

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Central branch, Vancouver Public Library

Attended by: Jenny Fry, Co-Chair, Surrey; Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair, West Vancouver; Caroline Crowe, Vancouver; Shelley Wilson-Roberts, New Westminster; Barbara Edwards, Vancouver; Stephanie Hong, Langara rep; Claire Westlake, North Vancouver District

Regrets: Meghan Savage, Surrey; Ana Calabresi, Burnaby; Fiona Hunt, Douglas College; Chloe Riley, SLAIS rep; Virginia McCreedy, Port Moody

The next meeting is Tuesday May 17, 2016, from 9:15-11am at BPL's Metrotown branch – elections!

Interesting RA tidbits:

- Can our group create Bibliocommons lists? Matthew?
- Shelley mentioned [The Web We Want](#) from The Guardian (tracking vitriolic online comments)
- Barbara: [Evaluating RA](#) – suggested RA performance indicators
- Claire: [Loan Stars' first list was released](#). At her library, staff are writing short title reviews for Staff Picks as part of their shelf-talkers initiative
- Stephanie is listening to a new podcast, [Overdue](#) – they read and talk about books that you mean to read but never do, usually classics and bestsellers. If you are a new listener, check out this [curated list](#)
- Jenny: [BookNet Canada 2015 infographic](#)
- Reminder: Read Local BC 2016 is October 28-Nov 7, 2016, brought to you by the Association of Book Publishers of BC

BCLA Conference 2016: Meghan asked for us to brainstorm questions for her panel: discussion. Jenny will send questions generated to Meghan. Tara will ask Michael to bring some of our reading prescription pads to the conference.

BCLA Perspectives: Shelley and Tara have the submitted titles and will submit for next issue

Email from OLA Readers' Advisory group: they have invited us to send them a short video for their RA in a Day (Fri Oct 21, 2016) on in-library RA training. Are we interested? Discussion: yes, we are interested. Stephanie will help edit it. Caroline volunteered Tim to participate (she'll talk to him) for VPL. Jenny will include a question about in-library RA training in our survey. Tara will respond to the email.

Sept-Dec meeting space: TBD at the next meeting

RA in a Day 2016

- date chosen: Tues Oct 18, 2016 from 9:30am-4pm at VPL – Barbara will book the Alice MacKay room. Same terms as last time: 10 free registrations for VPL
- Jenny will send survey out to RAIG and BCLA listservs, and will report results at May meeting
- Keynote speakers: discussion. Barbara will email Catherine Sheldrick-Ross (University of Western Ontario in London) to see if she is interested/available. If so, we'll contact SLAIS and see if a collaboration is possible again. Other names mentioned Becky Segal (RA For All blog; located in Illinois) and Laura Raphael (The League of Extraordinary Librarians; located in Oklahoma) – not affordable in person. Anyone else?
- Draft agenda: use flip charts for themed recommended reads, 2 rounds
 - 9:30am – welcome/introduction
 - Keynote
 - Coffee break
 - Samuel: RA and cataloguing? Caroline will talk to him and about an interactive component
 - Loan Stars
 - Lunch
 - Bookslam, open up to audience with advance invitation
 - RA techniques (split room into beginner and advanced skill-building)
 - Coffee break
 - Speed-dating through the genres (decide on topics at next meeting)
 - Closing keynote? Author panel? Author? VPL Writer in Residence?
- Food & beverage: discussion
 - Fruit platters (morning and afternoon)
 - Bagels and cream cheese (morning; easy on the jam this time)
 - Tea/coffee/water
 - Cookies/squares (afternoon)