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## **CFLA-FCAB Executive Director's Report**

**November 2017**

The following is an overview of new developments in activities since my last report dated September 21, 2017.

### **Advocacy**

#### **Consultation on the Copyright Board Review**

CFLA-FCAB Copyright submitted its response to the review on September 29, 2017. The document can be found on the CFLA-FCAB website at [http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CFLA\\_FCAB\\_Copyright\\_Board\\_Submission\\_September\\_2017\\_Final-1.pdf](http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CFLA_FCAB_Copyright_Board_Submission_September_2017_Final-1.pdf)

#### **CRTC Community Programming Public Proceedings**

CFLA-FCAB along with the Ontario Library Association delivered a joint presentation on October 18<sup>th</sup> to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) public proceedings on the *Renewal of the broadcasting licences for terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertakings that will expire in May 2018*. The panel expressed great interest in the role that libraries could play in this area, posing a number of questions. We prepared a letter to respond to those questions more fully which was submitted by the end of October.

#### **Canadian Library Workers' Day**

On October 20, 2017 the Canadian library community celebrated Canadian Library Workers' Day across the country. There were a number of events planned throughout the library community.

#### **#Your Budget 2018**

On December 5, 2017, CFLA-FCAB submitted its 2018 Pre-Budget Brief (August 2017) to the Honorable Minister Morneau's office in response to the Minister's own launch of Pre-Budget Consultations tagged # Your Budget 2018. We reiterated the need to Invest in library services and infrastructure, for Funding to support the Library Materials Service, to support Digitization of archival materials and funding for Library services targeted at Indigenous peoples.

## **A Creative Canada**

On November 21, 2017 CFLA-FCAB submitted a letter to the Honorable Mélanie Joly in response to her announcement of an additional investment of \$300 million dollars to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund highlighting the role that libraries play in providing the foundational infrastructure that supports creativity and the sharing of cultural expression. The letter advocated for making libraries an eligible recipient to receive funding from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.

## **Position Statements**

On October 24, 2017, CFLA-FCAB issued a statement on Québec Bill 62 : An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality maintaining that diversity and inclusion is a core value of libraries and central to our country's identity. <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/advocacy/cfla-fcab-statement-on-quebec-bill-62-an-act-to-foster-adherence-to-state-religious-neutrality/>.

On December 14, 2017 CFLA-FCAB issued a statement expressing concerned about the proposal to eliminate net neutrality in the maintaining that the future of intellectual freedom, access to information, and information sharing globally could be put at risk if net neutrality is no longer protected. <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/advocacy/gatineau-december-14-2017-canadian-federation-of-library-associations-cfla-fcab-concerned-about-us-net-neutrality-protection-elimination/>

## **Administration & Outreach**

### **Website**

K. McColgan has been regularly working on updating the CFLA-FCAB website to promote the work that CFLA-FCAB is doing in areas of Copyright and Indigenous matters. The structure has been changed slightly on high-level pages and work in continuing to apply this structure to sub pages. There has also been a lot of work in developing French content for the site to mirror the English. This remains an ongoing project.

### **New on the website**

Brief on the reform of the Copyright Board of Canada [http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CFLA\\_FCAB\\_Copyright\\_Board\\_Submission\\_September\\_2017\\_Final-1.pdf](http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CFLA_FCAB_Copyright_Board_Submission_September_2017_Final-1.pdf)

Accreditation <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/accreditation/>

Canadian Library Month <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/cdn-library-month/>

Challenged materials survey 2016 Titles, Authors & Policies <http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/2016-Challenged-Materials-Final-Report.pdf>

Policies to help guide the work of CFLA-FCAB <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/about/policies/>

Wayne K. Lamb Award for Service to Seniors <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/w-kaye-lamb-award/>

## **Meetings**

K. McColgan was invited to attend the Canadian Urban Library Council's membership meeting in Toronto in early October. This was an excellent opportunity to meet with the members of CULC and to discuss issues and projects of importance to this large stakeholder community.

K. McColgan met with Eve Légacé, Executive Director of ABPQ by telephone. This was also an excellent opportunity to discuss issues of importance to Québec public libraries and what CFLA-FCAB can do to support their initiatives.

K. McColgan met with Sue McKerracher, CEO of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) by telephone. Discussions were about what our respective countries are doing in support of the UN Sustainable Development Priorities, what are other priorities for our respective organizations and the sharing of projects and information. Open and continued dialogue is planned moving forward.

Some additional requests to meet with members and stakeholder organizations have been received for early in the new-year and we are working to coordinate those meetings.

## **New Members**

CFLA-FCAB is pleased to welcome the Canadian Health Libraries Association as a new member. We look forward to working with them on our projects and initiatives moving forward.

## **2018 Annual General Meeting**

The CFLA-FCAB Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday January 31, 2018 at 10:30a.m. EST. The AGM will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre during the OLA Super Conference. Attendance to the AGM is free. More information will be posted to the CFLA-FCAB website as it becomes available.

## **CFLA-FCAB 2018 Discussion Panel**

Join us for a panel session at OLA Super Conference on Friday February 2, 2018 at 10:45a.m. EST to join the discussion on the work of CFLA-FCAB and where are, or should be heading in the years to come.

## **CFLA-FCAB 2018 National Forum**

Alix-Rae Stefanko (Board Secretary) is the Chair of the 2018 National Forum Program Committee. The committee also includes Lise Brin (CARL), Rebecca Jones (CULC), Nancy Mackenzie (Saskatchewan Library Association Program Chair), Sarah Stacy (LAC-BAC), and Katherine McColgan (Executive Director). The committee met for the first time on October 12<sup>th</sup> and has held two meetings since.

Alix-Rae Stefanko and Katherine McColgan are also members of the program committee comprised of representatives from CARL, CFLA-FCAB, CULC and the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) for planning the week long joint conference to be held in Regina next spring. This committee has met three times and continues to meet monthly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine McColgan

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