

RAIG Minutes February 21st 2017
Central City Library

Present: Tara Matsuzaki; Shelley Wilson-Roberts, Barbara Edwards; Lori Nick; Nolan Kelly; Ariana Galeano
Regrets: Fiona Hunt, Meghan Savage, Meghan Whyte, Jenny Fry, Claire Westlake, Chloe Riley, Ana Calabresi, Stephanie Hong, Virginia McCreedy

RA tidbits

Barbara – VPL:

- VPL is moving towards personalized RA and is tagging booklists with staff names (like VPLBarbara)
- They have done more staff training with annotations and how to write effective ones. Barbara will share some of the resource links with the RAIG.
- She reminded everyone that Novelist has great RA tools for training staff/improving skills

Lori – FVRL

- FVRL is starting an RA podcast called Read Radio. Will be 3-5 minutes long
- Equipment will be rotated between all branches
- Staff training will be starting soon

Tara – WVML

- Really enjoying LitHub.com – the bookmarks section has collected book reviews and there are good articles

Ariana – RPL

- They are planning booktalks four times a year for the public, using the same format publishers use when they deliver booktalks to library staff
- Books under discussion will be present for people to check out right away
- RPL will also be doing a walking book club over the summer months – June, July, August on Saturdays. Participants will meet in a local park and walk and talk about books.
- RPL will also be having an author visit as part of their Adult SRC – Simon C. Johnson.

Jenny (via email) - SPL

- Jenny has been enjoying the website Bookbuffet.com

Training Survey data – next steps

- We will need some sort of executive summary
- Shelley will talk to Chloe about preparing something that she can send to the RAIG active group prior to sending to the main BCLA list.

Committee Updates

Education - Fiona: will be presenting on a panel at Langara
Social Media – Ana and Ariana: instagram campaign for Freedom to Read week coming up. Share your posts!

Recruitment – Barbara: asked clarifying question regarding our current recruitment? Currently we have members from the following libraries: VPL; SFU; BPL; WVML; PMPL; SPL; NWPL; NVDPL; RPL; FVRL; Langara
Missing? SLAIS student rep, and someone to represent NVCL
Ariana will post to SLAIS Facebook group
Barbara will send informal invitation to participate in the group to libraries not represented. There was some group discussion about how to get remote libraries involved – teleconference when libraries have it is really helpful. Social media campaigns can work too.
Beyond Hope conference is coming up. Maybe one time RAIG can submit a proposal for a session?

Blog:

Feb: NWPL
March: SPL
April: WVML
May: Langara
June: PMPL
July: VPL
August: RPL
September: FVRL

Meeting spaces:

From April to July we will be meeting at VPL's Board Breakout room. Thanks VPL for giving us a space to meet!

RA In a Day 2017

Speed dating genre discussion

- Stephanie Hong suggested Asian Canadian Literature
 - What about a Canadian Politics/ 150th topic
 - Indigenous Canadian Writers/ reconciliation
 - o See the report from the National Aboriginal Library Association
 - Topic: level of public discourse – Local Author of “I’m Right and You’re an Idiot” (Jim Hogan)– Media’s role in public discourse
 - Literary Fan Fiction (some discussion of what fan fiction is/isn’t)/ or adaptations of literary classics

Keynote speaker discussion

- Jim Hogan (author of “I’m right and you’re an idiot”) is local – may be a good option for a keynote
- Lori will explore the possibility of a First Nations speaker
- Other discussion topics: providing self published authors with resources/ AND how to select materials

Learning Sessions

- Chloe could look at the survey data in case there are themes in what people would like to learn
- Self publishing
- Writing annotations
- How to talk about books you haven’t read yet
- Whole RA – films, music, audiobooks
- Book to film session as an alternative to the above

Keynote Speaker ideas

- James Hogan
- Maria Popova (brain pickings) - perhaps Library Bound could help out with cost?

When to have the speaker? Beginning and end or at the end of speed dating (to give people time to discuss the keynote)

OR have discussion at the end?

Possible Locations:

VPL

SPL

Maple Ridge (Lori will investigate)

RPL (Brighouse) Ariana will check capacity

Coquitlam (Lori will check)

Port Moody – do they have a 125 seat room (Shelley will check)

Barbara suggested that we do an event on the Island every 5 years.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 21st at Surrey Public Library – City Centre 9:15 – 11:00