

## **EDUCATION CITY LIBRARY DIRECTORS COUNCIL MEETING**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (updated: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011)

With post-meeting additional library report from Central Library

WCMC-Q, 12-2

**Present:** Frieda Wiebe (GUSFS-Q), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Carol Hansen (VCUQatar), Ellen Sayed (WCMC-Q), Adam Cath (TAMUQ), Gill Westera (NU-Q)

**Regrets:** S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Bijan Esfahani (CMU-Q), Joan de Beer (CL), Kathy Grant (Qatar Music Academy), Tracy Havlin (Sidra), Chris Bell (TLCS), Aisha Al Kelaifi (QFIS),

### **Minutes**

#### **Actions from previous meeting**

Ellen to put out a call for interested people to form a PD committee.

This was discussed further and agreed that the note should go out to all interested librarians in Education City.

**Action:** Ellen to send out note to all libraries in Education City to create a PD committee to plan future activities.

(note: this can go out via ECLDC and we can then forward on to our library staff)

#### **New items**

##### **1. International Association of School Libraries (IASL) Conference 2012 in Qatar**

Beverley discussed the IASL conference and options.

##### **2. ILN workshop (thanks to Carol): Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 10 – 12.30 VCUQ: Readers theater: a collaborative language and information literacy learning strategy for students in the Arabian Gulf**

Carol provided an overview of the session. Approximately 30 people already registered. Gill forwarded information from Karen Joc to QLIB and ECLDC.

##### **3. Wikimedia seminar/round table with Liam Wyatt (GLAM – Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums): Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12-2 VCUQ**

The poster should be available for this session imminently.

##### **4. Teaching techniques workshop: 6<sup>th</sup> December, Georgetown**

Final poster to go out imminently.

##### **5. New ECLDC vice chair**

Ellen is stepping in early to take on the Chair role (thanks!) and a new vice chair will be worked out at the January meeting.

**Action:** nominate new vice chair for ECLDC

## 6. Future of SIGs

Discussed how Carole set the sessions up to make these self governing, however, it was obvious that some were (e.g. Technical Services, School Librarians) while others really hadn't continued. Agreed that SIGs are worth maintaining for creating a community of librarians. ECLDC will continue to play a role in bringing people together. Agreed that it's worth doing this alongside an ECLDC activity of some kind – focus on spring for the next one since there's so much else on this semester.

**Action:** Gill to send out list of SIGs and the members to QLIB so that everyone can get in touch with each other as needed.

## 7. Library updates

### GSFS-Q

- *The Pistachio Seller* evening event was very popular and the approach used by GSFS-Q for this book will probably become annual
- the MENA IUG conference was hosted by Georgetown. The Central Library sponsored attendance of 8 participants. Around 28 institutions have Millenium in the region (some using it better than others). Tom Hodge is the MENA IUG chair.
- one tech position has become vacant. There are discussions on how to fill this happening.
- the bioethics project continues and there will possibly be a bioethics conference (June?).

### WCMC-Q

- currently 3 vacancies: 2 librarians, 1 technician

### TAMU-Q

- the administrative assistant position has been filled
- the director position has not yet been advertized – may be on hold until the new University Librarian starts at TAMU

### VCUQatar

- 2 librarian vacancies; 1 has closed and the other is ½ time
- waiting on receiving 10 iPads

### NU-Q

- director position not yet advertized
- still not sure whether the librarian position will be advertized

### Central Library

- Central Library Director: The search for the director is continuing and probably close to being concluded. If the recruitment is successful, the new director will probably join in February 2012.
- Central Library new building: Ground breaking was scheduled for 15 September and the actual first sods were turned shortly after, as soon as the surrounding fencing had been erected when the parking lot was vacated. According to the most recent update, which the contractor will provide monthly, the work is slightly ahead of schedule and the completion date is still September 2013. Progress in the form of a huge hole was visible recently through an opening where the fencing was being repaired.

- MENA-IUG meeting, 30 and 31 October 2011. The Central Library sponsored 8 participants from the region and one from Europe, to attend the MENA-IUG meeting, which was very kindly hosted and ably arranged by colleagues from Georgetown University Library Qatar.
- Staff appointments: Some progress is being made with the appointment of new staff in existing vacant positions and positions recently or soon to be vacated.
- Retirement: Joan de Beer will retire at the end of November and return home.

## **8. Next meeting**

**Action:** Ellen to email ECLDC to decide on dates for next semester

**Action:** Gill to email Ellen Michell's details – she will be interim contact from 16<sup>th</sup> December until new library director is appointed.