

BC Library Association – Accessibility Interest Group (AIG) - Notes

Date: Monday, November 17 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Location: Teams

In attendance: Rachel Chong (Chair), Tara Thompson, Jennifer Streckmann

Introductions – Round Table

1. Rachel Chong – Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Librarian – Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Current AIG Chair, also serves on CAPAL Digital Accessibility in Academic Libraries member, CAPAL Social Justice Committee, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Accessibility Committee
2. Jennifer Streckmann – Coordinator of Accessibility Services – Vancouver Public Library
Current AIG Member, also serves on CELA Advisory Committee, Interlink Advisory Committee
3. Tara Thompson – Community Engagement Coordinator – Okanagan Regional Library
Current AIG Member, also serves on CELA Board and CELA Advisory Committee

Review [Terms of Reference](#)

1. Reviewed and agreed with the Terms of Reference.

Review [Government Documents list](#)

1. Possibly reconsider scope to include other provinces, American or even European guidelines.
2. Reviewed for potential additions.
 - a. ACTION: Rachel to add Guide Dog and Service Dog Act, WCAG, and Alzheimer's Society

Review [Resource list](#)

1. Collaboration with Langara College Library Technician's Program to populate future resource lists with an emphasis on lived-experience authors and intersectional identities.
2. Monitor the resource list usage statistics to see if this is a sustainable output.

Events: [Braille Printer](#)

1. Rachel Chong and Kelsey Chaban from Kwantlen Polytechnic University will be presenting on Braille Printing: Accessible University Library Services, Wednesday, November 19th at 12:30 – 1:30pm PDT on Zoom
2. Future offerings to-be-determined.
 - a. ACTION: Rachel to investigate funding/payment options to bring in guest speakers.

Decide on meeting frequency

1. AIG agrees to meet once every two months.
2. AIG will form subcommittees as needed.

Other Business

1. Focus of AIG
 - a. Recruitment

- i. ACTION: Jennifer to bring the group to Interlink for promotion/collaboration potential.
- b. Connecting with related accessibility groups to prevent work overlap and share ideas
 - i. Including [Public Library Accessibility Working Group](#)
- c. Providing professional development and training support, as a lot of this training is not library-specific or library-relevant
 - i. Suggestions included: [Making Your Workplace Dementia Friendly](#) by Alzheimer's Society BC