

BCLA Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group (BCCATS)

Fall 2025 Hybrid Meeting: Thursday, November 13

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

In attendance:

Ryan Vernon (Langara College Library)	Patricia Pang (University of Victoria Library)
Shawna Buhler (BC Hydro Library & Archives)	Alexander Adrock (University of Victoria Library)
Richard Violette (Special Libraries Cataloguing; Greater Victoria Public Library)	Stacey Steil (Camosun College Library)
Stefan Hintersteiner (SFU Library)	Geoffrey Boyd (University of Northern BC Library)
Hardeep Nikolaev (Surrey Schools)	Miles Fuller (University of Victoria Library)
Heather Dahlgrin (Nelson Public Library)	Leah Stubbings (Thompson Rivers Uni Library)
Nicole Von Kledtke (KPU Library)	Suyu Dong (Justice Institute of BC Library)
Judy Taylor (KPU Library)	Andrea Gorgec (Burnaby Public Library)
Jennifer Pringle (BC Libraries Cooperative)	Kimberley Sutcliffe (Camosun College Library)
Carla Ganotisi (Surrey Schools)	Pam Killin (Burnaby Schools)
Alex Lee (Simon Fraser University Library)	Caroline Dobbeck (Richmond School District)
Harmony Croft (Douglas College Library)	Sarah Johnson (Surrey Libraries)
Laura Doublet (University of Victoria Library)	Alix Gullen (University of Victoria Library)
Cleire Lauron (KPU Library)	Glenda Lee-Jury (University of Victoria Library)
Laurette Walsh (Douglas College Library)	Emilie Ducharme (University of Victoria Library)
Hillary Webb (Emily Carr University Library)	Min He (University of Victoria Library)
Petra Sengbusch (Okanagan Regional Library)	Rhea Scott (University of Victoria Library)
Charlie Kambashi (Douglas College Library)	Leona Li (Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library)
Laura Green North (Van District Public Library)	Susie Jones (Vancouver Public Library)
Bree Barkwell (North Van District Public Library)	Gabrielle Acuña (Simon Fraser University Library)
Susan Gibbs (University of the Fraser Valley Library)	Isabel Dos Santos (Coquitlam Public Library)
Michelle Tang (University of the Fraser Valley)	Michael Baird (Okanagan Regional Library)
Evelyn Feldman (University of Victoria Library)	Lexi Mitchell (Northern Lights College Library)
Jacqueline Huck (Fraser Valley Regional Library)	Amy Farella (Okanagan Regional Library)
Hannah Cowell (Capilano University Library)	Sheri Willis (Okanagan Regional Library)
Steinunn Benjaminsson (VIRL)	Rosemary Cookson
Rujipa Laosin (Capilano University Library)	Rachel Rogers (GVPL)
Hannah Leprette (VIRL)	Susu Myint (Burnaby Public Library)
Emma Ritchie (Vancouver Island Regional Library)	Lisa Conceicao (Surrey School District)
Michael Haavisto (Capilano University Library)	Kathy Peters (Retired -formerly Douglas College)
Kaitlin Chang (Capilano University Library)	Narges Ansarin (West Vancouver Memorial Library)
Yizhi Ni (Capilano University Library)	Kelsey Witowich (Surrey School District)
Gwenda Bryan (Camosun College Library)	Julie Cole (Langara College Library)
Dean Seeman (University of Victoria Library)	Sue Andrews (UBC Library)
Kjell Cawsey (University of Victoria Library)	
Brian McGuinness (West Van Memorial Library)	

AGENDA

1. Welcome and acknowledgements

Welcome by Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian, University of Victoria.

2. Approval of the agenda (Ryan Vernon)

Agenda approved. No additions.

3. Approval of minutes for Spring 2025 meeting (Ryan Vernon)

Minutes approved.

4. Award Acknowledgement (Ryan Vernon)

Kathy Peters was recognized for winning the BCCATS J. McRee Elrod Leadership Award in 2025. The award was presented at the BCLA conference in May 2025. The membership recognized Kathy who was in attendance at the BCCATS meeting for her contributions to the field.

5. Discussion: Acquisitions (Michael Baird, Okanagan Regional Library)

The membership discussed various aspects of acquisitions. This session was facilitated by Michael Baird who asked the discussion panel a series of prompts.

Discussion Panel:

- Judy Taylor – Technical Services Coordinator, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU)
- Amy Farella – Temporary head of acquisitions, Okanagan Regional Library
- Michael Baird – Head of Technical Services, Okanagan Regional Library

Prompts:

- **When making selections for the Indigenous community, how do you source materials to ensure appropriate/authentic authors and materials?**

Panel members responses included selecting from Indigenous authors, publishers, bookstores, specifying criteria for defining Indigenous authors/materials, and having an Indigenous Librarian as a selector.

- **How do you manage acquisition of non-English materials?**

Responses included consulting with staff who are native language speakers and using local bookstores that focus on specific languages.

