

YAACS AGM Minutes DRAFT

Date/Time	Thursday, May 12th, 2016, 4:00pm
Location	BCLA Conference, Richmond
Present	Jon Scop (Outgoing Chair), Dana Horrocks (Incoming Chair) Janet Marren, Heather Gloster, Beth Dimond, Danielle Wing, Rachel Burke, Gwen Doran, Mariel Davis, Colleen Nelson, Kristen Rumohr, Amy Dawley, Lisa Hosleors, Marianne Huang, Alicia Cheng, Lucy Zhang, Emily Mathews, Sarah Harrison, Lucy Kiester, Alan Woo, Tess Prendergast (Many represented from Vancouver Island, SLAIS students, Prince George, Lower Mainland. 26 attended in total.)
1. Updates	<p>a. Website and Social Media Coordinator (Sadie) Jon read an emailed report from Sadie - she'd like to remind us that all members are welcome to share content related to youth services. You may directly add to the YAACS Facebook page or send relevant materials to yaacsbs@gmail.com to be considered for all social media channels. Guerrilla Rhymetime videos all posted - now planning more material.</p> <p>b. Continuing Education Coordinators (Dana) Professional Development (PD), Social Media connection, not just early years PD. Report on PD events on mainland: Guerrilla Storytime Rhyme Time, Graphic Novel Panel and Teen Maker - trying to video record everything so that can be shared with more diverse geographical area.</p> <p>c. Vancouver Island (Colleen) Teen services PD on Vancouver Island. Video in progress. Topics: Digital literacy and librarians as digital mentors; Incorporating play in library programs.</p>
2. YAACS Award	Sarah Harrison - Explained what the YAACS award is for and presented the award to Heather Gloster (Teen Services PGPL). Heather Gloster - Thanked YAACS.
3. Discussion	<p>Topic: <i>YAACS' role in reaching out to teachers and schools to make connections especially in the context of the new BC Curriculum.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jon suggested we make the emails available so that librarians can contact the teacher-librarian liaisons directly. ● Reminder that YAACS has a quarterly meeting that EVERYONE is invited to attend (in person or by phone).

	<p>Topic: YAACS' role within BCLA</p> <p>Discussion touched on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were only 3 or 4 relevant sessions to youth service librarians at the BCLA conference and nothing for library staff serving teens. People reflected that in years past there has been much more, though people agreed that the conference as a whole used to be bigger. Members from Prince George mentioned that the "Beyond Hope" conference has more practical content, including lots of youth services sessions. • YAACS representative (Kristen) was included on selection committee for sessions at BCLA conference which involved a half day meeting to review all the sessions. Kristen observed that the committee seemed to favour proposals which were big picture, innovative and/or theory-based whereas youth services work tends to be practical and example based. People agreed that panel or research based proposals were often more successful. It would be helpful to see evaluations from this year's conference to guide next year's proposal selection. • Discussed the possibility of having a half day "unconference" or "institute" next year which is specifically for youth services library staff. This is similar to the role of ALSC, within ALA. People felt employers would be more likely to support attendance if it was connected to larger BCLC. It was noted that in the US Teacher Librarians are much more involved with library associations and maybe we could make more of an effort at the "institute" to have content which is relevant to TL's. • Continuing to advocate for youth services is important because most public librarians start their career in children's services and 1/3 of BCLA members subscribe to our mailing list. It would be interesting to find out how many members are actively working in youth services positions.
<p>4. Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.</p>