

Education City Library Directors Meeting

Monday 16 February 2015

10:00am – Noon

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Room C121

MINUTES

Present:

Amy Andres (VCUQ); Adam Cath (TAMUQ); Beth Clausen (NUQ); Claudia Lux (QNL); Teresa MacGregor (CMUQ); Fred Nesta (UCLQ LIS); Ellen Sayed (WCMCQ); Frieda Wiebe (GUSFSQ)

Regrets: Natalie Belch (QA-Sidra); Tracy Havlin (Sidra); S.C. Kumaresan (ABP); Steven Shepherd (QA); Rupert Williams (UCLQ)

Absent: Mohammed Mubarak (QFIS)

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

- Adam to check the list and update everyone as to the state of the archive. Other related documents will also be added. Adam to contact Frieda regarding any other documents.

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

- Last one was a Lunch event - small groups – team building

ACTION: Georgetown to organize next function towards the end of March 2015. Discussion as to a similar meeting for librarians (rather than only support staff). Perhaps a weekend event (not popular) or perhaps organized by Mohammed so everyone can see the new building.

3. Task Force to Enhance Resource Sharing in EC (*Follow up from last meeting*)

- A meeting has been set up a week from Wednesday.

4. WCMCQ funds for library-related training event (Ellen)

- Ellen discussed the possibility of a “boot camp” for librarians for which they could have funding available. This is not intended as a conference but rather an event to build skill sets. WCMCQ funding could also potentially be used to bring someone here to do some training. Possibility of a copyright librarian from QNL speaking and perhaps some other speakers.

5. Ad Hoc Items

- Any updates on what’s happening at TII? – Elizabeth – Staying in Qatar. What happens with TII? QNL staff supporting in the interim with cataloguing and reference desk. QF is looking at what should happen with the TII Library and staffing implications. QNL have been talking with Elizabeth since December. QNL there at the moment for 4 days a week (Su-We). TII to move from Awsaj building into LAS building.
- Dr Abdullah has resigned from HBKU.
- Frieda: Report on meeting with Yann La Camera, Project Manager at HEC Paris. Gave him a copy of the inter-library loan protocol used by EC libraries. Yann to come to our next meeting.
- Beth – discussed possibility of involvement by Northwestern in HBKU’s new law program; talking with main campus law librarian about the situation in Qatar.

6. Next Meeting

Monday 6 April 2015

10am – 12 noon

Location: Porta-cabins -- QNL

ACTION: *All* mark your calendars now!

7. Round-Table Updates

ABP:

- Not in attendance. Lost his Library assistant - never backfilled.

CMUQ:

- Going to ACRL Portland – end of March.
- Assoc Dean of Libraries – visiting.
- Nice bookmarks 😊

GUSFSQ:

- Tenth anniversary in Qatar. Small evening event. If you did not receive an invite it was a mistake. Open conference associated with anniversary.
- Have a library practicum student who is doing MLS through Univ. Wisconsin.
- Hired an Arabic Services librarian in temporary position.
- Ten student assistants – 40 hours.
- Frieda is retiring also – 30 June to Mexico!

NUQ:

- Public Services Librarian who was going to start has withdrawn. Starting afresh with the job description. Looking on the bright side.
- Started migration to ALMA. Will be a location within the same instance.

QA: (*in absentia*)

- Steven will be leaving Qatar Academy Doha at the end of the academic year. He will let us know about who will be replacing him at the next library directors meeting.

QA-Sidra:

- Not in attendance

QFIS:

- Not in attendance

QNL:

- New Board is coming up in March chaired by her highness. Executive committee chaired by Minister of Culture. Introductory meeting. Acquisition Committee like a tender committee. And covers things like expensive heritage collections.
- Good acceptance at the Book Fair. Registered about 1000 people. Mostly Arabic speakers. Talked about QNL and Heritage Collection.
- Branch in the Student Centre.
- IDs expire.

- Started first survey – Jan. Nearly 600 responses. New name but not services. April results will come out. Will be done regularly.

Sidra: (*in absentia*)

- Recently had 2 library technicians join our team and we hope to invite ourselves to do a few library tours on Thursday 12 March in Education City. Tracy will send out a separate email to request the tours at a later date.

TAMUQ:

- Two new people starting in non-qualified positions.
- Maybe going to SLA, ASEE and/or ALA.
- Managing on combination of full time and part time staff at the moment.

TII:

- Not in attendance

UCLQ: (*in absentia*)

- We have now moved to shelf ready ordering from YBP, which will cover most of our teaching collection purchases. And on a related note, we are also in the process of setting up various approval plans with YBP.
- Looking ahead a bit, we are planning to develop an institutional repository over the summer, which will be developed using our home campus repository system. We hope to be able to partner with QNL to use their scanning equipment for the digitisation of the material that will be going into our repository, but that is still to be confirmed.
- On a professional development note, I will be attending the ACRL Conference in Portland in March and Simon Wigley (our Bibliographic Services Librarian) will be attending SLA in Abu Dhabi.

UCLQ LIS:

- Placements in a variety of places. All learned a lot. They submit dissertations on 16 Aug. Get their degrees in Jan (theoretically).
- Recruitment for next year on hold as no contract as yet with HBKU.
- Proposing some new courses for next year. – Principles of Computing course changing to modern library technologies – first elective then core. Mirrored the course at UCL. Historical bibliography course renamed to “The Book in the World”. Another course to deal with archives and preservation. “Our students are wonderful this year”.
- Separation accreditation with CILIP as they’re differently managed – different dept.

VCUQ:

- Carol has now left. Looking at what steps to be taken for the rest of the Academic year.

WCMCQ:

- 6 yr med program change. Curriculum reform.
- 2 vacant positions.
- Professional staff being moved off the reference desk.
- Noted a preference for standardized patient interaction over written or video exercises.