

CLA Network Proposal

Name of Network*:

Visible Minority Librarians of Canada Network (ViMLoC Network)

Terms of Reference:

This will be an ongoing network:

- To provide a forum for visible minority librarians across Canada to discuss issues and concerns specifically related to their profession
- To facilitate the discussion and sharing of information to provide and improve upon information services to multicultural populations
- To organize professional development activities, such as webinars and workshops to advance the profile and role of Visible Minority Librarians in Canada
- To liaise with other visible minority library networks in other international organizations such as the American Library Association (ALA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- All members will be encouraged to contribute content information for workshops, webinars or conference presentations from this network
- Terms of Reference may be adjusted over time to accommodate future needs or the growth of the network

Plan of activities:

- Establish a website/page within CLA to invite participants to join
- Create an email listserve for this network and other social networking presence as necessary
- Host in-person meetings, lectures, conferences, paper and poster presentations, and workshops at the CLA annual conference on topics related to being a Visible Minority Librarian or working with multicultural populations in Canada
- Collect statistical information on the number of visible minority librarians living and working in Canada for research purposes

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