

BC Academic Libraries Section
Annual December Meeting
University of the Fraser Valley, 30 November 2018

BCALS Exec PRESENT: Alli Sullivan, Adena Brons, Peggy Lunn, Kate Shuttleworth, Ioana Liuta, Chloe Riley, Adair Harper

REGRETS: Michelle Ng

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order** at 1:34pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. Adena motioned to approve; seconded by Chloe
3. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. ALPS LINK and the Library Toolshed - Decision made July 2018 (Alli)
 - i. ALPS LINK was a learning resources toolkit that was administered by ALPS (the former name for BCALS). Recently, Scott Leslie from BC Libraries Coop reached out to ask if we should move the content from ALPS LINK to the Library Toolshed. The BCALS exec reviewed some of the content, determining that it mostly included links to existing content (such as LibGuides), or instruction materials for outdated resources. Given our capacity and the sustainability of this kind of project, we decided to focus our efforts on promoting and supporting academic library staff's use of the [Library Toolshed](#).
 - b. BC Libraries Conference: The Future by Design (Alli)
 - i. Proposals are being accepted until December 4, 2018.
 - ii. The conference itself is May 8-10, 2019 at Sheraton Guildford.
 - iii. Question: Will BCALS have a presence at the conference? We could host a table in the exhibition hall (or co-host with other interest groups).
 - c. BCLA Listservs & Research Policy Update (Alli)
 - i. BCLA updated the policy regarding sending requests for participation in surveys through the BCLA listservs (including the BCALS list). The new policy emphasizes that the participant has responsibility to consider their own participation in surveys shared through the listservs.
 - d. BC ALS Outstanding Contribution Award 2019 (Alli)
 - i. BCALS will be presenting this award at the BC Library Conference to an academic library worker or team who have made outstanding contributions.

- ii. We will be sending out a call for participation on the award committee soon, headed by the BCALS Chair, Alli Sullivan.
 - iii. Look out for a call for nominations in the spring.
 - e. Student Participation (Alli)
 - i. Resume and Cover Letter Clinic
 - 1. We ran this event for the first time April 2018, and received great feedback; we will be holding it again in the spring.
 - 2. We will be putting out a call for volunteers to participate as mentors.
 - ii. More responsibility for Student Exec
 - 1. BCALS is currently developing a social media policy. In the future, we will also be facilitating our student reps to create a one-year social media content strategy, so they can have experience in identifying and implementing specific goals.
4. Upcoming BC ALS Executive Positions - to be voted for by/at the 2019 BCALS AGM
 - a. Chair Elect (1 position, 2 year term)
 - b. Continuing Education Coordinator (1 position, 2 year term)
 - c. Student Representative (2 positions, 1 year term)
 - i. Open to SLAIS, UFV, and Langara students
5. Institution Update Report Roundtable
 - a. Message from University Canada West:

“The University Canada West Library has been growing along with the parent institution; enrolments have been growing and we have started to offer an Associate of Arts degree. We are welcoming a second fulltime, continuing liaison librarian in December – Reba Ouimet. She has been working for us as an on-call librarian, as well as a reference librarian at the BCIT and Douglas College libraries.”
 - b. Langara: working on scaleable instruction within the existing liaison model. ARCA institutional repository.
 - c. UBC: undergoing a strategic framework process & putting together an implementation plan.
 - d. SFU:
 - i. Surrey campus: Fraser Library was recently renovated. A new building with the Sustainable Energy Engineering program is under construction at Surrey campus.
 - ii. Makerspace will likely be opened at Burnaby campus in spring 2019.
 - iii. Eliminated library fines.
 - e. BC ELN
 - i. AskAway: conducting software evaluation - currently waiting for responses to RFQ. Aim to have decision to bring to Advisory Committee

in early 2019; if changes are recommended, they can be piloted throughout the summer.

- ii. Licensing update -- secured a set increase of 2 or 2.5% for EBSCO products and 3% for ProQuest for 2019.
- f. LaSalle: institution is undergoing strategic enrollment plan -- the library has been recognized throughout the process.
- g. UFV: Art of the Book (juried exhibition of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild) is hosted at the library.
- h. Fraser Health: implementing an evidence service and an automated circulation system.
- i. iSchool: Curriculum review underway in the Archives side.
- j. BC Teacher's Federation, Education Committee: research and data collection on international students at BC and the impact on smaller institutions of the increase in applications and enrollment.
- k. General comments on:
 - i. Staffing changes
 - ii. Renovations and new spaces
 - iii. Fair Dealing Week 2019 (Feb) -- a collaborative event is in the works.

Thank you very much to UFV for hosting this event!

Motion to close made by Anita & seconded by Ryan.

Next exec meeting: December 18 exec meeting is postponed. We will reconvene January 15, 2019 at 9am via teleconference.

