

Education City Library Directors Meeting
Monday 1 December 2014
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Northwestern University Qatar
Room 3046 (in the CMU-Q Building)

MINUTES

Present: Natalie Belch (QA-Sidra); Adam Cath (TAMUQ); Beth Clausen (NUQ); Carol Hansen (VCUQ); Tracy Havlin (Sidra); Claudia Lux (QNL); Teresa MacGregor (CMUQ); Ellen Sayed (WCMCQ); Frieda Wiebe (GUSFSQ);

Regrets: S.C. Kumaresan (ABP); Mohammed Mubarak (QFIS); Fred Nesta (UCLQ LIS); Steven Shepherd (QA); Elizabeth Thompson (TII); Rupert Williams (UCLQ)

1. Library Cooperation / Expert Database (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Claudia sent the list this morning; mostly QNL and WCMCQ.
- QNL will be offering a lot in the coming year; others are welcome to add more as they can (e.g. VCUQ's expert in archives).
- Sessions that have been offered before and/or are offered frequently and could be offered again.
- QNL can also help with logistics if anyone wants to offer/host a session.

2. IL Assessment Tests (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Frieda: Madison Assessment results 2015-2018; scores are slightly below benchmark, but improving each year. (Handout)
- Carol: Madison Assessment results; 46 students (out of 50 freshmen); not a conducive testing environment; average = 48%; low against averages provided by MA; skeptical about its usefulness (too long; not culturally appropriate; comparative data is not forthcoming).
- Any thought about creating/customizing a regional version? Lots of work!

3. Library Statistics (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Frieda sent the latest spreadsheet this morning.
- Liz Graham creating a web form for next year's stats. Thank you!

ACTION: All: If you haven't already, send stats for 2013-2014.

4. ECLDC Archive (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Adam still hosting, adding to existing archive.

ACTION: Claudia & Adam: Schedule a meeting in January to discuss.

5. Interlibrary Loan MoU (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Frieda sent final version today.

6. Database Licensing & QNL – Under 18 Policy (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- New policy for parental-approval is ready.

ACTION: Claudia: Send updated policy to all

7. Meeting of Post-Secondary Library Directors (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- First meeting held at Georgetown SFS-Q on Tuesday 21 October.
- Next meeting to be scheduled in Spring semester by Imad Bachir, Qatar University.

8. Social Event for Library Support Staff (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- Very successful event at VCUQ on 30 October.
- Schedule another event in Spring.

ACTION: Frieda & Teresa: Determine location (GUSFSQ or CMUQ) and date for Spring event

9. Possible Task Force to Enhance Resource Sharing in EC

- Beth is an expert in institutional cooperation (sharing physical and electronic resources); can we set up a smaller group to discuss this issue in EC/Doha?
- Carol and Adam have already set this up for their institutions.
- Need/interest in a union catalog.

ACTION: Beth: Schedule a meeting with a small group: Adam, Liz Graham (GUSFSQ), Katia Medawar (QNL), Lore Guilmartin (VCUQ).

10. Ad Hoc Items

- Ellen Question on restricting Rated R DVDs. Most university libraries do not police age/rating. QNL borrowing is based on user's account (restricted if under 18).
- Carol: Sharjah book fair ALA sessions were very well attended; looks like it will continue next year.
- Schedule a social event for Carol's retirement (before 29 January).

11. Incoming Chair and Vice Chair Nomination

- Teresa Mac = Chair
- Adam Cath = Vice Chair

12. Next Meeting

Monday 16 February 2015

10:00am-Noon

Location: WCMCQ

(First meeting chaired by TMac)

ACTION: All mark your calendars now!

13. Round-Table Updates

ABP:

- Not in attendance

CMUQ:

- Considering ProQuest's Research Companion for IL course next year; anyone else using it?
- TMac is a solo librarian in January, February, and March 2015.

