

BCLA Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group (BCCATS)
Spring 2026 Hybrid Meeting: Tuesday, April 21
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

In attendance:

Ryan Vernon (Langara College Library)	Yizhi Ni (Capilano University Library)
Shawna Buhler (BC Hydro Library & Archives)	Alex Lee (SFU Library)
Richard Violette (Special Libraries Cataloguing; Greater Victoria Public Library)	Allison Jones (Greater Victoria Public Library)
Stefan Hintersteiner (SFU Library)	Bree Barkwell (North Vancouver District Public Library)
Brigitte Liang (KPU Library)	Brian McGuinness (West Vancouver Memorial Library)
Andrea Gorgec (Burnaby Public Library)	Charlie Kambashi (Douglas College Library)
Cleire Lauron (KPU Library)	Gabrielle Acuña (SFU Library)
Judy Taylor (KPU Library)	Gwenda Bryan (Camosun College Library)
Meghan Vieweg (Coquitlam Public Library)	Hannah Cowell (Capilano University Library)
Tamarack Hockin (Capilano University Library)	Hannah Leprette (Vancouver Island Regional Library)
Nicole Von Kledtke (KPU Library)	Harmony Croft (Douglas College Library)
Leana Li (KPU Library)	Kaitlin Change (Capilano University Library)
Michelle Tang (University of the Fraser Valley Library)	Laura Green (North Vancouver District Library)
Steinunn Benjaminsson (Vancouver Island Regional Library)	Pam Killin (Burnaby Schools Library)
Sanny Lai	Rachel Rogers (Greater Victoria Public Library)
Susie Jones (Vancouver Public Library)	Rosemary Cookson
Anna Loster (Legislative Library of British Columbia)	Sara Wong (Burnaby Schools Library)
Rujipa Laosin (Capilano University Library)	Sarah Johnson (Surrey Libraries)
Tinny Ka	Susan Gibbs (University of the Fraser Valley Library)
Dean Seeman (University of Victoria Library)	Suyu Dong (Justice Institute of British Columbia Library)

AGENDA

1. Welcome and acknowledgements

Welcome to Kwantlen Polytechnic University, University Librarian Todd Mundle.

2. Approval of the agenda (Ryan Vernon)

Agenda approved.

Two additions:

1. Attendees (in person and online) introduced themselves at this point in the meeting
2. Addition of Roundtable update (see 9.1)

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

Minutes approved.

4. Awards (Ryan Vernon)

BCCATS J. McRee Elrod Leadership Award will be awarded this year at BCLA Conference on Friday, April 24.

Request for approval of Awards Committee updated Terms of Reference (TOR).

Two changes:

- Nominations for the award are submitted through the [BCLA Awards Nominations Portal](#). This has been the practice for the past couple of years. TOR updated to reflect this practice.
- Rina suggested that we allow provision for the situation that no nominees come from the membership, and that the existing committee can make a recommendation internally.

Ryan called for a vote.

Additional amendment came from the membership: announcements of award winners are placed through BCCATS branches, not ListServ (defunct)

Membership approved all of the above amendments. See updated [BCCATS Awards Committee Terms of Reference](#)

5. Discussion: Multilingual Cataloging (Tamarack Hockin)

This open discuss asked the membership to consider challenges and effective practices in multilingual cataloging.

The following three questions (prepared by Michael Baird from Okanagan Regional Library) were posed to the group:

- How do you ensure the accuracy of records?
- What is your library doing (or not doing) with 880 fields?
- Decision-making about which languages to collect, and then where to source?

Accuracy

Some points that arose from the discussion on accuracy in multilingual cataloguing include:

- The difficulty increases with the number of languages.
- Some methods/tools to improve accuracy include:
 - in house expertise (native speakers of language cataloguing materials and asking native language speaking staff outside department being careful around time and demands)
 - online translation tools (e.g. Google translate) and Google searches by ISBN
 - vendor records recognizing that quality of records vary by vendor and by language. Often requires checking record-by-record.
 - local book vendor sites for the countr(ies) of items being catalogued (e.g. Kobobo in Korea)
 - feedback from patrons
- Vendor records may not be perfect but are still better than no records – gets items on shelf and visible to patrons.
- Authority records can be challenging because they may vary in other languages.

880 field (Alternative graphic representation)

- Challenges with 880 include how they display – even if they display correctly in the catalogue they may not show correctly (or at all!) in the Discovery Layer. This includes Unicode/Diacritics may not be supported

Decisions about languages to collect and sources of materials

- In academic libraries, decisions about languages to collect come from Faculty.
- One example of a source is shelf-ready from Library Bound

Additional questions about this topic or any topic is welcome on the [BCCATS forum](#).

BREAK (2:00-2:10 p.m.)

6. Discussion: LC Removal of Form Subdivisions (\$v) (Ryan Vernon)

Summary: Library of Congress [announced](#) that as of Feb 2026, it will no longer add form subdivisions (\$v) to subject headings and instead is expanding its use of LCGFT headings (MARC 655) and Audience Characteristics (MARC 385). Library of Congress is not retroactively reverting catalogue records. The rationale for this change is to reduce complexity in records and make them more machine-readable.

Some impacts include: loss of specificity, and differently propagated records. Alternatively, this change could increase specificity (FACETed terms for 655/385).

Ryan asked the membership about how their libraries are responding to this change and answers varied:

- Some libraries no longer adding new form subdivisions to records but also don't delete them if they receive them in batch loads.
- Some are taking a wait-and-see approach or just haven't decided yet.
- Some continue to use \$v to improve discoverability.
- In one library, the discover layer doesn't display the 655 field, so they will need to continue to use form subdivisions (\$v) for now.

Some additional ideas that were discussed include:

- 655 is meant to show genre/form while other 6xx headings are meant to be topical, so the form information fits better under 655 than under a 6xx topical heading under form subdivision \$v.
- PCC has a library systems/vendors group. This information will be brought to this group to see if vendors will implement these changes and if library systems can ensure visibility of the 655 field.

7. Elections (Ryan Vernon)

An election was held for a new BCCATS Secretary.

Steinunn Benjaminsson from VIRL came forward as a nominee.

The membership approved Steinunn's nomination as new BCCATS Secretary.

8. Reports

8.1 Canadian Cataloguing Taskforce (Julia Bullard)

Julia introduced the Canadian Cataloguing Taskforce to the BCCATS membership.

8.2 Professional Development Committee (Tamarack Hockin)

Tamarack placed a call out for new members to join the Professional Development (PD) Committee. The committee is framed around ongoing training and learning. Members of the committee can be involved by leading/facilitating discussions and organizing learning opportunities.

Some examples of PD committee activities include:

- Arranging the panel for the DEIAR me session at BCLA Conference 2025
- