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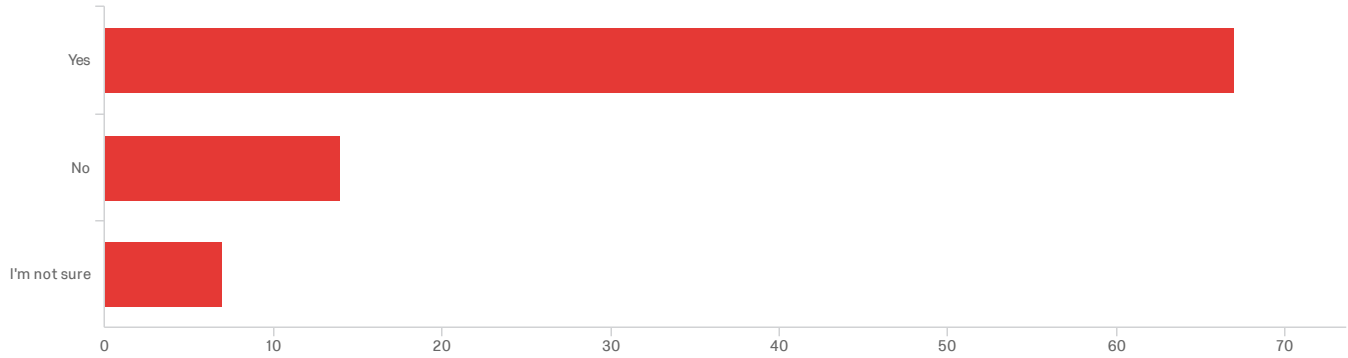
2019 BCALS Survey
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Q1 - Q1: Are you a current member of the BCALS listserv?
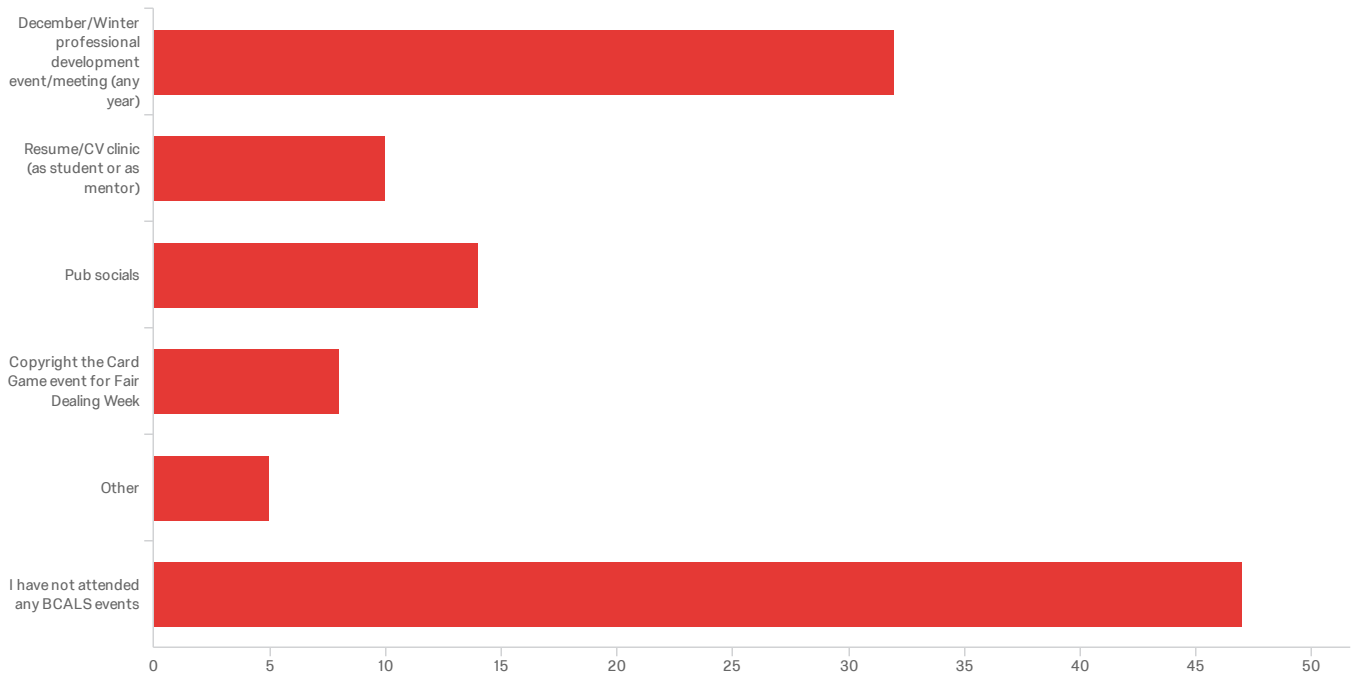

