

Dear Colleagues,

The Winter Event 2023 for BC Academic Libraries Section (BCALS) is a free workshop for librarians, archivists, library workers, and students. Our aim is to promote the exchange of ideas among academic library workers and to provide a network of professional expertise resulting in excellent service in the post-secondary libraries of British Columbia, using the latest methods, systems, and technologies.

We are pleased to share that the BC Academic Libraries Section (BCALS) and the Keeping it ReAL 2023 Organizing Committee are partnering to host complimentary **virtual events on November 16 and 17, 2023.**

Event Description

The theme for both events is “Reimagining,” and the BCALS Winter Event on **November 17th is online** and will focus on Reimagining Academic Library Practice: Creative and Innovative Approaches to Academic Library Work. How have you re-imagined the work we do in academic libraries? What new or innovative approaches have you brought to your work? BCALS invites presentations, workshops, and lightning talks highlighting initiatives that have sparked joy and excitement in your library spaces.

We welcome all library workers, including emerging professionals, student assistants, library technicians to submit proposals.

Call for Presentation Proposals

Proposals for the Winter Event 2023 are encouraged to bring up questions, stories of success and failures in areas including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Creative practices, initiatives, and events in your library spaces.
- New and innovative workshops, outreach, and user engagement practices.
- Rethinking partnerships and leveraging community networks to support new practices.
- Sharing creative failures and lessons learned when trying something new.
- Applying new frameworks to old practices or events.

You are invited to submit proposals in the following formats:

- **Lightning Talk:** Share bite-sized bits of info about your experience, ideas, processes, etc. (7 minutes)
- **Presentation:** Share your collaboration experiences in the form of a formal presentation (20 minutes)
- **Workshop:** Teach a skill or demonstrate a collaborative practice to your peers (50 minutes)

- **Roundtable:** Two or more folks have a structured discussion with one another (and/or audience) around a focused topic (45 minutes)

Proposals should be between 200-300 words and are due by **4pm PT on September 30th, 2023**. Submit to bcals@bcla.bc.ca with the subject line: **BCALS Winter Event Submission**.

In your proposal, please include the following:

- Proposal (up to 300 words)
- First and Last Name(s)
- Institution or Affiliation
- Pronouns (if comfortable)
- Brief Bio (up to 150 words).

We will be in touch to confirm and to request any materials from you in advance of the event.

Please note that we may not be able to accommodate every proposed talk, depending on the number of proposals we receive.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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