

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Minutes: October 17th, 2017

9:15 - 11 at BPL at Metrotown branch, Burnaby Public Library

Present: Meghan Whyte (SPL & VPL), Tara Matsuzaki (WVML) & Shelley Wilson-Roberts (NWPL)

Regrets: Stephanie Hong (SPL & VPL), Barbara Edwards (VPL), Claire Westlake (NVDPL), Virginia McCreedy(), Alan Woo (SPL), Fiona Hunt (WVML) & Nolan Kelly (Langara)

1. Future of RAIG:
 - a. Lori Nick and Chloe Riley are stepping down. We wish to express our appreciation for the contributions of Lori and Chloe.
 - b. Our active membership is now a small group of six and a semi-active membership of three or four
 - c. We do not have the capacity to continue providing the annual Readers' Advisory training day (RA in a Day) or to build an online RA module as planned at the July 18th meeting.
 - d. We believe our social media efforts are our strongest contribution to the BC Library community currently. Thank you to all who contribute to our social media properties.
 - e. Actions to revitalize RAIG:
 - i. Open letter to BCLA community describing our current state of affairs and inviting any interested staff to join our committee - Tara
 - ii. Reduce meeting schedule to quarterly rather than monthly
 1. Different time – doodle poll?
 - iii. Focus on conference proposals rather than the annual event or an online module
 - f. We wish to thank all former and current members of RAIG for all your contributions to the committee – we feel very proud of the work this group has accomplished over the past seven years.

2. Committee Updates:
 - a. Education Liaisons - Stephanie
 - i. I have contacted both UFV and Langara about getting some students involved in the group, just waiting to hear back.
 - b. Digital Services - Stephanie
 - i. The Best Bets is basically completed, just finalizing the formatting of the PDF. But it should be up sometime this week :). Thank you to everyone who submitted. We also received quite a few entries from non-members.
 - ii. Social media calendar is set and ready and can be viewed at this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wag_WkKbPnm3KAbXsjU_TYgUgE9fYUM-63zgnjE3HdSE/edit?usp=sharing

3. Blog schedule:
 - Oct – NVDPL
 - Nov – Langara
 - Dec – SLAIS & auxiliary librarians

4. Meeting location:
 - a. **Tara** will investigate the possibility of the BCLA meeting space or BC Library Co-op office

5. RAIG Perspectives piece
 - a. **Shelley** will email the list re: fave 2017 picks for the next “Perspectives” Titles to Talk About piece

Next meeting: at BPL’s Metrotown Branch – Tues. Jan. 16, 2018

For Reference – RAIG Annual Calendar:

- Jan – annual planning
- Feb – craft Beyond Hope proposal
- April - BC Library Conference
- June - Beyond Hope
- Aug - meeting = holiday
- Sept – brainstorm BC Library conference proposals & check w/ BPL re: mtg room
- Oct - RA in a Day (solicit Best Bets from the crowd) individualized RA i.e. SPL
- Nov – craft BCLA proposals
- Dec - Best Bets
- Dec meeting = holiday

For Reference - BCLA Perspectives Deadlines:

	Deadlines
Story Pitch Date	October 1; January 4; April 1; July 1
Submission Date	October 15; January 15; April 15; July 15
Publication Date	November 1; February 1; May 1; August 1