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1	Q1: Are you a current member of the BCALS listserv?	1.00	3.00	1.32	0.61	0.38	88

#	Field		Choice Count
1	Yes	76.14%	67
2	No	15.91%	14
3	I'm not sure	7.95%	7
			88

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Q2 - Q2: BCALS currently hosts a number of events and professional development opportunities to support academic library workers.Which of these events have you attended in the past? Select all that apply.

#	Field	Choice Count	
1	December/Winter professional development event/meeting (any year)	27.59%	32
2	Resume/CV clinic (as student or as mentor)	8.62%	10
3	Pub socials	12.07%	14
4	Copyright the Card Game event for Fair Dealing Week	6.90%	8
5	Other	4.31%	5
6	I have not attended any BCALS events	40.52%	47
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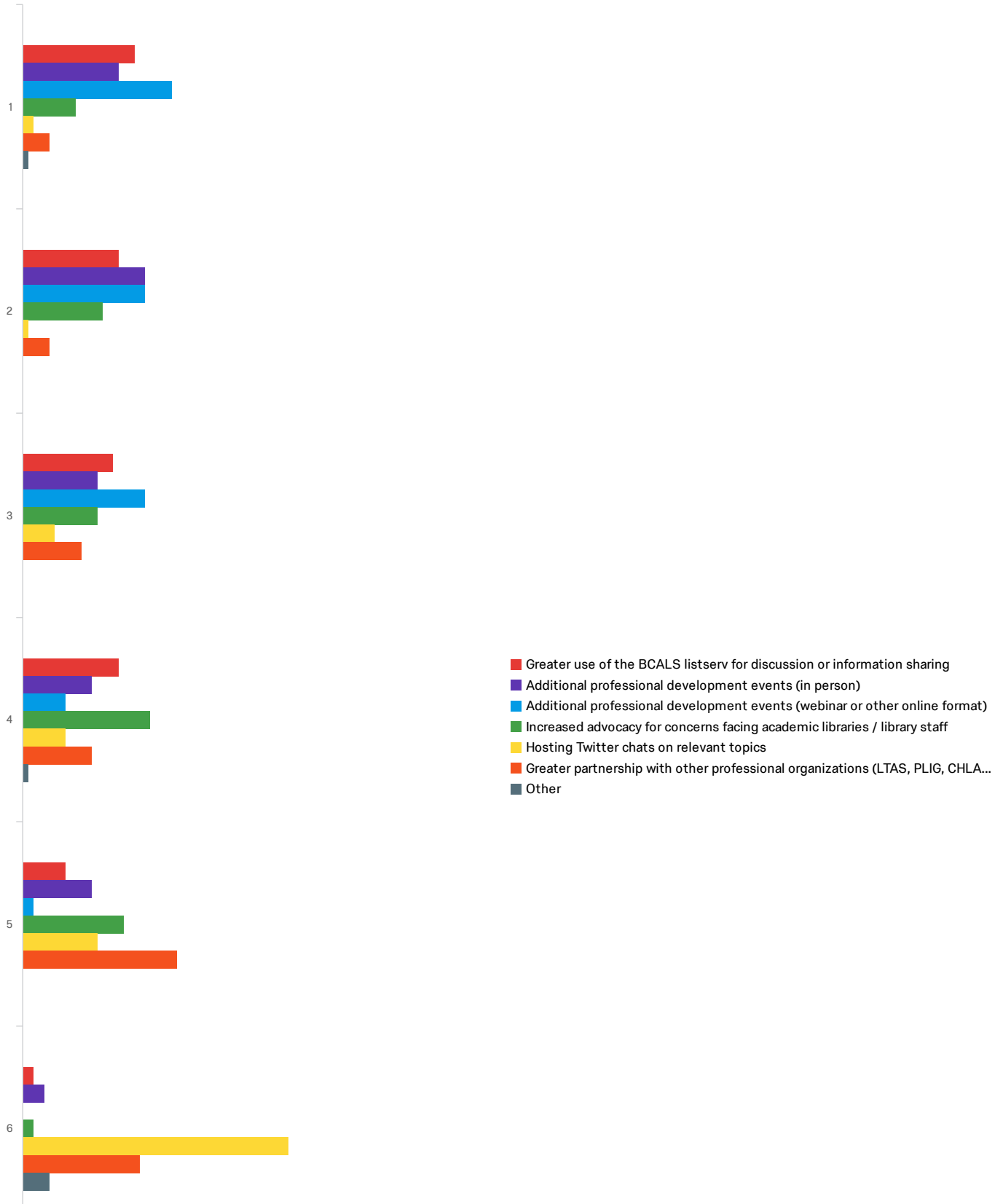
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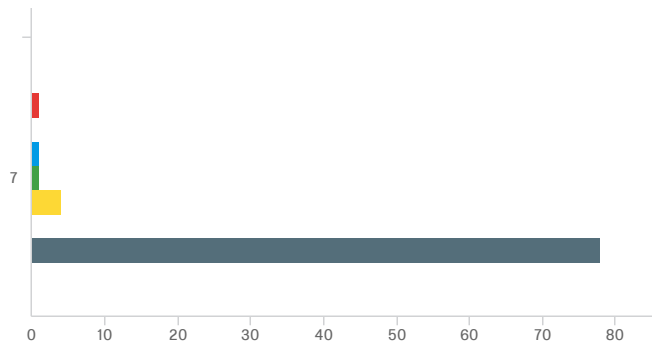Other

