



## **CFLA-FCAB Executive Director's Report to the Board**

### **September 2017**

The following is an overview of activities since the beginning of August 2017.

#### **Advocacy**

##### **2017 Legislative Review of the *Copyright Act***

The CFLA-FCAB Copyright Committee continues its work in preparation for the review process. It is not clear yet what that process will be as the Government is focusing on finalizing the Copyright Board Review before undertaking the *Act* review.

##### **Fair Dealing**

The CFLA-FCAB Committee has drafted a position statement on fair dealing which will be shared with the membership once finalized. CARL released an infographic entitled Fair Dealing: Myths and Facts. The infographic can be found on the CARL website at [http://www.carl-abrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/CARL\\_FD\\_myths\\_facts\\_EN.pdf](http://www.carl-abrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/CARL_FD_myths_facts_EN.pdf)

##### **CFLA-FCAB Copyright Committee**

The CFLA Copyright Committee is Chaired by Victoria Owen, Chief Librarian, University of Toronto Scarborough Library. Victoria is also a member of the CARL Policy Committee. The has met twice since the beginning of August to discuss matters relating to the Copyright Board Review consultations and the *Copyright Act* review.

##### **Position Statement Protecting Copyright Exceptions From Contract Override**

The CFLA Copyright Committee has also drafted a position statement pointed at legislation to prevent contracts from overriding the provisions provided for in the *Copyright Act*. This will be shared with members once finalized.

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

CFLA-FCAB is preparing a response on this review. The deadline is September 29, 2017. The document will be shared with CFLA members at that time.

##### **Marrakesh Treaty Implementation**

Victoria Owen is undertaking a study, supported by multiple partners, which is aimed to develop a generic Librarian's Guide to Implementation of the Treaty.

##### **Pre-Budget Consultations**

CFLA-FCAB submitted a Brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance for the 2018 Budget consultation process. The Brief focused on four main areas; invest in library services and infrastructure; funding to support the Library Materials

Service; digitization of archival materials, and; library services targeted at Indigenous peoples. The full brief is available on the CFLA-FCAB website at <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/advocacy/>

### **Canada Post Library Rate**

*Bill C-321 An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (library materials)* received royal assent in June 2013. The *Act* mandates that a ministerial review must be undertaken five years following and every ten years thereafter. This means the *Act* is scheduled for review in 2018. CFLA-FCAB submitted a letter to the Honourable Carla Qualtrough P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada indicating CFLA-FCAB's interest in participating in the review.

### **Support for Canada's National Heritage Digitization Strategy**

In addition to CFLA-FCAB's request for support to the NHDS in our Pre-Budget Brief, a letter was sent to The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P., Minister of Canadian Heritage signaling our support for the program and asking for financial support for the program to be included in the department's financial ask to the Standing Committee on Finance as part of the budget process.

## **Indigenous Matters**

### **Indigenous Matters Committee**

The Chair of the Indigenous Matters Committee is Camille Callison, Indigenous Services Librarian and Liaison Librarian for Anthropology, Native Studies & Social Work, University of Manitoba Library. The Committee was struck to carry out the list of recommendations presented, and accepted by the CFLA-FCAB Board, in its final report issued in 2017. A call for participation was issued in the summer and the committee held its first meeting on September 21st.

### **Indigenous Canada MOOC**

The Indigenous Matters Committee of CFLA-FCAB, in collaboration with the University of Alberta, Edmonton Public Library, Northern Lights Library System, and Toronto Public Library, is providing Canadian libraries with online tools and resources to help support the delivery of this MOOC to the Canadian public through library programming and promotion. Information on the MOOC can be found on the CFLA-FCAB website at [http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/indigenous/indigenous\\_canada\\_mooc/](http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/indigenous/indigenous_canada_mooc/)

## **Cataloguing and Metadata Standards**

### **Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee**

The Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee was established in September 2017 and its role will be to advise the Board when CFLA-FCAB needs to develop and promote its library communities' positions on cataloguing and metadata standards and issues. The Committee will oversee the development of appropriate position statements

and supporting documentation and strategies and will select members to represent CFLA-FCAB on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) and the Canadian Committee on Metadata Exchange (CCM) when vacancies arise. The committee held its first meeting on September 1, 2017 to discuss its mandate as well as to discuss recommendations for representation on the Canadian Cataloguing Committee. Two candidates were selected and are being presented to the CFLA-FCAB Board for approval.

## **Administration & Outreach**

### **Staffing**

Katherine McColgan began as Executive Director on August 8, 2017. She works four days a week with CFLA-FCAB and continues one day a week in her role at CARL.

### **Meetings**

Katherine McColgan traveled to Toronto in August to meet with members of The Partnership. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with CFLA-FCAB stakeholders face to face early in her position. It was also an opportunity to meet with Shelagh Paterson, Paul Takala and Alix-Rae Stefanko to discuss administration and financial matters of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine McColgan

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