

## **Public Libraries Interest Group (PLIG) Meeting Agenda**

September 14, 2017 | 9:00 am - VPL's n̄č̄a?mat ct Strathcona Branch, Mary Lee Chan Meeting Room, 730 East Hastings Street, Vancouver

**Attending:** Heidi Schiller, VPL; Meghan Savage, SPL; Kaya Fraser, WVML, Jenny Fry, SPL; Vicky Woo, VPL; Kate Shuttleworth, SFU; Sara Ellis, BPL; Reba Ouimet; Kaley Young. Call in: Balbir S. Gill, FVRL

**Regrets:** Marisa Tutt; Gillian G. Smith

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

### **2. Approval of agenda**

Moved by: Kaya

Seconded by: Kaley

### **3. Approval of July 2017 meeting minutes**

Moved by: Vicky

Seconded: Kaya

### **4. Professional Development Working Group Update – Heidi (For Gillian)**

Didn't get a chance to meet, but have done a bit of work on a column for the *BCLA Perspectives* Journal.

Discussed who might be a good first choice for the 'day in the life' interviews and to put out a call around (Deb Thomas, Libby McKeever from Whistler).

There has also been some discussion about possible conference proposals, as a call for proposals will go out soon, sometime in the Fall.

### **5. Community Engagement Working Group Update – Marisa / Vicky and Kate**

Vicky shared that they haven't had a chance to meet, but are looking into a forum for discussion. Kate shared that she has discussed social media policies with BCLA, and we can go ahead to create our own account. Kate recommends using Twitter as a good starting point.

They are looking for more members - please contact Marisa at [marisatutt@gmail.com](mailto:marisatutt@gmail.com) if you would like to work with the group.

**Action:** Kate will draft a social media plan and circulate to the list serv prior to our next meeting.

### **6. Membership Working Group Update – Sara**

Sara is going to step down as working group coordinator and Kaya will take on this position. Reviewed notes from last meeting.

### **7. August social summary—Meghan & Heidi**

It was a success! Would this be something the group is interested in doing again? Yes, in December. One suggestion of location, the *Blind Sparrow* in Vancouver. Or *El Santo* in New West.

#### **8. Decide on meeting rooms for next 6 months (who can host?)—Meghan & Heidi**

October 12, 7pm  
November 9, 9am  
December 14- Social  
January 11, 7pm  
February 8, 9am  
March 8, 7pm  
April 12, 9am

**Action** Heidi will solicit available spots, and she and Meghan will schedule the meetings.

#### **9. News and ideas roundtable**

Jenny, SPL: question for the group - can we talk about adult programming in public libraries. SPL was a bit siloed off and now have a programs and partnerships committee, and Jenny is the chair, and things are great. Meet 6 times a year, and want to theme and spotlight programs annually. Creating strategic guidelines for this group. Heidi mentioned that VPL has a Programming and Learning Department (PLG) that centralizes programming (80%), branches will occasionally add programs. But PLG staffs and designs programs, and PLG works with the branch library technician. There are questions around community-led or community engagement opportunities. There are community librarians in bigger branches, one per area. The community librarians are meant to be in the community 50% of the time, but the levels of engagement might change across neighbourhoods. VPL is pretty quick to respond to requests. Often programs can be co-hosted by the branch staff and PLG staff. Kaya asks if there is a formal way to request programs or give feedback. SPL does gather informal information from staff and community groups. Discussion on staffing of different systems.

Heidi asked the recent and current students, students don't have much opportunity to learn about adult programming. SLAIS is looking to run a Reader's Advisory class. This semester there are a lot of sessionals and adjunct professors.

Jenny would be interested in working with a working group around adult programming, it might be good as a part of the professional development group (Program Jams), Heidi also suggests that it might be a good pre-conference session.

Discussed sharing and using the [librarytoolshed.ca](https://librarytoolshed.ca) to share program ideas so everyone can see and share throughout the community.

<https://librarytoolshed.ca/all-programs>

Heidi shared that she is in the 4th week of her new position of a Branch Head. Shared a story around the end of Summer Reading Club, every time a kid comes to get their medal, the children's librarian rings a bell, all staff stop and clap, and the medal is placed around the child's neck. Also,

she recommends a show called *Halt and Catch Fire*. It is on Netflix, and the 4th season does have a librarian.

Vicky shares a story about this branch, the Access card, for patrons without proof of address, and they can check out two items at a time. Was able to set someone up with a card, only used, computer and the patron was able to put a book on hold and was very happy to be able to read a favourite book again. The Access card is a great option to have in a community. Surrey also has a similar program, but is only used really at one branch.

Sara shared that the student BCLA group at UBC is meeting next week. Discussion: some sharing and recruiting ideas.

Kate shared some SFU stories, around student interactions, and booking reference sessions.

Meghan shared some Guildford stories - they have a *Make it Digital* station, it is very popular. They are putting together a booking system. Only has a soft launch. One computer, audio cassette, video cassette, and flatbed scanner. They had a successful Game of Thrones night including a green screen. Props, photos, crafts, trivia, but mostly a discussion. They are going to do a Stranger Things one as well.

Kaya shared a story about WVML: has done a soft launch of the Digital Life Skills curriculum, and she recently ran a MS Word class and got some great feedback. Sarah shared that she's doing a Fake News program this afternoon. Libby class today as well. Discussed [Libby](#).

**10. Next Meeting: October 12, 7-8pm - Location: TBD**