Other

Meeting at the BCLA conference`1

Because all of these events happen in Vancouver I never make them. It would be nice if they were sometimes held in Victoria or Kelowna.

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Q3 - Q3: What other activities would you like to see from BCALS? Please rank the following:

Legend:
- Greater use of the BCALS listserv for discussion or information sharing
- Additional professional development events (in person)
- Additional professional development events (webinar or other online format)
- Increased advocacy for concerns facing academic libraries / library staff
- Hosting Twitter chats on relevant topics
- Greater partnership with other professional organizations (LTAS, PLIG, CHLA...
- Other

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Greater use of the BCALS listserv for discussion or information sharing	1.00	7.00	2.81	1.47	2.15	85
2	Additional professional development events (in person)	1.00	6.00	2.91	1.52	2.30	85
3	Additional professional development events (webinar or other online format)	1.00	7.00	2.26	1.19	1.42	85
4	Increased advocacy for concerns facing academic libraries / library staff	1.00	7.00	3.44	1.43	2.03	85
5	Hosting Twitter chats on relevant topics	1.00	7.00	5.32	1.24	1.53	85
6	Greater partnership with other professional organizations (LTAS, PLIG, CHLA etc.)	1.00	6.00	4.44	1.44	2.08	85
7	Other	1.00	7.00	6.84	0.75	0.56	85

