.

Communications Committee: Dana Ouellette
The "7 Questions with…" feature is very popular. Dana circulated a signup sheet for more participants.
There was a reminder to follow AAAL on Facebook and Twitter.

Workshop Committee: Trish Rosseel
All members of the Workshop Committee are new. The Committee reviewed feedback from the past

meetings. More submissions/proposals for lightning strike sessions are needed in the future.

Professional Development Committee: Leigh Cunningham (on behalf of PD Committee)
The applications received to date for PD funding largely do not meet the criteria. No funding was awarded for the fall meeting. The PD Committee will work closely with the Workshop Committee to solicit interest from AAAL attendees.

Nominations Committee: Eve Poirier
The Committee will be seeking nominations for Director-at-large and Secretary-Treasurer ahead of the Spring AGM.

Statistics Committee: Genevieve Luthy
Submissions will be accepted until the end of November 2015. This is the first year asking for stats earlier in the year with the goal of providing useful information to member libraries ahead of the budgeting process. Ebony Magnus (SAIT) is working on methods for comparing institutional data. Rene Martin expressed her appreciation for the work of the Statistics Committee.

9:50 am – 10:00 am
Resource Sharing Task Group Update: Director-at-Large, CJ de Jong
CJ called for volunteers from a variety of institutions to review the Resource Sharing Agreement.
Volunteers: Dave Weber (SAIT), Mary Medinsky (Red Deer), Terry Donovan (Portage), Tim Janewski (King's), Leeanne Morrow (U of C).

9:45 am – 10:00 am
Coffee Break provided by AAAL

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Special Resolution: Bylaw Amendments
Minor revisions to wording were made to clarify meaning. Major revisions and rationale:
- **2.4**: Membership applications are submitted to the Membership Coordinator instead of the Secretary-Treasurer. This was likely an oversight when the Membership Coordinator position was created.
- **2.6.ii**: Clarified notification process for delinquent/non-paying members.
- **3.2.iv:** The Committee will provide candidate names and brief statements of interest to each voting member prior to an election. This ensures voting members, and those voting by proxy can make informed decisions when voting for elected officers.
- **3.2.v**: Nominations will only be accepted from the floor if no nominations have been received prior to the meeting.
- **3.2.vii**: Added Robert's Rules procedure for dealing with a tie vote.
- **4:** Standing Committees and Working Groups. The intention is to formalize the role of non-executive groups, set terms for volunteers, and to clarify communication processes between the committees, working groups and the Executive Officers.
- **5.2.ii**: In the case of two members holding the position of Chair (two co-chairs), the Chair is considered one position/one vote.

Tim Janewski thanked the executive for the proactive work regarding the bylaws.

Motion by Eve Poirier to accept the bylaws as amended. Motion seconded by Terry Donovan. All in

favour. No votes opposed.

Bylaws take effect immediately and will be filed by the executive. Revised bylaws will be posted to the AAAL website.

The Appendices of the Bylaws may be revised as needed. It is noted that bylaws should not make reference to specific brands such as Google Drive. Further discussion on the bylaw appendices:

Appendix A
- *Director-at-large:* The Executive will review the title of the officer position "Director-at-large." This position, according to AAAL bylaws, can be any individual at a member institution and not exclusively a library director.
- *New committee: Statistics and Assessment Committee*. Currently, one person is in charge of institutional statistics. The scope of this committee will be broadened with new volunteers. Some considerations for the new committee include: archiving AAAL data, making data available to researchers, caution with making some member data public (permissions), aggregate data, investigate online forms for submission, participation in ACRL/CARL/COPPUL. There will be a call for volunteers to join the Statistics and Assessment Committee.
- *Workshop Committee*: Keynote speaker is optional.

Appendix B
- Meetings are typically held to coincide with The Alberta Library Board meetings, which alternate between Calgary and Edmonton. The Executive may choose to review and propose alternate meeting times and locations that meet the needs of AAAL and its members.
- The membership fee increase in 2013 allows for AAAL to cover the costs of refreshments and lunches at meetings.

CJ de Jong will call for volunteers for any vacancies on the new committees.
Rene Martin stepped down from the Workshop Committee.
Eve Poirier stepped down from the Nominations Committee.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Round-table - News from Member Libraries and Local Associations: Facilitated by CJ de Jong

Library Association of Alberta (LAA): Report submitted in advance and included in the meeting package.

Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT): Report submitted by Karen Hildebrandt, AALT President-Elect

> The Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT) is "DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONALISM OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS THROUGH COMMUNICATION, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND COOPERATION".

> AALT was formed in 1974 and we had our 41st conference this year. We have approximately 125 members (personal, student, institutional and affiliate). We have two student reps from each of the Library Technician programs in Alberta (MacEwan and SAIT) that sit on our Board.

