



Canadian Federation of Library Associations
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CFLA-FCAB Executive Director's Report

June 2019

The following is an overview of new developments in activities since my last report dated April 30, 2019.

Advocacy

Meetings with Members of Parliament and Government Officials

On May 22, 2019, A-R. Stefanko and K. McColgan met with C. Cairn, Senior Policy Advisor at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and J. Gauthier, Senior Policy Advisor at Canadian Heritage to discuss our proposed Elections Platforms Campaign pillar on social infrastructure and to invite feedback regarding the feasibility of the ask being requested and ideas for moving forward when meeting with each party's platforms committee. We also had the opportunity to meet with R. LeForte and S. Cohen-MacFarlane (Impact Public Affairs) to discuss plans for CFLA-FCAB's advocacy efforts through the summer and fall and to discuss our elections platforms campaign.

On June 4, 2019, K. McColgan met with K. Molloy, Director of Policy for the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada to discuss Bill C-81 and the accessibility file. We discussed importance of provincial and federal governments working together on infrastructure and accessibility needs and discussed how CFLA-FCAB might facilitate these discussions. We also ideas in advancing Canadian libraries' social infrastructure and was provided with information for other departments with whom we may want to speak.

On June 11, 2019, K. McColgan and R. LeForte (Impact Public Affairs) met with M. Bélanger, Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and K. Wilcox, Special Assistant, Atlantic Office of the Minister of Rural Economic Development to discuss libraries' infrastructure priorities and how to leverage existing funding and put new funding in place.

On June 21, 2019, A-R. Stefanko and K. McColgan (by teleconference) met with J. Khan, Trade Policy Officer, Embassy of Canada to the United States. The discussion focused on the Canada, US, Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) regarding the processes, its achievements, where priorities lie within the US in regards to the agreement and the possibility of it being ratified with this government.

On June 20, 2019, K. McColgan attended a reception hosted by Minister Qualtrough to celebrate the adoption of *An Act to Ensure a Barrier-free Canada (Accessible Canada Act)*.

The reception provided an opportunity to reconnect with government officials with whom we've met before to discuss the accessibility file and well as individuals from other organizations that we met in April during the meeting with the UN Special Rapporteur on Disabilities.

Other Advocacy Developments

Canadian Libraries Commend the Parliamentary Review of the Copyright Act

CFLA-FCAB issued a communiqué commending the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology (INDU) for its thorough report noting that the Committee's Statutory Review of the Copyright Act demonstrated its consideration of a wide array of views from stakeholders, produced an in-depth exploration and nuanced analysis of testimony and concurrent developments, and delivered numerous, balanced recommendations to address the concerns expressed.

http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/190614_CFLA-FCAB_Statement_INDU_Report_Copyright_Act.pdf

CFLA-FCAB Celebrates National Indigenous Day

CFLA-FCAB celebrated National Indigenous Day noting that CFLA-FCAB continues to work to promote initiatives to all types of libraries to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and to promote collaboration on these issues across Canadian communities.

http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/190621_CFLA-FCAB_National_Indigenous_Day-1.pdf

CFLA-FCAB welcomes MMIWG report

CFLA-FCAB issued a statement welcome the report "Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls". In support of the report, the CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee – Comité des questions autochtones called on libraries in Canada to strive to be safe spaces for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people. As a committee, they recognize that there have been and continue to be human and Indigenous rights abuses and violations which the Commission defined as a Canadian genocide.

Recognizing libraries are sites of both public good and colonial power in Canada they call on libraries to examine structures and processes and commit to enacting the Calls for Justice. In supporting the Calls for Action in the report, we also ask that libraries provide access to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls report in print and online to all Canadians and call upon the Government of Canada to ensure there are adequate resources for libraries across Canada to do so.

Activities

Strategic Plan

The CFLA-FCAB Board approved the Federation's first Strategic Plan at its June 28, 2019 meeting. The Strategic Plan will come into effect on September 1, 2019 and will guide CFLA-FCAB's work for the next three years. Thank you to all of our members for their engagement in this very important process.