#	Field	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
1	Greater use of the BCALS listserv for discussion or information sharing	24.71%	21	21.18%	18	20.00%	17	21.18%	18	9.41%	8	2.35%	2	1.18%	1
2	Additional professional development events (in person)	21.18%	18	27.06%	23	16.47%	14	15.29%	13	15.29%	13	4.71%	4	0.00%	0
3	Additional professional development events (webinar or other online format)	32.94%	28	27.06%	23	27.06%	23	9.41%	8	2.35%	2	0.00%	0	1.18%	1
4	Increased advocacy for concerns facing academic libraries / library staff	11.76%	10	17.65%	15	16.47%	14	28.24%	24	22.35%	19	2.35%	2	1.18%	1

#	Field	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	Hosting Twitter chats on relevant topics	2.35% 2	1.18% 1	7.06% 6	9.41% 8	16.47% 14	58.82% 50	4.71% 4
6	Greater partnership with other professional organizations (LTAS, PLIG, CHLA etc.)	5.88% 5	5.88% 5	12.94% 11	15.29% 13	34.12% 29	25.88% 22	0.00% 0
7	Other	1.18% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.18% 1	0.00% 0	5.88% 5	91.76% 78

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Q4: Based on the activities in the previous question, please provide furthe...

Webinars discussing ways to Indigenize libraries and copyright info would be helpful

Professional/institutional activities that strengthen dissemination and access to authoritative and quality information. There should be more discussions and events to inform the public about the proliferation of fake news and poor quality information in media and popular culture. There should be more initiatives to fight and challenge the spread of fake news and poor quality information that undermine democracy, the rule of law, and civic institutions.

I would like to see some of the more challenging topics that academic librarians face, i.e. data management/curation, how to assist a faculty member do a freedom of information request, things like that

In information sharing it would be nice to see what's currently happening in library services (ie stopping fines, collection development, 3D printing, laptops, etc). For online PD events RDA cataloguing, dealing with difficult library users, and dealing with stress (some academic institutions only provide services like this for students, not staff).

Partnership ProD with other GLAM sectors

Advoacy around precarious work in academic libraries

I haven't been on athe BCALS for very long so am coming from a bit of an uninformed perspective. Professional Development benefits everyone, and a lot of the concerns are shared across institutions.

-advocacy for staff safety

Updates on issues facing academic library, eg streaming video, BibFrame, etc.

would love to see BCALS co-sponsor things like Gov Info Day and Keeping it REAL and take a hand in creating more such annual events. Would be interested in afternoon or evening social events connected to a speaker/theme.

Decolonization/reconciliation, instruction practices

More listserv or Pro-D resources for interlibrary loan service staff.

Cross sector collaboration with other BCLA sections/interest groups.

Topical events; ie, scholarship, VR/IR, Makerspace, Electronic Resources

More practical pro-d events, and less social/advocacy things.The BCLA conference has now largely become an advocacy/politics event, so we need a place for useful/practical learning

increased advocacy for academic library workers all job titles

Engaging with students through different events, instruction and information literacy workshops

EVENTS OUTSIDE LOWER MAINLAND. Although streaming is greatly appreciated.

convos around academic freedom, work/life balance, corporatization of library operations, protecting patron privacy,

More networking events

I'm sorry. I filled out a survey earlier and forgot to say that I'd love to see professional development events on accessibility in academic libraries and how to support students with disabilities (everything from the physical space to online interactions). Thank you!

workshops on project management, marketing services/resources

research, literature discussion, critical librarianship

community-led issues,

Advocacy, Open scholarship, Changing Role of Librn,, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,,

If it is to be a truly provincial body, it has to reach beyond the lower mainland.

freedom of information, privacy, diversity and equity

advocacy for librarians!

I really appreciate the informal knowledge sharing that takes place on some of the ACRL listservs and I would love to have/read similiar discussions in the BC library context. Could be hard to get this started but perhaps ALA's "CODE CONVOS" model (guided facilitated email chats) could be a model?

Sorry can't think of anything.

'non-conference' or casual online events that staff can apply practically to their work (i.e. how to handle specific initiatives or projects, addressing common concerns, etc.)

