

Update on Visible Minority Librarians of Canada, ViMLoC



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History:

Approved and established by CLA in December 2011, our aim is to Engage, Connect, Empower, Collaborate, and Support. Currently has 70 active members. To join ViMLoC visit our website at:

<http://vimloc.wordpress.com/contact-us/>

Highlights of 2012:

- A visit with BCLA Student Chapter,
- Updated website with a bibliography list for researchers interested in “diversity” topics
- Article in *Feliciter* on “Diversity in Libraries: The case for the Visible Minority Librarians of Canada (ViMLoC) Network.” V.59 (1), 2013
- Marketing through library school and library association list serves, CAUT, OCULA, and *The Partnership Journal*
- Marketing through Facebook, LinkedIn, Stephen’s Lighthouse, Twitter
- Invited presentation at Ontario Library Association Super Conference 2013 “Visible Minority Librarians of Canada Roundtable.”



ViMLoC at OLA

The Future: How ViMLoC will engage its members in 2013-2016

ViMLoC members have expressed a desire to be more engaged and have the network focus on 2 key issues:

- 1. We need a clear idea of the number of visible minority librarians in Canada. ViMLoC will conduct a survey in fall 2013/winter 2014 to determine the number of visible minority librarians in Canada.**
- 2. ViMLoC will address the lack of mentorship among visible minority librarians. There are many well established librarians who are capable of providing mentorship. ViMLoC will work with interested parties to set up a mentorship program.**