The new Board was elected at the June AGM:
President: Sarah Stephens
President-Elect: Karen Hildebrandt
Member-at-Large: Chris Gartner
Secretary: Lynda Shurko
Treasurer: Jennifer Latham
Membership Director: Kristy Nicholls
Marketing Director: Melanie Belliveau
Journal Editor: Kristian McInnes
Website Director: Lynn Blain

Our journal, "The AALT Technician" moved from print several years ago to a pdf formate and we now changed it into an online blog journal which was launched on Thursday, November 5. So far this new format has been really well received.

Conference 2016 planning is well underway. "Celebrating Diversity" is the theme of the conference which will be held May 12-15, 2016 at SAIT. The call for proposals went out and we hope we will have a strong program. Our keynote speakers are: Stephen Abrams (Friday morning); Letha Goger (Saturday morning) talking about open educational resources (OERs); and Glenda Goertzen (Sunday morning) a Canadian author of children's and young adult fantasy, including the best-selling children's novel The Prairie Dogs.

AALT will also have a bit of a presence at ALC. Sarah Stephens, AALT President, will be part of the panel session "Library Landscape: It's Time to Shake it Up!" at ALC. An open dialog discussion between the audience and leaders of our library associations in Alberta (LAA, ALTA, AALT, AAAL, TAL, ALPAC) about the library landscape in Alberta. Questions like "How can we be stronger together? What is our Relevancy? How can we collaborate?" are just some of the areas that will be covered.

My first association was AALT and it was the first board I served on. With my term coming to a close and the opportunity to service on the AALT Board coming up I accepted the nomination as President-Elect for AALT. It really is like coming full circle. I look forward to the next few years serving on the AALT Board once again.

The Alberta Library (TAL): Update
TAL Online
At the Board meeting on Friday the TAL Board will discuss the future of TAL Online. The ongoing support and cost of a Universal Catalogue offered through OCLC will examined. Members will also be provided with a number of approaches and development options to address this issue.

Licensing
The Licensing program continues to adapt to member's needs. In particular the following accomplishments should be noted:
- All members were given organization specific information on the value of the licensing program for their organization.
- New Products: a significant number of new products have been introduced as TAL continues to become as responsive as possible to meet the needs of Members.

- The Licensing Committee has agreed to placing a new web form for requesting new products on the TAL website.
- The Universal Core was adopted by all but three members. The process for developing the core and for gaining participation is being reviewed.

TAL Toolshed

Manitoba and Saskatchewan have now joined the Toolshed initiative along with Alberta and British Columbia. To date over 450 different resources have been added and shared through the Toolshed. Initiatives to promote the Toolshed such as a newsletter are being developed.

Online Reference Centre (ORC)

This program continues to be well supported by Alberta Education. All Alberta libraries have access to the ORC for the following patrons:

Academic Libraries
1.   Any student in an upgrading program studying the Alberta Curriculum
2.   Any student enrolled in a faculty of education program in the province of Alberta

To support access in Public and Academic Libraries TAL is providing a number of training sessions. TAL will also continue to work with Alberta Education to promote these resources.

EZ Proxy Authentication Service

EZ Proxy is an authentication service that allows offsite authentication for electronic resources licensed by TAL:
- One member, Olds College has indicated that they wish to begin using TAL's authentication service using EZ Proxy.
- Thirty libraries are using the service (including 5 First Nations Information Connection libraries that are not TAL members)
- TAL will be upgrading to the next version of EZ Proxy to improve security and access.

Foothills Library Association (FLA): Report submitted by Catelynne Sahadath, FLA President

The Foothills Library Association recently changed over its executive, and announced its 2015/16 events schedule, which includes:
- Fall Networking Brunch (October 2015)
- Open Access Open Mic Night (October 2015)
- Semi-annual Trivia Challenge (November 2015, February 2016)
- Holiday Book Swap (December 2016)
- Calgary Libraries In Action professional development event (Spring 2016)

NEOS: Report submitted by Anne Carr-Wiggin, NEOS Manager

- NEOS's main activity is of course the members' shared Integrated Library System but NEOS also has several projects underway to move forward its Strategic Agenda.
- *Shared acquisitions* – pilot project in 2016 for shared acquisitions and shelf-ready cataloguing services, led by MacEwan University.
- *Centralized interlibrary loan* – service to provide centralized requesting and lending ILL services via the University of Alberta Libraries. The pilot project is in process and an

evaluation is planned for the new year.

- *Shared ebook collection* – ebook collection purchased together and now available to all NEOS clients.
- *Return on Investment Task Force* – to demonstrate the ongoing positive return on investment resulting from NEOS membership.
- *Collection analysis* – quantitative analysis of the NEOS collection on a broad scale.
- *Shared/networked institutional repository* – work just beginning.

