

Education City Library Directors Council (ECLDC)
Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 17th May, 2009

Location: NU-Q

Present: S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Joan De Beer (CL), Bijan Esfahani (CMU-Q), Frieda Wiebe (GUSFS-Q), Gill Westera (NU-Q), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Tracy Havlin (Sidra), Carole Thompson (TAMUQ), Dr Amer Kindilchie, and Dr. Dana Al-Malki (MIA); Dr Charles Gilreath (TAMU)

Apologies: Ed Warro (CL), Dana Beth (VCU-Q), Judy Higgins (TLCS), Tammi Moe (VCU-Q)

Absent: Mohammad Hammam (Heritage Library), Aisha Al- Kelaifi (QFIS), Ellen Sayed (WCMC-Q),

1) Visitors welcomed

- a) Dr Amer Kindilchie and Dr Dana Al Maliki from Museum of Islamic Art briefed the meeting of developments; opening is planned for October; all subjects related to Islamic art in all formats; mostly in Arabic and English, with some French language
- b) Dr Dana explained that MIA are comparing Innovative Interfaces Millennium and SirsiDynix Horizon Symphony Integrated Library Systems; interested in experiences of other libraries; generally felt that it is not essential to be on the same system. (Central Library is going through final process for Millennium; GSFSU-Q Millennium; CMU uses Unicorn Symphony; TAMU Voyager (looking to move away to open source); NU uses Voyager; Symphony trying to meet the special needs of MIA)
- c) Recommended that MIA and Museum Authority have higher level discussions with QF to understand and agree on the relationship; EC universities have agreements with QF, however, are uncertain about developing further relationships e.g. QU (CL looking at models of national licenses e.g. Norway, Sweden, New Zealand). Dr Dana to recommend conversations with Ed Warro (CL) in regard to possible partnerships.
- d) Museum Authority is headquarters of all collections with 5 more on the way;
- e) Dr Charles Gilreath, Executive Associate Dean of Libraries, Texas A&M, on return visit from College Station, TX; enjoying return visit to Qatar; looking to open source information system, and moving away from Voyager

2) Matters arising from April Minutes

- a) Update on 2a – Workshops for Independent School librarians in LAS building; ABP and Islamic Studies labs will be used; 3 sessions for 100 librarians; offering the same session 3 times; hands on; additional help requested, volunteers please contact Frieda
- b) Update on 3f - CMU-Q trialed ‘Middle East News’; liked it but not as broad or as deep as hoped; CL hoping to have it running by January with licensing for everyone in Education City

3) Reports re community outreach workshops, visitors

a) nil

4) Reports from libraries

- a) TAMUQ – Dr Charles Gilreath, Exec Assoc Dean of Libraries visiting from College Station; 67 graduating students, goal of 125 freshman;
- b) QA: All students from Qatar Academy participating in Week Without Walls, Grade 6 experiencing a program of local Qatari culture; Gr 7 Space Camp, Turkey; Gr 8 Phys Ed program in Switzerland; Gr 9 Art and drama program in London; Gr 10 community service program in Thailand); after summer classes begin on 27 September (admin staff and new teachers return 3rd – 5th Sept; returning staff 14th Sept)
- c) ABP – 8th graduating class; many students offered places at EC universities; 69 students have offers for universities abroad; many going to UK for higher education
- d) CMU-Q: 2nd graduating class; summer school starting this week; begun RFID implementation; (3M) goal to tag everything and have ready for Fall; looking for staff; opening planned Oct/Nov; Bijan working with Heritage Library on digitizing project
- e) GUSFS-Q: 1st commencement; special event held at MIA; visitors including Marc Jacobs; Dean Reardon-Anderson leaving; summer school started today with 6 courses; library hours adjusted 9:00 to 9:00; staffing – looking for Arabic language speaker to develop collection; staff attending Millennium Users Group conference in California, Middle East North Africa conference and workshop in Cairo in November and workshops for school librarians coming up
- f) Sidra: 4 vendors giving demonstrations; decisions made by end of June; clinical information system under discussion;
- g) NU-Q plan to move to CMU building in October (3 year interim);
- h) CL Ed attended the world digital library opening in Paris; CL still only have 6 staff; new Head of World Digital Library starting 1st July; ground breaking hoped for March; mid 2011 proposed opening; discussions with book vendors continuing; moving towards finalizing the integrated library management system; working on policies e.g. collection development policy; universities agreed to share policies that are already in place.

5) Conference/workshop updates

- a) Digitizing National Resources workshop in Abu Dhabi; Joan and Frieda attended 2 day symposium – mechanics of digitizing, with practical hands on workshops; 2nd day focus on licensing for consortia; well organized workshops with good cross section of speakers
- b) Innovative User Group (Millennium), 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)
- e) SLA; Washington DC; June 14 – 17; (Bijan)
- f) Hamad bin Khalifa Symposium on Islamic Art: And Diverse are Their Hues; Cordoba, Spain; November 2-4 (we wish...)

6) **Policy matters:**

7) **AOB**

- a) Chris Thomas, new librarian coming to University of Calgary

Next meeting: September (Carole will advise new program and meeting times)

Meeting closed at 12:00 with appreciation to Gill for hosting, and Carole for providing lunch.

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