- **What are the top three things you really wish you had known when you started in Acquisitions?**

Panel members discussed understanding variability among vendors, communicating between different departments, workflows, and handling different formats.

Other topics discussed included:

- Handling different formats and budget cycles
- Managing and selecting multiple vendors
- The continuance of print in libraries

BREAK (12:30-12:40)

6. Continuing Education Committee name change proposal (5 min) (Richard Violette)

Continuing Education (CE) Committee have proposed changing the committee's name to the Professional Development (PD) Committee.

The reason for the change is that BCLA does not provide credentials for education, and that what the work of the committee is more aligned with professional development.

Membership voted in favour of this change.

7. RDA Presentation (Laura Doublet – University of Victoria, Cleire Lauron - KPU, Susie Jones-Vancouver Public Library)

The presenters introduced official RDA for the membership. Topics included:

- Tips for getting started with official RDA
- Changed terminology and RDA/PCC updates
- RDA training in Canada Working Group

Future activities related to RDA training include:

- RDA Communications Bulletin: <https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/rda/communications-committee/>
- OLA Superconference Preconference Workshop, January 28-30, 2026
- BCLA Conference Preconference Workshop, April 22-24, 2026

8. Elections (Ryan Vernon)

Position of Secretary will be open after next meeting. Asked membership to think about nominations for the role. The election for Secretary will happen in the Spring 2026 meeting.

9. Reports

9.1 Continuing Education Committee (Andrea Gorgec)

The committee added two new members since the last meeting: Rujipa Laison, Andrea Gorgec.

BCCATS Continuing Education Committee sponsored a session at this year's BCLA conference: DEIAR Me: Respect and Acknowledgement in the catalogue.

Committee reached out to Laura Doublet, Cleire Lauron, and Susie Jones about RDA training.

9.2 CFLA CMSC (Cataloguing & Metadata Standards Committee) (Ryan Vernon)

This last report from CMSC is to announce it is no longer active as CFLA has transitioned from standing committees to task forces.

9.3 PCC Task Group on Vocabularies, Languages, and Scripts Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (Cleire Lauron)

This is a new group from PCC based on the Task Group for Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas.

See wiki page for more information:

<https://wiki.lyrasis.org/plugins/servlet/mobile?contentId=388694049#content/view/388694049>

10. Other business arising

Sue Andrews let the membership know that the [Canadian Committee on Cataloguing](#) remains active, and that they are finalizing the report for year 2024.

11. Meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Roundtable Reports



Surrey Libraries Roundtable Report- BCCATS November Meeting, 2025

Library Updates

The Newcomer Welcome Centre officially opened in September, with the grand opening taking place November 7th. The NWC is a friendly and welcoming space for newcomers, where staff can connect them with library resources, and services in the community to support them in their settlement journey. The collection consists of books in several languages, global fiction, ELL materials, Indigenous titles, general interest titles, and a small children's area. Computers are available as well as printing/copying/scanning services. The centre is open 7 days a week and is located on the 4th floor of the City Centre Branch.

Staffing Changes

Our Chief Librarian, Surinder Bhogal, announced her retirement and the Library Board has begun the recruitment process for a successor to take over in early 2026.

Sarah Johnson started in the role of Cataloguing Librarian, after Zach Foote stewarded the work during her leave.

Our cataloguing department will be hiring an additional full-time cataloguer to the current complement of 3 full-time and one part-time staff. This is exciting news, and we are considering how to maximize staff space in the department and evaluating training procedures in anticipation of welcoming new staff.

Cataloguing Updates

Work continues on our ongoing project to catalogue all of the World Language collections. All new collection codes have been established and we are working on streamlining our processes as we learn. We are collaborating with our vendors to receive more complete on-order records when we place our 2026 world language orders. This will cut down on the amount of staff time it currently takes to search for appropriate records and edit them, especially when language expertise is lacking.

We will be cataloguing our O'Reilly eBook collection in the near future. Work is underway to establish parameters for which records we want to appear in the catalogue using the OCLC collection manager tool, how to manage the 50000+ records in the collection, and workflow guidelines for our staff.



BCCATS Round Table Report November 2025

BC Libraries Cooperative

Submitted by Jennifer Pringle

Sitka Consortium

Currently 107 libraries at 219 locations in 3 provinces are using a shared ILS Evergreen.

BC Libraries Cooperative Recent and Current Projects in Technical Services:

[Decolonizing Description](#) – Under guidance from the Sitka Cataloguing Working Group, Co-op staff updated subject headings in the Sitka catalogue using the term Indians of North America to instead use the term Indigenous Peoples of North America. The updated subject headings have a second indicator of 7 with a \$2SITKALIST as per Sitka's Cataloguing Policy.

[https://docs.libraries.coop/policy/cataloguing_standards.html# subject headings](https://docs.libraries.coop/policy/cataloguing_standards.html#subject_headings)

Indigenous Peoples of North America was chosen as it is inclusive, retains the ability for users to search broadly by "North America", and removes the geographical subdivision challenge (where a subject heading may end up with redundant subdivisions if a \$zNorth America was to be added).

