Visible Minority Librarians of Canada Network

The Canadian Library Association has approved the proposal to establish The Visible Minority Librarians of Canada Network (ViMLoC).

During my recent research on ethnic minority librarians, I had a very difficult time finding any statistical information on minority librarians and couldn’t reach them through a common listserv. After my initial contacts with CLA, Geraldine Hyland, CLA Member Services Manager, directed me to the possibility of creating a network for minority librarians. This was in early November, 2011. I jumped at this opportunity, and in mid-November an email was circulated on CLA-L, the listserv for CLA members, to recruit the first 10 founding members to establish the network. Heather Cai, from McGill, and I are the moderators.

In the coming New Year, ViMLoC will be looking to recruit individuals to join this network. Watch for ViMLoC at the CLA conference in 2012, where Heather and I will present a poster to show off the network. Please contact Maha Kumaran for further information on this Network.

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