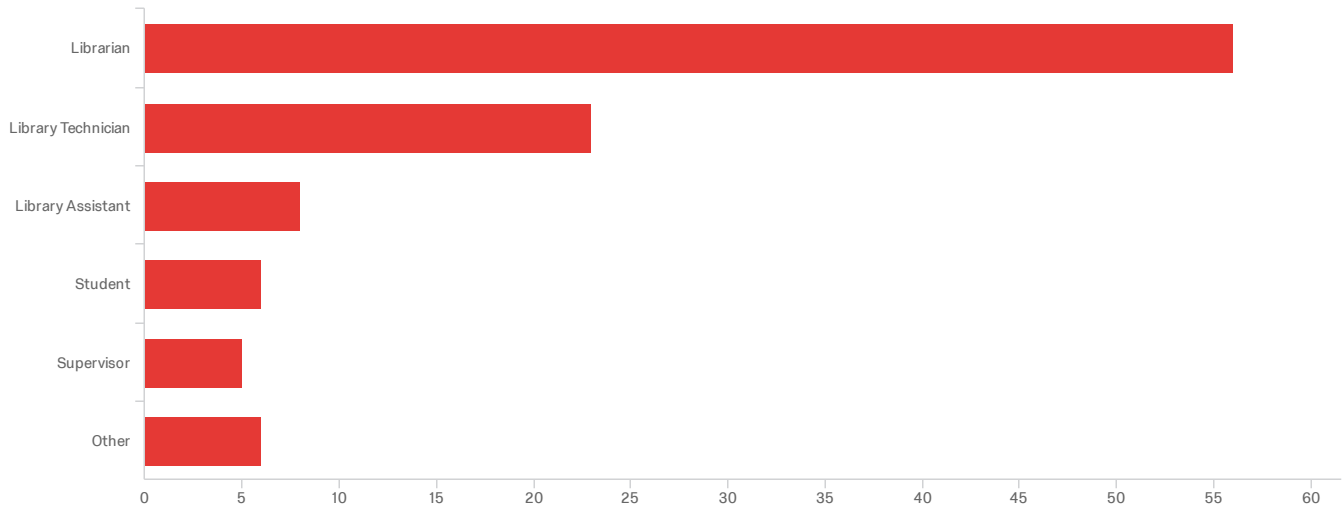scholarly publishing for student event, copyright webinars

Advocacy re: precarious employment in academic libraries

topics like information literacy, space planning, collection development/weeding

precarious work, under-staffing, lack of opportunity for promotion

digital humanities

Q5 - Q5: What is your job position? (Or, if you're job searching, what job position are you looking for?) Please select all that apply.

