

Education City Library Directors Council (ECLDC)
Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 19th April, 2009

Location: CMU-Q

Present: S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Frieda Wiebe (GUSFS-Q), Mohammad Hammam (Heritage Library), Gill Westera (NU-Q), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Tracy Havlin (Sidra), Carole Thompson (TAMUQ), Judy Higgins (TLCS), Dana Beth (VCU-Q), Ellen Sayed (WCMC-Q), Nermine Mahmoud-Rifat Abdel Aziz (American University in Cairo – consultant librarian for QFIS)

Apologies: Bijan Esfahani (CMU-Q), Aisha Al- Kelaifi (QFIS);

Absent: Ed Warro (CL),

1) *Matters arising from Minutes*

- a) Bloomsbury QF Publishing based in NU space at TAMUQ; taking a lead to celebrate UNESCO World Book Day; 23 events at QU; Book Crossings kiosk at Souq Waqif, LAS, and QU; take a book – leave a book

2) *Reports re community outreach workshops, visitors*

- a) Outreach for 27 May; with Martine Raphael, SEC, for librarians from independent schools; developing virtual libraries online resources; Gill, Nancy, Nikki; LAS building
- b) CMU had many visits: innovation, copyright, digitizing via Google Books in Arabic, cultural traditions owned by Emir; SLA President – professional associations and value of them
- c) Workshop planned for 21 April, rescheduled for September; There are 3 volunteers offering presentations re databases; Amani Magid (WCMC) – PubMed, Yassin Noor (TMUQ) Lexis-Nexis, and Bijan (CMU) – Expanded Academic.

3) *Reports from libraries*

- a) QA: IB Middle Years Program evaluation visit – librarians received special commendation; Five Library assistants will complete Rutgers Online Training in May (support and feedback from instructor has been poor); Librarians will be presenting Information Literacy workshops at SEC, 22 April
- b) Heritage Library: World Digital Library will be opening tomorrow; HL have a display for this fantastic project; 21 countries involved and collection involves different languages, different media, manuscripts, maps, etc; newsletter will be distributed
- c) TAMUQ: small working group has outreach with Afghanistan; meeting with ROTA to bring a self taught copy cataloger to Doha for training; Skype conversations; AUAF; OCLC does online training for cataloging; COHA open source library; NGO documents; acting as advisory group; offer hands on experience

- d) TLCS: Jahara, Trainee Library Assistant is going to London for English courses – QF offering course;
- e) CMU-Q: Proquest Webinar was held; not everything was offered so may invite Gareth again
- f) GUSFS-Q: offering new database – Middle East News – NU-Q also interested; CL also looking at it
- g) Sidra: Only has a very small collection of online resources (ejournals, databases & ebooks) primarily to support nurses in the clinical planning dept of the project team; frequently supplemented by WCMC-Q collection when specific medical articles are needed (e.g. many requests from Dr Kerr, Chief Research Advisor at Sidra); Sidra has experienced problems with licensing resources from local vendors (e.g. EBSCO from AAS) due to the IP address range being the same as FIS-Q; library vendors also seem to think that the QF Central Library in general and Ed Warro specifically, will be licensing resources for all QF centers; wish to explore consortium discussions with WCMC-NY and WCMC-Q, but it might be premature at this early date since Sidra is scheduled to open in 2012.
- h) NU-Q: Michelle Hackwell will be starting as the Collection Services Librarian on June 7th.

4) Conference/workshop updates

- a) Digitizing National Resources workshop in Abu Dhabi; Joan De Beer + Proquest presenting; Frieda attending today
- b) Innovative User Group, Anaheim; May 17-20 (3 from GUSFS attending)
- c) American Library Association (ALA); Annual Conference, Chicago; July 11-15 (Gill attending, Ed is on a number of boards and plans to recruit and meet with vendors)
- d) International Association of School Librarianship (IASL); Padua, Italy; September 2-4; (Beverley, Nerine, Judy attending)

- 5) **Policy matters:** Procedures for nominating the Hon. Chair for ECLDC were discussed; agreed that the person should have been in Doha for a while and be familiar with Education City procedures; taking Minutes should be separated from the role of Chairing; further discussion to take place

6) AOB

- a) Discussion was held re calculating the ultimate collection size for new libraries; emphasized not to underestimate; not as straightforward as might initially seem
- b) Carole Thompson was nominated by Frieda as Hon Chair of ECLDC for 2009-10 with unanimous approval; deeper issues need to be addressed by the Council; continue to use working groups; further discussion about the frequency of meetings will be held

Next meeting: **17 May, 2009** **Gill** **NU-Q** **10:00 – 12:00**

Meeting closed at 12:00 with appreciation to Bijan, in absentia, and Ezzohra (CMU-Q) for hosting.

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