

Public Library Interest Group (PLIG) Meeting Minutes

January 11th 2018 | 7:00PM | West Vancouver Memorial Library, Welsh Hall - 1950 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Present: Heidi Schiller, VPL (Co-Chair); Meghan Savage, SPL (Co-Chair); Anna Piccolo, RPL; Rebekah Adams-Brush, NVDPL; Kaya Fraser, WVML; Kate Shuttleworth, SFU (Communications Officer); Richard Keuhle, BPL; Gillian Bassett, BPL; Sara Ellis, BPL

Recorder: Vicky Woo, VPL (Vice-Chair)

Regrets: Deb Thomas, BPL; Sarah Felkar (Secretary)

Meeting Commences: 7:05PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of October 2017 and November 2017 Meeting Minutes: motion by Meghan, second by Rebekah.

Discussion of Working Groups

The working groups have found it difficult to meet and discuss effectively. The group discussed to terminate the working groups, and as whole, work on one or two projects for 2018.

The decision to terminate the working groups was taken to a vote, and majority voted yes.

UBC Student Reps

The student rep role for UBC is now vacant. Please refer any eligible members.

LGBTQ Meeting Updates (Meghan for Marisa)

Marisa attended the LGBTQ Meeting on November 15th, 2017 and discussed possible collaboration between the two interest groups. Marisa shared with the LGBTQ group about PLIG and our ideas. Couple of ideas were discussed: there was interest developing a 101 type webinar to help educate public library staff; and highlighting and sharing stories from public library LGBTQ initiatives.

Professional Development Working Group Update (Heidi for Gillian)

Day in the Life column was published in the Perspectives column. You can read it [here!](#)

BCLA conference proposals were submitted and are waiting to hear back from BCLA selections council.

PD Online Survey was sent out by Heidi to see what kind of topics the members were interested in. The online survey was very popular amongst the attendees of the meeting, and Heidi decided to leave the survey open for another week to collect more answers.

No Journal Club update from Christie.

Community Engagement Working Group Update (Meghan for Marisa)

Marisa wanted to clarify that the group's intention was about engaging with people who work in public libraries, and not community engagement as in the communities we serve.

Couple of ideas were brought up in the larger group such as *stories*, where we would focus on the person or library and something they had accomplished or contributed (rather than what they do on the day to day basis like the PD group's "Day in the Life Column"). Another idea was to partner with BC Academic institutions.

Membership Working Group Update (Kaya)

Meghan and Jill shared the list of stakeholders for PLIG.

Discussed options for video conferencing, and Google Hangouts seem to be the most promising. Kaya will figure out the logistics.

2018 Projects (Heidi)

Heidi provided a list of goals and projects presented from 2017 by the working groups. We will await the PD Online Survey results to see what kind of topics are important to members of PLIG, and will select the projects that best align with survey results.

By the next meeting, we should have the PD survey results.

Social Media Plan - Draft (Kate)

Kate presented a draft of the Social Media Plan for PLIG, and the group discussed possible revisions. The group will officially approve it once revisions are done. Draft is available [here](#).

Kate will move forward with the PLIG Twitter account that will retweet popular updates from other public libraries.

Roundtable

Kaya is excited to announce the construction of a new creation lab for West Vancouver Memorial Library. Also, she is no longer on contract with the WVML, but now holds permanent hours. Congratulations Kaya!

Kate discusses the ten-year remodel plan for SFU library (Burnaby). She also mentions how SFU Library prides itself having a hybrid collection of both academic and popular reading.

Rebekah was very excited to discover that a Capilano University instructor had referred his students to lynda.com.

Heidi provided updates about VPL; Sandra Singh, the Chief Librarian will be moving to the City of Vancouver as the new general manager of arts, culture, and community services. VPL is now searching for the new Chief Librarian.

Meeting Ends: 8:40PM

Next PLIG Meeting: Feb 8th at 9:00- 10:30 AM - SURREY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY CENTRE, ROOM 418 -- 10350 University Dr, Surrey. Teleconference option: call 604-501-7689