Maintenance scripts are now in place to check for new occurrences of the subject headings Indians of North America and Eskimo. These scripts run nightly and update new headings to use Indigenous Peoples of North America and Inuit instead.

Co-op Support Related to Cataloguing and Acquisitions:

[Continuing Training](#) – In June Co-op Support and NNELS staff attended the Beyond Hope conference in Prince George and jointly presented a session which included best practices for cataloguing accessible devices and formats.

Library Schools – The BC Libraries Cooperative continues to provide access to our Evergreen training server to classes at the Library and Information Technology programs at UFV and Langara. The training server currently runs Evergreen 3.14.4.

Library Services & Spaces

- Camosun College Langford at the John Horgan campus opened in September. This is a new building that provides shared spaces with courses offered from Royal Roads University (RRU), the University of Victoria (UVic), the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), and Camosun College. It will also include space for programming from School District 62 (Sooke). The core student services are provided by RRU. Library items, including books and ID cards, are delivered to this campus once a week for now.
- Due to students accumulating high fines on reserve items and laptops, we have changed our patron threshold for undergrad students. Students are now unable to borrow or renew items if their fines exceed \$25, but overdue items will still continue to accumulate fines past that amount. We are still a no-fines library for the regular collection.

Library Systems & Technology

- Library Bound – With the pending demise of Oasis, we began the search for a new print book supplier over the summer. After some testing and discussions, we began ordering from Library Bound, a Canadian wholesaler based in Vancouver. Primarily a public library supplier, they have been very responsive to our needs and so far, we are happy with their services.
- EReserves Plus – we are currently onboarding this new Reading List tool that will be integrated into our LMS (Brightspace/D2L), allowing faculty to link directly to articles from the library's discovery layer (EDS) and ensure copyright compliance etc. The implementation is being led by our Copyright Advisor.

Cataloguing & Collections

- The BC Libraries Co-op's Sitka Cataloguing Working Group has been working hard to remove harmful terms from the catalogue records. The LC subject heading "Indians of North America" has now officially been replaced with "Indigenous Peoples of North America" using the indicators \7 and \$2SITKALIST as the source.
- To encourage more browsing, library users visiting the Interurban Library will now find the *Readers* and *Children's* collections alongside curated thematic displays that are refreshed monthly. Front and centre with these collections are also the *New Books* display, [Graphic Novels](#), and the *Recreational Reading* collections. The development of these displays allows us to spread out the books and feature more front-facing covers.
- The library also has newly designated display spaces at both Lansdowne and Interurban campuses to showcase [Authentic Indigenous Voices](#) (AIV) designated resources. AIV resources highlight Indigenous-authored content and have been newly marked with spine labels to help readers identify the works while browsing the stacks.

Staffing

- Significant college budget cuts resulted in the loss of 1 FTE librarian and 1 full time library technician position. Some portfolio areas have been shifted to absorb these losses, and some projects or initiatives may be put on hold
- Also lost was the Makerspace Manager position. The Makerspace currently has 1 part time Technician, with occasional support from library staff.

Douglas College Library – BCCATS roundtable report, 2025 fall

Staffing

- The Open Education Librarian retired and the position has since been filled
- The Scholarly Communications Librarian retired and the position has since been filled
- With a few changes to Librarian roles internally, the Outreach Librarian position is currently unfilled
- Our second cataloguer retired. The position is currently unfilled

Collection & services

- The Coquitlam campus has been undergoing major renovations
 - The Learning Center has been moved into the library space
 - Moving of furniture, shelves, and other renovations has prompted a look at the library space and its collection. The Monograph Collection Librarian is looking at weeding in conjunction with other subject Librarians
- TS has been working on a label refresh, updating labels that have faded or damaged
- Our processing staff has been working on updating and repairing media equipment tags
- Our acquisition staff has been updating periodical records with up to date inventory

Metadata & systems

- A local Indigenous vocabulary has been created to capture any harmful language around Indigenous headings that have not yet been revised by LCSH and CSH. This vocabulary was created referencing the extensive work that the following libraries have already done for their local Indigenous vocabulary: [UBC's First Nations House of Learning](#), [Greater Vancouver Public Library](#), [Manitoba Archival Information Network](#), and the [Canadian Research and Knowledge Network](#)
 - Our cataloguer is using a combination of our local Indigenous vocabulary, LCSH, and CSH when cataloguing Indigenous material
 - Project details and outlines are underway for updating previously catalogued records with newly created local Indigenous terms
- We have integrated the Homosaurus vocabulary as well
 - This vocabulary will be used when cataloguing new material that have LGBTQ+ content
 - Our cataloguer is working on updating previously catalogued material with this new vocabulary, starting with our smaller collection of Zines
- We have moved on from OCLC services. We are currently using BookWhere for cataloguing
- We are using Backstage for LCSH authority maintenance while local Indigenous vocabulary and CSH are locally maintained

Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) Library Roundtable Report

BCCATS November Meeting, 2025

Library services and spaces

In collaboration with the JIBC Health & Safety department, The Library has added a new ergonomic equipment collection to the Library. This collection is available to JIBC employees that have received a referral from Health and Safety. Some highlighted equipment from this collection includes ergonomic keyboards and mice, footrests, monitors and laptop stands.