GUSFSQ:

- Arabic services librarian posted again; should have a candidate soon.
- 10 year anniversary for GUSFSQ. 3-4 February conference, *Scapes of Power*.
- Liz Graham chaired the steering committee and organized this year's MENA-IUG conference and workshops in Dubai for III systems users.
- Bioethics research project featured at QF annual research conference (ARC14).
- Still discussing censorship with MoC.
- Lunch & Learn sessions on *Voice of Leadership in Higher Education*; may include a session with university librarians.
- Flash mob in the Library on Wednesday!

NUQ:

- Iman (Magdy) Khamis started in February as technical services librarian. Already almost finished cataloging the Arabic-language back log! Will be liaison to Liberal Arts faculty.
- New public services librarian starts 1 February. Will be liaison to Communications faculty.
- Completed several student outreach programs.
- May 2015 still date for new building, but library may move in four months later.

QA:

- Not in attendance

QA-Sidra:

- K3 through Grade 9; now including International Baccalaureate (IB). 375 students.
- New administration this year; very supportive of library.
- Maybe moving to a new/temporary building as they expand to accommodate children of Sidra employees, including Grade 10.
- 35% QF budget reduction; 21 staff members will not have contracts renewed. Arabic-language librarian not renewing; but may have an opening for an English-language librarian.
- Author visit through Qatar Reads.
- QNL registration for 60 teachers. School-wide access code for under-18s.
- Golf course is coming along (on site of school now!).

QFIS:

- Not in attendance

QNL:

- Lots of registrations at QF research conference.
- Participating in Qatar National Day event; children's reading activities; registrations.
- Doha book fair in January at QNCC (7 January); registrations and other activities.
- Registration booth at HBKU student center (next to ATM) in spring; exact date forthcoming.
- Qatar Digital Library launched; very successful. 170,000 pages now; 500,000 pages still to be loaded. Also adding other digitized material as available (QNL, MIA, National Museum, CMUQ).
- Working with Minister of Culture; change of legal deposit law (to QNL).
- Rex Steiner is leaving. Farewell party at 9am on Wednesday 10 December at EC Clubhouse.

Sidra:

- New date for building handover end of July 2015; then 8-10 months to commission the hospital.
- Library team is growing. Recruited two (of four) library technicians; starting soon. Two clinical librarians and one systems librarian already on board. Patient education librarian starting in April.
- Library website/catalog (Encore) not yet launched to users. Using EBSCO discovery service; consulting with QNL.

TAMUQ:

- Faculty contracts now open to choice of 9-month or 12-month; variation is on accrual of leave. Not sure how this will impact hiring of new librarians.
- Two new library staff positions advertised.
- Website redevelopment coming soon (from main campus).

TII: (in absentia)

- New programs
 - Launched new Master's program in September – Audiovisual Translation
 - Language Center launched English for Specific Purposes and Chinese programs
 - Delivered 6-week curriculum-integrated information literacy program
 - Libguides used to deliver library resource information and library research skills' program
- Student enrollments
 - 35 Master's students enrolled in Translation Studies and Audiovisual Translation
 - 302 language program students
- Library Staffing
 - Temporary library assistant position vacated and position frozen
 - Librarian resigned-position advertised on TII Website
 - Relying on Tech4Work student library assistants for public services' support
- TII possibly moving to LAS building in summer 2015

UCLQ:

- Not in attendance

UCLQ LIS:

- Not in attendance

VCUQ:

- International festival in the Library last week; very successful.
- Institutional repositories: What is everyone else doing?
- Returned from an Islamic art conference in Lisbon; very successful. Application process for students included a paper with two citations!

WCMCQ:

- Open house in September, including a QNL registration table. 150 attendees. Success!
- 14-15 October, library symposium in Muscat, Oman; taught a workshop to 50 attendees.
- 19 November, team-building event (Myers Briggs).
- 22 November, *Medicine Unlimited* recruiting event.
- Two vacancies: cataloger (biblio-metadata) and bio-sciences librarian.
- Dean approved option for academic appointments to all librarians (but not faculty).
- Research issue because of space requirements; also, QNRF requirement for Ph.D.'s with five published articles as PI's.
- Qatar University medical school announced.