Challenges Survey

Remember that the survey is active all year and can be found here

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=9bc157ea-ad8f-4b72-94b7-77687abbe3a1&lang=EN>.

Please be sure to bookmark this link for easy access.

Open Government Partnership Global Summit

K. McColgan attended the summit that took place from May 29 – 31, 2019 in Ottawa. The summit brought together over 2000 people from 79 member countries representing local and regional governments, civil society groups, academia, and more. The days' events were made up of plenary sessions, workshops, concurrent panel discussions and some social gatherings as well. The plenary sessions included Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Murray, Minister Bains, and Minister Freeland.

Committee Updates

Copyright

The committee met twice through May and June where discussions covered the progress of its workings groups on *The Right to be Forgotten*, *TPMs*, *Marrakesh Treaty guide for Canada*, *Controlled Digital Lending*; CALL's progress intervention in the *Keatley v Teranet* case and the leave to appeal in *Knight v CSA*; the Canadian Heristan report *Shifting Paradigms*; and the report from the INDU Committee on the Copyright Act Review. The committee has now begun work preparing a response to the INDU report.

Administration & Outreach

GLAM Summit

On May 13, 2019, K. McColgan attended the GLAM Summit in Montréal. Discussions were held on the value of galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAMs), and the ways that technology can be used to build user interest. Three expert panels spoke on; Quebec's diverse collaboration models; the ways that memory institutions can renew their relations with Indigenous peoples to preserve, make accessible, and value Indigenous heritage and cultures; and collaborations between memory institutions and companies in the technological world to improve user experiences and encourage innovation. We also heard the preliminary findings of a study on the value of GLAMs currently being conducted by Oxford Economics for the Canadian Museums Association and the Ottawa Declaration Working Group.

CULC Directors' Meeting

On May 14, 2019, K. McColgan attended the CULC Directors' Meeting in Montreal where we discussed CFLA-FCAB's draft Strategic Plan and our Elections Platforms Campaign. The feedback received during that meeting provided us with very good guidance and ideas in our messaging moving forward.

National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee

CFLA-FCAB is now represented on the NHDS Steering Committee and K. McColgan attends the meetings each month. The committee is comprised of many different organizations across the Canadian heritage sector and yields strong discussion on plans for the preservation and access to Canada's documentary heritage on a national scale. P. Takala, CULC representative on the Steering Committee and CFLA-FCAB Past-Chair was named Chair of the NHDS Steering Committee on May 17, 2019. Congratulations Paul!

Stakeholder Forum

On May 21, 2019, A-R. Stefanko and K. McColgan attended the Stakeholder Forum in Ottawa. The day began with a presentation from J. Fairweather, Director and M. Côté, Manager of the Canadian Heritage Canada Book Fund, the group responsible for implementing funding and guidelines for the accessible format fund announced by the government in Budget 2019. The Agenda the focused on a Stakeholder Roundtable, updates on activities at LAC, a consultation on LAC's approach to newspaper collections and a working lunch providing feedback and action items to LAC's 3-year plan. The afternoon was spent as a consultation with the architects working on the OPL-LAC Joint Facility Project.

LAC Signature Series - Guy Berthiaume

K. McColgan attended this event on June 19, 2019 at Library and Archives Canada. The event was held to recognize Mr. Berthiaume's achievements during his tenure at Library and Archives Canada and in true form of the Signature Series, delved deeper into his personal life, his past that brought him here, and his plans for the future. The interview, usually conducted by Mr. Berthiaume, this time was conducted by Graham Flack Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development with Mr. Berthiaume in the hot seat.

Save the Date: CFLA-FCAB National Forum 2020

In celebration of Manitoba's 150th anniversary, CFLA-FCAB will be joining the Manitoba Library Association's Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 7 – 8, 2020. More information will be posted to the website as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine McColgan, June 30, 2019