The Library recently hosted a new noon-hour Copyright Mini-Series of workshops where instructors can learn more about a specific copyright topic in 30 minutes or less. These workshops are recommended for anyone developing and designing course materials or working with copyrighted materials in a classroom setting.

JIBC now has a new study booth for students. Located outside the theatre on the New Westminster campus, this study booth is the perfect space for students to focus on their studies or participate in an online class or a virtual meeting. This private and (almost) soundproof study booth features power outlets, USB ports, air vents, and a lamp to create a comfortable and calm atmosphere. Along with six study rooms in the Library, the study booth can be reserved with Library staff for two-hour sessions.

Cataloguing updates

JIBC Library has created a new subject heading in our catalogue to represent works written by Indigenous authors. Searching for the subject heading “Indigenous authors” will now bring up almost 300 works identified in our collection as having at least one Indigenous author. (Thanks to KPU Library who inspired this initiative!)

JIBC Library awarded SSHRC Institutional Grant

JIBC Library has recently been selected as one of the recipients of the JIBC SSHRC Institutional Grant–Explore award and has received \$7,000 in research funding. JIBC Librarians will participate in this project called “Filling the Gaps”, working closely with students and staff in their liaison departments. A student research assistant has been hired to assist with the project.

This research project will focus on exploring the challenges of supporting international students in developing library research skills within JIBC, as well as in other post-secondary educational institutions, and will include a literature review. Specifically, the project aims to identify knowledge gaps that hinder the effective development of library research skills among international students at JIBC by conducting surveys and interviews with these students.

Although the landscape is changing, supporting international students remains a challenge. While some research has been conducted on international postsecondary students in Canada, little has been reported on the library research skill competencies of these students. This research project will have broader implications for how academic librarians teach and support international students.

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Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Prepared by: Cleire Lauron, Metadata & Discovery Librarian
November 13, 2025

Collections/Cataloguing

- We have expanded our ɣʷəɣwéyəm Indigenous Collection with vibrant new materials that promote interactive learning and cultural engagement. Our Surrey Campus Library now offers themed storytime kits, puppets, games, and other educational tools created by Indigenous authors and designers from a BC-based Indigenous-owned business. These resources are available to KPU students, employees, educators, childcare providers, and community members. Many thanks to the TS team for their care and expertise in cataloguing and processing these materials, ensuring that they are discoverable and respectfully represented in our catalogue. More information: <https://libguides.kpu.ca/library/news/New-Additions-to-the-Indigenous-Collection-21575>
- Work continues on adding the “Indigenous authors” creator/contributor tags (386/690 MARC tag) on works by Indigenous authors.

Library Updates

- Self-serve braille printing is now available at our Surrey Campus Library. The new braille embosser is one of the first in Western Canada to be open to the public for fully self-serve use. This new service significantly advances universal access and equity in printing for students and community members, particularly those with visual disabilities. This service is complimentary for instructors (printing documents to support their students), and available for a fee to other users. More information: <https://www.kpu.ca/news/2025/02/05/kpu-introduces-self-serve-braille-printer-university-and-community-use>

Staffing Updates

- The university is in the process of assembling a search committee for the next University Librarian as our current UL, Todd Mundle, prepares for retirement (May 2026).
- Two of our librarians will also be retiring at the end of the year: Denise Dale (Archives) and Sigrid Kargut (Liaison Librarian for Design, Asian Studies, History, Political Science, Sociology).
- In May, we’ve hired Melissa Lupton as our interim Cataloguing & Metadata Technician. Melissa has done an excellent job supporting our cataloguing workflows and projects. We deeply appreciate her dedication and contributions over the past months, and we look forward to welcoming Brigitte Liang (Cataloguing & Metadata Technician) back in December.

Presentations

- Cleire Lauron presented at the Association of College and Research Libraries RBMS (Rare Books and Manuscripts Section) Conference in June (hosted by Yale University). Her presentation, *Decolonizing Classification: Brian Deer Indigenous Classification Implementation at Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library*, explored KPU Library’s practical application of a modified BDCS to organize our Indigenous-focused collection

Langara College Library Technical Services Report for BCCATS

Recent months have seen a time of significant change at Langara College and within the Library. The international student enrollment crisis, driven by government limits on the number of international students permitted to study in Canada, has resulted in considerable financial pressure. Langara is contracting accordingly, with layoffs occurring across the institution, including within Library Services.

