

BCLA Continuing Education Committee Meeting
April 2, 2013, 6-7:30pm
RPL Brighthouse Branch & Teleconference

Minutes

Present: Sylvia Nurse, Kathy Anderson, May Chan, Ben Harrison, Anna Hudson, Susan Walters

Regrets: Rebecca Dowson, Anthea Goffe, Melanie Houlden, Susan Laidlaw

1. ALPS update (Rebecca – via email)

- Innovation Bootcamp workshop scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at UBC. Collaboration between ALPS, the UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC's Human Resources Department and the UBC Faculty Association's Librarians and Archivists Committee.

2. BCCATS update (May)

- With the completion of the March RDA workshop, have now offered three 2-day workshops.
- There is a 4th session being offered just before BCLC 2013. It hasn't been publicly advertised as there are already 20 people registered from the previous workshop waitlists.
- Need to determine dates, but three trainers will be taking the RDA workshop to the Okanagan in early July.
- The workshop might also be offered in Prince George if the demand is there.

3. YAACS update (Anna)

- Hosted a Youth and Technology Panel on Wednesday, January 16 at UBC. The topics discussed ranged from book applications for children, recent trends in teen programming and library initiatives for supporting digital literacy skills in young adults. You can check it out on the YAACS YouTube channel.

4. Federations' update (Kathy)

- Just received the conveyance letters from Libraries & Literacy Branch. There will be a focus on training programs that can be offered online to meet the following continuing education needs: technology and digital literacy skills, Outcome-based evaluation, and the changing role of libraries.
- Erin Smith will lead a User Experience Defined workshop.
- Kathy Dempsey will lead a series of 8 virtual workshops on marketing and communications for libraries.

5. Readers' Advisory Interest Group (Anthea)

- No report.

6. Take it Virtual Grant! (Kathy)

- Partnership between BC Library Federations and BCLA to provide virtual access to CE opportunities by all BCLA member libraries.
- BC Library Federations will contribute \$1,500 for 2013-2014 with future support dependent on positive evaluation and Federation approval.
- IslandLink will forward funds to BCLA, then invoice the other BC Library Federations
- Annual maximum grant is \$1,500, but the funds may be distributed as multiple smaller grants
- Unexpended funds at fiscal yearend will be carried forward to support program for the next year. In this case, the federations will be invoiced for the difference between the available funds and \$1,500.
- BCLA CE Committee will administer the program as it did with the 250 and Sunshine Coast Grant
- To be determined: single application deadline or multiple applications each year (especially if not all funds expended with first application deadline.)
- Some suggested formats:
 - Webinars
 - Video recording and publication of workshops/presentations
 - Production and publication of educational videos
 - Online publication of other library educational materials
- A portion of the funds may be used to support workshop/materials development and delivery, but there must be a virtual/online end product.
- The guidelines will encourage recipients to use the BC Libraries Cooperative DIY Video kits
- All Take it Virtual Grant information and promotional materials will acknowledge the BC Library Federations and BCLA
- The member libraries of BCLA would own the content, but it could be hosted on the Commons or Libraries & Literacy YouTube channel (Alan Carlson at Libraries & Literacy may be able to advise.)
- Want to allow for formats that are very open for learning.
- **Outstanding:** need to develop application form.
- **Sylvia** will talk to Annette about announcing the grant at the conference.

7. DataCamp UnConference (May)

- Organized by BC Libraries Cooperative, Libraries & Literacy and **May** (to get CE Committee's name out there.)
- There were 60 participants with 40 organizations represented.
- Participants were given 30 topics asked to vote on those that they most wanted to explore. Many ideas to help us plan future workshops.
- CE Committee could take the lead on this and build future datacamps as the costs and time commitment are low (\$10 for ½ day) which means organizations are more likely to send staff to participate.

8. Workshops update (Anna/Rebecca/Susan W.)

- **Anna** noted that the Disaster Recovery workshop will be hosted by Langara College, but due to the presenter (Guy) moving house, it will be postponed until the fall. He has a new article coming out in the ALA magazine and he will rework it for the BCLA Browser (Sept/Oct.)
- **Rebecca** confirmed (via email) that the CMHA workshop for Library Employees is tentatively planned for the week of June 3rd. Langara College has agreed to host. Waiting for CHMA to confirm a time that works for the facilitator.
- **Susan W.** had some questions about what to focus a eBook workshop around and the committee feels it would good to share how RPL has approached this with libraries/library staff that may just be starting to lend eBook readers or who are trying to increase their organization's digital skills:
 - How to cultivate staff confidence and learn new digital skills together
 - The best ways to teach customers about these new collections and devices and how to make the most of them (sharing what's worked and what hasn't)
 - Upcoming session at BCLC 2013 –two organizations could share their experiences

9. Education Institute update (Melanie)

- No report.

10. Other

- **Sylvia** noted that some interesting things are happening with libraries and technology such as the new literacy app for kids and parents launched by Calgary Public Library.

11. Next meeting: end of May. **Sylvia** will send out a Doodle poll.