#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Librarian	53.85%	56
2	Library Technician	22.12%	23
3	Library Assistant	7.69%	8
4	Student	5.77%	6
5	Supervisor	4.81%	5
6	Other	5.77%	6
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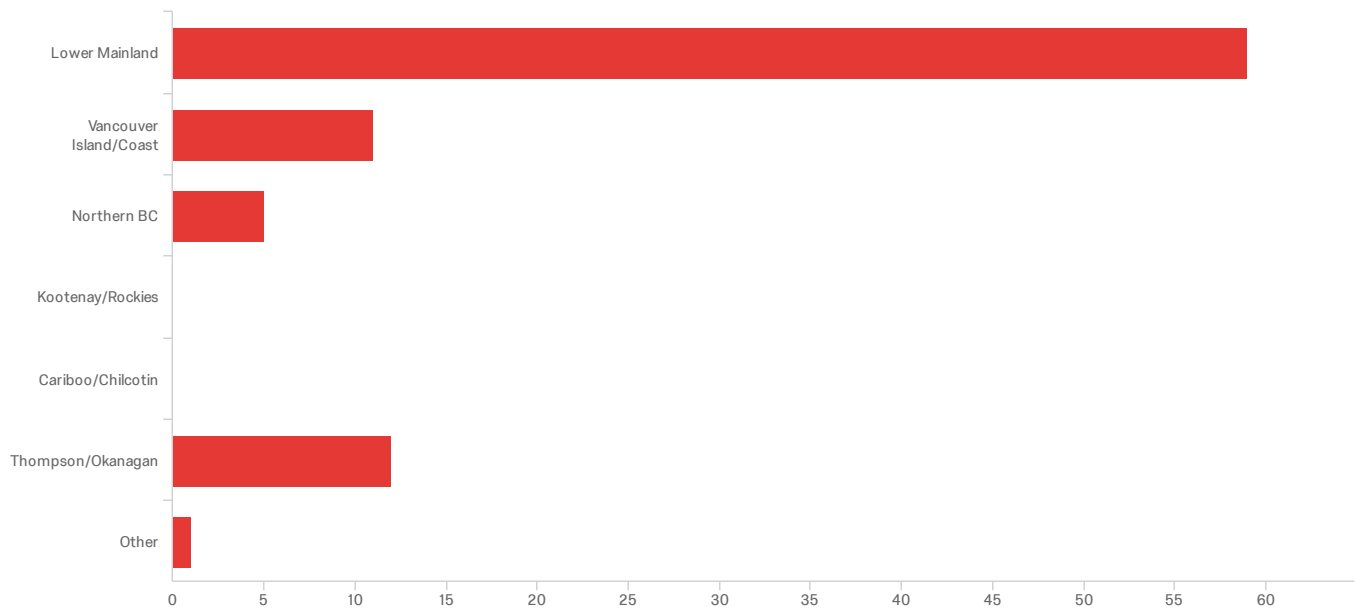| Other |
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| Retired |
| Archivist |
| retired |
| Librarian administrator |

Other

Instructor

Q6 - Q6: What region are you located in?

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Q6: What region are you located in? - Selected Choice	1.00	7.00	1.99	1.79	3.19	88

#	Field		Choice Count
1	Lower Mainland	67.05%	59
2	Vancouver Island/Coast	12.50%	11
3	Northern BC	5.68%	5
4	Kootenay/Rockies	0.00%	0
5	Cariboo/Chilcotin	0.00%	0
6	Thompson/Okanagan	13.64%	12
7	Other	1.14%	1
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Q6_7_TEXT - Other

Other

Q7 - Q7: Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share?

Academic and public libraries are pivotal institutions in providing citizens and organizations with tools to deal with major issues of the day: climate change, housing, transportation, education, health care, and models/choices of economic development....

Thanks for all the work your committee does and for conducting a survey!

Have not attended any of the events as they are not located in our region, and limited PD resources prevent travelling for one-day or social events.

I recently participated in an OCUL "community" conversation, using Zoom. This allows for informal conversation/presentation on relevant topics; something like this would be useful within the BC academic library community.

Thank you for your excellent work and support in leading BCALS.

You should look into partnering with UBC Okanagan as a co-sponser/organizer for their annual leader in residence program.

enough of the inperson events. There are tons of library workers outside of the lower mainland who are being marginalized. what is the point of belonging to a provincial association and a chapter within that association that purposely excludes everyone outside of Vancouver?

It seems like events and topic are always geared towards new librarians. I find a lot of my peers (10-15 years professional experience) have been dropping out of BCALS and been less engaged.

Getting retired library staff and librarians involved in advocacy issues.

thank you for letting a nonBCALS member participate

Looking for interesting topics and formats ; intersection with other groups in post sec; break out of silos

I love attending the yearly face to face gatherings, but don't know if I could commit to attending more than 1/year, that's why I didn't list in-person PD opps higher in the list. BUT, I really love hearing from colleauges at other insitutions that I don't get to see very often.

Usually try to attend the December events but something always stops me. I was sick this time other times no coverage etc so I think going online would be nice.

Thanks for all of your great work and giving us a chance to share this feedback!

It would be great if there was events/discussions that were online or in a region other than the lower mainland/island, for the library workers in the rest of the province

End of Report