TS or Collections Projects and Updates

During the current fiscal year, the Library was asked to curtail collections spending as much as possible. Monograph purchasing has been limited to instructor-initiated requests or essential titles. For the upcoming fiscal year (FY27), Technical Services has prepared a budget that represents a 15 percent reduction from the previous year.

Specific collections decisions include the cancellation of:

- Choice Reviews Online
- Daily Life Through History
- Sage Business Cases
- Wiley Online journal package
- World Book Online and World Book ebooks

Budgets for books and media have also been reduced.

ILS Review

A cross functional group representing units from across Library Services recently completed an Integrated Library System review. The group recommended that Langara proceed with a competitive process to adopt a modern ILS. Due to current financial constraints, this project has been paused.

Staffing Changes or Reorganizations

The Library has experienced the loss of four CUPE positions and two Faculty positions. Of particular note, long time Acquisitions and Cataloguing Technician Sandy Ragan retired after a thirty-five year career at Langara. Upon her retirement, her position was closed.

Within Technical Services, the processing position has also been closed. Because these changes are very recent, the full impact on workflows and service levels is still being assessed.

Other News

Langara's institutional repository, the LaIR, has joined other ARCA member repositories in offering student self submissions.

With the closure of MARCive, Technical Services continues to manage authority control in house.

Okanagan Regional Library BCCATS Roundtable Report, Fall 2025

Collections:

- Deficiencies in Vendor records for our Multilingual collection have been identified. We will be sourcing a translation service to help us clean up (and keep) our records legible to the multiple different language communities we serve.
- With the elimination of the CELA disc service we have a large volume of new material to put into the system for one last time. Future years will likely see many more Envoy Connect devices being added in to make up for the discs.

ORL changes:

- Upgrades to facilities have been taking place all summer. Some branches have received the first coat of paint in decades. Work that is long overdue and greatly appreciated by the community.
- We have a new systems material handling coordinator. Currently we are looking for a temporary full-time library technician.

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Simon Fraser University Library

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Submitted by Stefan Hintersteiner

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Staffing Notes

In June, RAMM filled the Acquisitions role of Ordering & Receiving Assistant (temporary full-time until April 10, 2026).

In September, RAMM hired two new staff members in the roles of Access & Discovery Specialists (full-time, continuing). The A&D Specialist is a newly-created position that combines the duties of the Metadata Assistant (or Cataloguer) with those of the Ej-Admin (E-Serials) Assistant. Our new staff members are receiving training in both areas and will in future be assigned as needed to either the Metadata or the Ej-Admin units, or be split between the two. The new hires have already provided RAMM with enough increased capacity to tackle a number of long-overdue catalogue clean-up projects.

A competition is currently underway for the Head, Medical Library. Reporting to Dean of Libraries Gohar Ashoughian, the new Head, Medical Library will be based at SFU's Fraser Campus. They will have the challenging assignment of building up the Medical Library's collections and staffing in a relatively short period of time as the Medical School prepares to welcome its first cohort of 48 students in September, 2026. At this time, there are still many unknowns as to how the needs of the Medical School and the Medical Library will affect the rest of the Library, especially with regard to RAMM and to Collections. As has been widely publicized in the media, the SFU Medical School is Western Canada's first new medical school in nearly 60 years. The school received preliminary accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in mid-October, and is now accepting applications for the aforementioned initial student intake.

The Library continues to grapple with the effects of University-wide budget challenges, which manifest themselves particularly in reductions to collections funds and in a hiring freeze for CUPE positions. The University also recently announced a Voluntary Retirement Program (VRP) for CUPE, APSA, and APEX staff, with retirements in effect February 28, 2026. The full impact that the VRP may have on the Library, where we already have quite lean staffing levels in many areas, is not yet known.

Library Updates

Work has concluded on the processing (cataloguing and physical prep) of the initial 22 items (art prints by B.C. Indigenous artists) in the Salish Weave Teaching Collection. This is a fully circulating collection housed in Bennett Library's Indigenous Curriculum Resource Centre (ICRC). The prints are now in place in the ICRC and are already being borrowed for use (as intended) as teaching resources in classes.

The renovations to Bennett Library's 5th floor have concluded, and after several years, the floor is fully open to staff and to the public once again. Water ingress mitigation work continues on the 6th and 7th floors with vinyl sheeting recently being installed on the roof of Bennett Library.

The Library is in the early planning stages of a migration of its discovery layer, Primo Classic, to a newer version of Primo (VE/NDE). SFU Library is one of the few remaining institutions still using Primo Classic, which now receives only annual updates to address basic system stability. Primo VE/NDE is the flagship product and as such, receives quarterly updates of enhancements and new features. The Library plans to launch Primo VE/NDE in Summer 2026.

On October 6, the SFU Senate reviewed and passed the final version of the 2025–30 Academic Plan. In early 2026, the Library will begin work to align the Academic Plan: Library to the University-wide plan.

