

2015 BCCATS Spring Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 1:00-4:00 pm

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Boardroom

8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond, B.C.

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(Apologies to anyone missed – not everyone saw the sign-in sheet)

1. Approval of the agenda

(Approved: TDS)

2. Amendments to the minutes of September 19th Fall meeting

Richard Violette (VPL and SLC) pointed out that initials *RV* noted in minute entries 4.3 & 5.2 refer to *Ryan Vernon (Langara)* and not himself.

3. Business arising from the minutes (none)

4. Round table introductions (See listserv and minutes for individual reports)

5. New business

5.1 Report from the Chair (Janette McConville):

Call for elections, chair and secretary:

Samuel Richmond (VPL) is the new Chair; Karen Schendlinger (Burnaby School District) is the new Secretary. All were in favour!

TS Awards Committee report:

Thanks to all who submitted nominations. The successful candidate will be announced at the awards ceremony at the BCLA AGM on May 23, 9-11 am, at the Sheraton Vancouver hotel, and will also be announced on our listserv.

Ryan Vernon, Penny Swanson, and Janette McConville generously served as our committee; thank you to all three! We will be putting out a call for new committee members in the Fall.

5.2 Continuing Education report (Lynn Brockington)

LB has attended meetings of the BCLA Continuing Education Committee. This body's function appears to be in transition – currently seems to comprise information gathering rather than conference organization as previously. The new chair is Ben Harrison, ref librarian at Okanagan College.

Software Carpentry is a non-profit organization with a mandate to teach professionals technical skills – Instructors Cam Macdonald and Vicky Varga will instruct on July 9-10. The workshop will be hands on and example driven, focused on practical skills.

Registration to come in a week or two. (Max 40 seats – full sell would be profit; 20 seats at member rate would mean subsidizing from BCCATS budget, okayed by Chair: \$175.00 for members vs \$225.00 for non-members covers an honorarium and travel expenses – the generous instructors are free.) There will be a link to indicate what will be covered at the workshop.

Terry Reese will be instructing our one-day workshop on MARCEdit (Oct. 2 at Langara computer lab – same prices as quoted above). Probably no online component – in person only, but Lynn will check.

But what do we want to be taught? RegEx, OCLC functions, deduping – maybe basics in am and advanced in pm? – or attendees demonstrate what they need to know?

Show of hands demonstrated a fairly even distribution between need for basic and advanced instruction.

Examples of “basic”: break and add/delete, join and split files, prepend & append. Much of the basics is quite adequately covered in Terry's YouTube presentations and website.

Examples of “advanced”: how to select within a file with specific characteristics; dedupes etc.; bibframe; RDA helper

Linda W has taught one ME basics class which was extremely popular; would consider another whole day Basics course. LB will consult Terry on what he would prefer/expect, before deciding to run a split class with him, or two separate classes

Ideas for next year:

WorldShare KnowledgeBase (KB) workshop on managing e-resources? SFU is using the KnowledgeBase for keeping their holdings for our e-monographs up to date in WorldCat . Where is the group?

Gretchen commented that KB can be difficult to configure – knowledge sharing would be a help.

(NB: FirstSearch is migrating to the Discovery interface soon.)

*Moved from item 6, “Other Business”: Linda W will contact OCLC's Nigel Long to arrange a webinar on how to configure *WorldCat Knowledge Base (KB)*

Suggestion from TDS: Do we know which ILS everyone uses? (and see 5.3 below). BCCATs listserv is good forum for info exchange.

5.3 ILS: where is everybody?

Discussion ensued. Some contributions:

SFU will be selecting a new ILS, and has been seeing reps from various vendors.

Innovative (III) *Millenium* and *Sierra*:

CapU moved from Innovative (III) *Millenium* to *Sierra* two years ago; transition smooth, support can be rocky and slow (seconded by Douglas College)

West Van MPL shifting from III *Millenium* to *Sierra*

Thompson-Nicola Regional District migrated to *Sierra* a year ago – 13 libraries and a bookmobile. Need offline for the latter, and have been satisfied so far.

(*Sierra* particulars: perceived generally as not quite as cataloguer friendly as *Millenium* was – and is not cloud based. Not RDA-compatible by default; though implementation is simple enough, RDA does not function any more effectively in *Sierra* than in other ILSs.

On the plus side, Innovative's "create list" function (common to *Sierra* and the earlier *Millenium*) is valuable and not duplicated in many other systems.)

NB! TDS has heard from III is that complex lists can be done via SQL – (read not write). Currently, staff have to upload library catalogue into *Ebsco EDS* weekly. Kwantlen does the same, into *Summon*.

Query: Does anyone use *Sierra* with *Bibliocommons*? Victoria Public went to *Sirsi Dynix* after not liking how *Millenium* worked with *Bibliocommons*. They have now left *Bibliocommons* for *Enterprise*: the public has not been too keen on the brand new *Enterprise* so far. (VPL wanted integrated discovery layer... and incidentally found III *Millenium* training inadequate.)

Douglas used *Encore Synergy* – reports that *Encore Duet* interacts slightly better with *Sierra*. Douglas is exploring a new discovery platform.

Query: Did anyone consider cloud-based systems? Douglas is watching *BlueCloud Suite*, but after two years in development, is not ready for release; will have to be used in tandem with other systems to provide adequate coverage.