AAAL Member Libraries:

- Concordia: Demand driven ebooks. Ebrary and Kanopy. Basement renovations. Online reservations for room bookings through LibCAL.
- U of A: New facility for offsite storage. Research collections. Safety and security for 24/7 spaces. SAD light therapy lamps. Testing for new discovery BLACKLIGHT and institutional repository. Support staff showcase involving 60 staff.
- Red Crow: Post-fire, the institution is starting to rebuild and has received many donations of books, computers and projectors. There is insurance money to rebuild in next two years; all donations welcome, including library equipment (carts, stools, supplies) and books. The college will be changing its name.
- Lakeland: Participating in NEOS centralized ILL. Articles fulfilled in 24 hours.
- SAIT: New User Experience and Assessment librarian hired.
- Medicine Hat: Changes in personnel, new writing specialist position, makerspace, speaking of books, intellectual property exhibit. MHC's 50 year anniversary.
- Olds: 50% of collection weeded. Decreasing barriers to access, reconfigured service desk, 24/7 computer lab, centre/space for mental health, etc.
- Portage: Implemented OCLC WMS. Author event. Student survey.
- NorQuest: Will have 75% more space in new building. Library leading academic integrity mandatory orientation.
- King's: LGBTQ inclusion workshops with Alvin Schrader. Making libraries welcoming and inclusive. New instruction librarian.
- Burman: Hired a half-time archivist position. Archives from advancement to library. Weeding and new study space.
- St. Mary's: External review of library completed. Weeded print journals.
- Red Deer: Collection renewal/weeding. Long night against procrastination being planned.
- Lethbridge College: Fiona Dyer to Royal Roads. Lilian Li will be new head librarian in Jan 2016
- GPRC: 3D printer, makerspace, new group room with technology and presentation room.
- U of C: 50th anniversary. Mellon foundation planning grant. Library meeting needs of learners. -3% budget.
- ACAD: Changing to learning commons model with Student services, IT, Library together. Building a makerspace. Will create new position director/chief librarian. Five staff in total, not all fulltime.
- Athabasca: Copyright office, archives, records management, and art collection added to the library portfolio.
- NAIT: Space renovations. New head librarian.
- MacEwan: Integrating LibGuides2 into BlackBoard.

11:40 am – 12:00 pm
Update from Canadian Library Association: Virginia Clevette and Christina Hwang

"Toward a Federated Library Association"

Virginia and Christina presented a concise overview and fielded questions about the future direction of CLA. The recommendation from the working group is the formal dissolution of CLA and the creation of a new non-profit, bilingual Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA). The new entity would be a small, single-focused organization that is capable of responding to national issues in an informed and strategic manner. Detailed information can be found on CLA's [website](#).

12:00 pm
Important Reminders from the Chair
AAAL needs a spring host in Calgary for Thursday April 14, 2016

There will be the following vacancies/elections at the Spring AGM: Director-at-large and Secretary-Treasurer.

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Lunch and Tours of MacEwan University Library

1:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Afternoon Schedule of Events coordinated by the Workshop Committee

> *Opening Session:* BC Librarians Get Open**.** Caroline Daniels, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library; Erin Fields, University of British Columbia Library; Leva Lee, BCcampus. Via Skype.

> *Lightning Strike 1:* Research Metrics Workshop Series at Cameron Library. Jessica Thorlakson, University of Alberta

> *Lightning Strike 2:* The Year of China. Dan Mirau, Concordia University of Edmonton and Tara Stieglitz, MacEwan University

> *Lightning Strike 3:* Making the Academic Library Personal: Implementation of a Personal Librarian program. Nancy Goebel, University of Alberta

> *Closing Keynote:* Facilitating Collaboration and Integration as Crucial Roles for Academic Libraries in the OER Movement. Michael McNally, University of Alberta

4:04 pm
Meeting Adjournment.

AAAL Fall 2015 Attendees (Morning Business meeting)

Rene Martin	ACAD
Elaine Fabbro	Athabasca University
Sheila Clark	Burman University
Dan Mirau	Concordia University College of Alberta
Dana Ouellette	Concordia University College of Alberta
Sheena Gardner	Grande Prairie Regional College
Wanjiki Kaai	Lakeland College
Tim Janewski	King's University
Heather Jewell	King's University
Corene Kozey	Lethbridge College
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan University
Jane Duffy	MacEwan University
Robyn Hall	MacEwan University
Chuck Payne	Medicine Hat College
Shawna Murphy	Medicine Hat College
Leigh Cunningham	Medicine Hat College
Isobel Rancier	NAIT
Wayne Hofman	NAIT
Eve Poirier	NorQuest College
Shiloa Thomas	Northern Lakes College
Corey Johnson	Olds College
Peggy McKenzie	Olds College
Terry Donovan	Portage College
Mary Weasel Fat	Red Crow Community College
Mary Medinsky	Red Deer College
Yvonne Phillips	Red Deer College
Dave Webber	SAIT
Genevieve Luthy	SAIT
Luke Malone	SAIT
Jessica Norman	SAIT
Ebony Magnus	SAIT
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University
Brian Lin	The Alberta Library
Christine Loo	The Alberta Library/NAIT
CJ de Jong	University of Alberta
Trish Rosseel	University of Alberta
Sonya Betz	University of Alberta
Anne Carr-Wiggin	University of Alberta
Leeanne Morrow	University of Calgary