Finally, inspired by our colleagues at other local institutions, and following an extensive internal consultation process, the Library is preparing to publish a *Commitment to Equitable Acquisition Practices and Use of Respectful Language in Library Description* to its website. The preamble reads “SFU Library is committed to creating an inclusive, accessible, and equitable environment — including in library collections. We commit to ethical and equitable practices in acquiring, describing, and providing access to library and archival materials.” The complete statement will soon (mid-November, 2025) be available to view via the following link:

<https://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/overview/policies/edi/library-materials-respectful-description-acquisition>

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Surrey Schools – Learning Resources Services

Fall 2025

Staffing

We continue to be understaffed and still have four library techs but require six to complete all tasks/projects expected from our department. We are currently unable to fill one Library Tech position which became vacant through retirement, as there is a hiring freeze.

Cataloguing

Despite being understaffed, we have managed to clear our cataloguing backlog and stay within our targeted date range.

Projects

Two new elementary schools are opening this school year, one was completed in September 2025, and the second will be completed in January 2026. Over the summer our department ordered, catalogued and processed the library collections and learning resources that will be used in each school.

Our usual spring/summer projects were completed which include ordering, cataloguing and processing sets of award books for all our elementary and secondary schools for the new school year. There are five different award programs, and our schools enjoy using the books for programming all year round.

Due to Teacher Librarian demand, we have started offering library collection inventories when time and staffing allow. To date, we have completed eight inventories from school requests and there are six more that are booked for November and December. Two library techs and one warehouse clerk from our department go to school sites that have requested an inventory and scan the entire library collection. We also provide a comprehensive Follett Titlewise report of the collection, upon request by the TL.

We are also taking steps to move the French Immersion collection from a current site to a new French Immersion school opening in January 2026. This will require physically moving the collection of approximately 1790 titles from the old site to our warehouse for reprocessing (physical stamping, etc.) and linking to the new site.

The textbook catalogue records for three of our Learning Centre sites were converted to library records and merged into one site. Our Learning Centres have moved away from using textbook manager for many years and have been unofficially adding their textbooks to library manager. These records were converted and moved to a new site using MarcEdit.

University of the Fraser Valley Library

BCCATS Roundtable Report

Fall 2025

Submitted by Susan Gibbs, Cataloguing Technician

Technical services staffing:

- Kenley Neufeld is our new Systems and Cataloguing Librarian but has recently stepped into the role of Acting University Librarian. Kenley will still look after some of the main systems and cataloguing duties.
- Taylor Wandfluh has been training in cataloguing and now provides back-up assistance.

Other news:

- Changes to our collections plus cross-training of staff in have prompted us to update our cataloguing policy & procedures manual. We are looking at switching from the old word doc to something more efficient.
- We hoped to replace our longtime ILS (SirsiDynix Symphony) in the next couple of years but could not secure the funding.



FALL 2025 – BCCATS Roundtable Report

Staffing:

- Our departmental head position has remained vacant since the previous incumbent retired in August 2024. The previous title for this position was Divisional Manager, Collections & Support Services. The job description was recently revised and the position has been upgraded to Assistant Director, Library Services, Content Discovery and User Experience. The position has been posted on [VIRL's website](#) and the [Partnership Job Board](#). Applications close on November 22.
- The Customer Service Librarian II, Collections & Support Services position, was also vacant from March – November 2024. This position oversees two Collections Technicians, two Acquisitions Assistants, and three Shipper/Receivers.
- Other roles in the department are the CSL II, e-Resources; the Circulation Coordinator; the Manager, Library Systems and Service Solutions. These positions, along with the CSL II, Collections & Support Services, report directly to the recently posted Assistant Director position mentioned above.

Recent Initiatives/Activities:

- Over the summer, we prepared for the September 3 launch of our new OPAC platform, Innovative Interfaces' VEGA. Our previous OPAC platform was Encore.
- VEGA is still a work in progress and we have been submitting enhancement requests to improve the functionality. We have also made modifications to our back end catalogue in order to improve access to catalogue entries. Some examples include:
 - Creation of multiple "on order" material types.
 - Alignment of variant titles/subtitles to ensure roll-up of same works.
 - New indexing of some fields.
 - Addition of subject headings to co-locate genres.
- We recently added 15 [Digital Radon Detector Kits](#) to our collection.
- To offset the service gap resulting from the closure of CELA's CD delivery service, we recently added about 400 Talking Books to our collection.
- Our new [Masset branch](#) officially opened on September 13 and our department handled its Opening Day collection, as well as worked remotely with branch staff to help assess the local collection and make additions to its Reference collection.
- Over the past year, we have been troubleshooting the ongoing work action by Canada Post. Our 39 branches maintain a floating collection, spread across a massive geographic area; we rely heavily on the postal service to assist in moving our collection between branches and to patrons who live within our service area, but at a distance from the nearest library branch.