Ex-Libra looks good but also not fully developed.

VIRL is upgrading from Innovative (III) *Millenium* to *Sierra* soon.

Evergreen Sitka presented at Camosun College recently. Emily Carr uses it - likes the fast local response at this open source ILS – but may not be adequate for the larger institutions? Systems people at SFU were particularly interested in it. *Sitka Evergreen* can accommodate all sizes of libraries – *not* just smaller ones. Acquisitions is an added service – Emily Carr subscribes to that.

Bibliomondo Portfolio (Quebec) used at the College of Physicians and Surgeons; serials, circulation, acquisitions modules not utilized.

LibWorld is cloud-based and fairly small: Lynn B reports it is used at Vancouver Art Gallery Library

Many public schools use *Follett* (Surrey and Burnaby school districts do). Though can cater to large institutions, the cataloguing component is not as sophisticated, as it used programmed coding and is aimed at non-cataloguers. Authority work is clunky.

Polaris (owned by ILL but kept separate): Coquitlam Public Library (two branches) uses

TDS suggests: Check out Marshall Breeding's reports online to keep track of which ILS are being used where: <http://www.librarytechnology.org/>

5.4 Depository Services Program (DSP) has a new ILS and we can now access records directly from the DSP's Weekly Acquisitions Lists (formerly called the Weekly Checklist). Previously LAC would do the cataloguing. SFU has found the first file of DSP records unsatisfactory in many basic ways so far. There are no LC subject headings, they are using "Government of Canada core subject thesaurus" instead, and encoding level is 'z'. SFU has passed on their concerns to the DSP, and will keep the group posted on developments.

5.5 RIMMF (*RDA in Many Metadata Formats*)

No one responded to Janette's request for assistance from anyone who can instruct or demonstrate this skill set, which involves MARC-less resource description. May Chan let Janette know that she received training on RIMMF with Deborah Fritz back in 2013. She mentioned it is a good tool to use to see the theoretical applications of FRBR and apply RDA sans MARC21. Linda W has a presentation. RIMMF continues to develop, and Linda will look into it at CLA this year and report back.

The proceedings of the similar *Jane-athon* at ALA will be publicly posted. For more, see <http://alaac15.ala.org/node/29917> and <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/janein>

6. Other business

Query: KN wonders, is anyone using linked data authorities? Not yet – seems our current ILSs can't handle them

Progress on Bibframe. Audrey, Mac and Samantha are on the listserv – which is mostly abstract discussion about theory. Not much on there from/for cataloguers - and not much action of any kind on it now. Can refer to LC's bibframe site <http://www.loc.gov/bibframe/>

CapU and Emily Carr staff have been viewing some of the bibframe webinars – also pretty theoretical, but do demonstrate projects taken on at various institutions. Canadian players include Edmonton University and the University of Alberta

Proposals for BCCATS conference sessions for BCLA 2016:

- **BibFrame** - find someone who can speak to it. Who will develop it?
- **RDA** - Outside the Lower Mainland, there are still a lot of questions about the new standard. Would these folks be attending BCLA in numbers? (2016 location: not yet announced). What about a **RDA hackfest**? People come and bring their challenges – more interactive. This idea was popular. Who will develop it?
- Another **RDA non-print/media (1 day) preconference** workshop? (RViolette will develop this further)

(Nb – in this context, OLAC has come out with their guidelines, which are most helpful. See from homepage: <http://www.olacinc.org/drupal/?q=node/58>)

- **Hackfest on best practices for editing large vendor batches?** (VPL gave up on *OverDrive* bibs and catalogues the records in house –very slowly – using online source. (TDS will develop this further)
- VPL is preoccupied with **raising popular fiction's profile**; fiction records, especially Canadian, are often lean and low quality(note though, that VPL, Halifax and Hamilton do good fiction work, including application of subject headings). Smaller libraries in particular would be interested, but libraries at all levels are concerned with encouraging access and publicizing resources.

Cataloguing practitioners and readers' advisory people need to connect. They would need to develop the presentation together; is this feasible? If VPL were involved, would need to work fast to have it approved, in order for a VPL staffer to take part – latest by September. Samuel R will put this out on the listservs (BCLA and BCCATS).

Gretchen asked about a possible connection with levels for ESL? This aspect could be added.

Suggestion: post to the BCLA listservs to ask what members are interested in from us – to keep our presence front and centre. Sitka rep Jennifer P can also pass the word.

Agreed: Once the minutes are posted, those who are developing the various suggestions will cooperate on a common posting to present to the listservs

These decisions should ideally be made before our next meeting if possible – last year the deadline for presenting proposals was Dec. 10, and we did not submit anything for 2015.

At adjournment time, R Violette proposed thanks to Janette (finishing three-year term as Chair) and Karen N (finishing six years as Secretary), and to Samuel Richardson, VPL (our new Chair) and Karen Schendlinger, SD 41, Bby, (our new Secretary)

Janette thanked Linda Woodcock/Kwantlen Polytechnic for our lovely venue and goodies.

Next meeting

7.1 Date: Friday, September 18, 2015

7.2 Place: Vancouver Public Library? (tentative)

8. Adjournment

3:50 pm