

Education City Library Directors Council (ECLDC)
Meeting Minutes November 21, 2010

Present: S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Joan de Beer (CL), Frieda Wiebe (GUSFS-Q), Gill Westera (NU-Q), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Kathy Grant (Qatar Music Academy), Tracy Havlin (Sidra), Carole Thompson (TAMUQ), Nancy Fawley (VCUQatar), Ross Bowron for Ellen Sayed (WCMC-Q)

Regrets: Bijan Esfahani (CMU-Q), Mohammad Hammam (Heritage Library), Aisha Al- Kelaifi (QFIS), Chris Bell (TLCS)

Minutes

ILN conference. Dubai 30-31 October. Kechu Pecha presentations, papers, workshops. (Westera)

Successful (approximately 100 delegates.) Good feedback, especially on the keynote speakers. Some presentations would be of interest in Qatar as a professional development event. Presentations are available on the website <http://www.ilngulf.org/presentations.aspx>

Interlibrary lending with Qatar University Library and CNAQL (Thompson/Wiebe)

Test requests will occur Nov.23 – Dec. 2; Pilot planned for Spring 2011, with intention of agreement to be in place by Fall 2011. Agreement would be formalized (e.g., signed), reciprocal, based on lending of print materials only, extended to other higher education libraries, such as CNAQL.

QMA updates (Grant)

Start of formal curriculum has been delayed, but will begin as a part time music school and prep school in Jan. 2011. Library will focus on children's music for instruments. Difficulty in locating textbooks in Arabic for teach music to children.

QFCL updates (de Beer)

Some very slow progress; a recruitment firm has been retained to recruit a new Director, still a tentative groundbreaking date for construction in Jan. 2011; a first book tender out.

Censorship issues

No real outcomes to be pursued at this point. VCUQL has had 40 books held, with only one of those released; GUQL has had 33 held (some of which are ILL'ed from their main campus library) with 20 released; NUQL still experiencing DVD shipment delays. Suggestion that personal names be removed from shipments to avoid an implication of wrongdoing by any specific person (e.g., if one person orders an 'inappropriate' item, would they be personally accountable...)

Other brief discussions:

- Straw poll of use of LMS acquisitions module and Rosetta Stone software

- Arabic books, print and electronic, sources and cataloging of

- Possibilities for support of professional development activities

- <http://www.qnrf.org/activities/wcsc/>

- Need to update EC ILL statement

- Good online library assistant training program from Rutgers

- Need for Information Management training in Qatar

- No further info on EC University

New QF units:

University College of London will be offering graduate degrees in museum studies, conservation and archeology. Sally MacDonald is the Librarian/Contact at UCL. A team will be in Doha Dec, 2010. Next year, they will contact us regarding a meeting.

HEC (French university) will be joining EC to offer an executive MBA. Offices in LAS but classes offered downtown. No response from query email.

Future Meetings:

Next meeting Feb. 13, 2011 Hosted by NUQL

Apr. 10, 2011 Hosted by GUQL