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West Vancouver Memorial Library

November 2025

Library updates

- West Vancouver Memorial Library will mark its 75th Anniversary on November 11, 2025.
- 75th Anniversary events have happened throughout 2025 with recent ones including the Recorded Library Stories interactive display, 75 Years In Focus Gallery, the book launch of *West Vancouver Library Stories* and the unveiling of a LEGO replica WVML.
- The seismic upgrade and renovation of the Mezzanine Level has been completed and is now open to the public. Collections have been shifted and the Mezzanine now houses the World Language collections, Language Learning, the West Vancouver Collection, Reference and Graphic Novels.
- Following the success of last year's Skw'shítsut/Skw'shétsut - Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim language kit the library has launched the Skw'shítsut/Skw'shétsut - Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim storytime kit. The storytime kit includes stories, songs, felt figures and sound recordings.
- The North Shore Authors 2025-2026 Collection will be launched on November 15. It is a special collection that highlights works by local authors. It is jointly run by North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library.
- The library has welcomed our second Sound Artist in Residence to lead programs with our Recording Studio.
- The library has introduced Farsi Staff Picks to feature titles from the Persian collection. The list will continue to grow, with new selections added to promote and increase the visibility of the collection.

Cataloguing updates

- The Cataloguing Department is experimenting with new workflows to improve efficiency.
- This summer the Cataloguing Department took the MarcEdit Course through Library Juice to help improve our skills.
- The loanable technology offerings continue to expand. Cataloguing is currently working on adding portable CD players, Laptop chargers and updated Chromebooks.

BCCATS Roundtable Report

Coquitlam Public Library

Fall 2025

Staffing

Our small team is currently thriving. We have made several changes over the past year to simplify and streamline our collections.

We are also in the beginning stages of developing more robust internal documentation for our technical services procedures, particularly around ILS workflows. If anyone is willing to share some of their best practices in this area, it would be greatly appreciated.

Collections

Earlier this fall, we launched two new Lendable Tech devices, the Cricut Joy and the Nintendo Classic Mini, to great success. Both have been very popular with patrons and are seeing strong circulation.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are exploring the possibility of introducing several new collections in addition to the Indigenous Core Collection already confirmed for early in the year. These potential additions include vinyl records, an Express Video Games collection, 4K movies, as well as adding a new language to compliment our Multilingual collection.

Our City Centre branch is currently undergoing a refresh and renovation project. While the library remains open throughout, some parts of our collections have been temporarily unavailable during this time.

In response to significant price growth in Hoopla this year, we made several adjustments to help manage costs while maintaining access. Changes included reducing monthly checkouts and introducing some price caps. We also discontinued the API integration that previously allowed Hoopla titles to appear in our catalogue, meaning that discoverability is now limited to the Hoopla app and website. While we initially received some negative feedback from patrons, most have been understanding of the need to make these adjustments. As a result, we are now seeing more sustainable monthly spending in this area and will continue to monitor usage and growth moving forward.

Cataloguing

We are continuing to create and document procedures for record maintenance, including deletion of outdated or unlinked bibliographic records and authority records.

- Authority Records: Maintenance currently includes deletion of unlinked authority records and fixing duplicate or problem records.

- Bibliographic Records: Maintenance procedures are still in development, but we are currently purging deleted records that are over three years old.

We are working to streamline our headings, especially genre headings. Working with vendors can present challenges with ensuring that we don't have redundant headings. For example, we had approximately five separate headings for picture books.

Our Indigenous subject heading remediation project is ostensibly complete, although we will continue to monitor the database for sneaky subject headings that make their way in via our vendors. Our next focus will likely be on reviewing 2SLGBTQIA+ headings.

We recently began incorporation of our Juvenile Paperback collection into the main Juvenile collection. While it can be difficult to make large-scale collection changes, we found that this change was fairly easy to accomplish without too much friction, by first making the change with our vendor. Any incoming materials will be incorporated into the correct collection, and our circulation staff will shift the items gradually. Our paperback collection will shrink and the 'main' collection will grow over time.

Systems

Over the past several months, the Library has completed a number of significant systems projects, most notably the migration of the Library website to Biblioweb, which officially launched in September 2025. Additional recent accomplishments include the installation of a new AMHS at our City Centre Library in October 2025, the replacement of all public PCs, and an update to our Polaris ILS version (7.7).



University of Victoria Roundtable Report – BCCATS Fall Meeting, 2025

Collection Management Services (Acquisitions & Electronic Resources, Metadata, Digitization and Digital Collections, Interlibrary Loans)

Prepared by Dean Seeman (Director of Collections & Digital Infrastructure), Laura Doublet (Head of Metadata), Evelyn Feldman (Head of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources)

Staffing Updates since Spring 2025:

Departures

- Debbie Almisurati, Electronic Resources Assistant (retired spring 2025)

Arrivals

- Miles Fuller, Acquisitions and Electronic Resources Assistant
- Emilie Ducharme, Electronic Resources Assistant (November 2025)

Other Changes

- Dean Seeman became Director of Collections and Digital Infrastructure (July 2025)
- Karen Dykes (formerly Supervisor for Digital Collections Metadata) is now Digital Collections Operations Manager

Metadata

- Our focus continues to be archives and special collections material as print material in need of description continues to decline. Almost all electronic resource records now come through the Community Zone in Alma.
- Min He, one of our Senior Metadata Assistants, continues to contribute to the NACO CJK Funnel and is also reviewing newly released draft of Chinese Rare Book Description and Access.
- Michael Radmacher, our grant-funded Transgender Archives Metadata Librarian, continues to work through metadata creation (and its ethical implications) for audio-visual material from the Rikki Swinn collection.
- Dean Seeman is Chair of the PCC as of October 1st.





- Laura Doublet continues to develop training for the official RDA Toolkit and is a member of the PCC RDA Implementation Task Group, PCC SCT Committee on Training Task Group: Monographs, RDA Training in Canada Working Group, and the RBMS RDA Editorial Group.
- February 17-19, Laura Doublet will be hosting a Rare Book Cataloguing Workshop. The workshop will focus on describing 16-17 century monographs using the Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials – Books (DCRM(B)). Deborah J. Leslie, Senior Cataloger at the Folger Shakespeare Library, will be the guest instructor.

Acquisitions and Electronic Resources

- We have avoided needing to make any significant cancellations in collections this year. We have also not added any major new subscriptions. Our main budgetary challenge this year has been the impact of the USD exchange.
- We continue to follow an e-preferred, “just in time” request-based model for monograph acquisitions, relying on EBAs and eBook packages for the majority of our book access. We recently concluded the title selection processes and renewals of all of our EBAs over the summer.
- As noted above, we have welcomed several new faces into new positions in the unit this year, and these last six months have had a significant focus on training and refreshing existing processes.

Interlibrary Loan

- Interlibrary loans are undergoing significant change as UVic migrates away from Relais and to Alma Resource Sharing as our primary ILL System. Tariffs, customs charges, and the Canada Post work stoppage have all combined to create some short-term uncertainty. However, we still continue to borrow and lend material in spite of these challenges.

Collection Management Services

- UVic will begin to undertake a Comprehensive Deselection project this winter. This project will see the entire physical collection reviewed and decisions made on retention and deselection.

Vancouver Public Library BCCATS Roundtable Report

November 12, 2025

Susie Jones, Cataloguing Librarian,
Bibliographic Services (BSV)

Cataloguing updates:

1. RDA updates:

Training for the transition to official RDA is a priority for BSV. We continue to work on bridge training for staff, and revised full cataloguing training as we hope to take on new staff. Application profiles are being created for monographs in all formats. Training for name authorities and serials will wait for PCC guidance. Cataloguing Librarian Susie Jones participates in the *RDA Training in Canada Working Group*; she is also co-chair of the *SCT RDA Training Group for Name Authorities*, and a member of the *RDA Implementation Task Group* and of the *RDA Communications Committee*.

2. NACO updates:

Cataloguing Librarian May Hmaidan is the NACO Canada funnel coordinator. She informs members of upcoming training opportunities, and connects those interested with trainers at the Library of Congress. After training, she is responsible for reviewing their work until they are determined competent to contribute to the Name Authority File independently. New members are always welcome to join: check the Canada NACO funnel page here: <https://www.vpl.ca/nacocanada>

4. Conference presentations:

Susie Jones will be co-presenting the preconference workshop *Cataloguing with Official RDA from Toolkit to Record: Breaking Down the Workflow* at OLA Superconference 2026 with members of the *RDA in Canada Working Group*. She also co-presented the workshop *Demystifying RDA: Navigating the Official RDA Toolkit Together* at this year's BCLA 2025 with Laura Doublet and Cleire Lauron, members of the same working group.

5. Notable new subject headings:

Cataloguing Librarian Virginia Ho collects the monthly list of new subject headings added. Interesting headings this quarter include:

- Toadyism
- Rights of nature
- Like (The English word)
- Praise in social media
- Fish sounds
- Wonder in children
- Romantic fantasy fiction (a locally established genre heading)

7. Update on Gulf of Mexico and Mount Denali place name headings:

BSV devised our own solution to the problem of place names changed by the Trump administration such as the Gulf of Mexico and Mount Denali. We used the LC authority record but stripped out any LC identifiers, effectively turning it into a local modified record. Then, the 1XX and 4XX can be flipped without having the record overlaid at the next authorities load.

8. Staffing updates:

Earlier this year, we welcomed Madoka Hara to her new permanent cataloguing position. Madoka had previously been an auxiliary catalogue assistant and also has extensive public service experience.

Sara Amon is the new Head of Bibliographic Services. Sara comes to the department from a digital collections role where she focused on access and discovery for electronic resources and ebooks.

New CEO at VPL

VPL's new CEO is Ben Hyman, who joined us from Vancouver Island Regional Library in July.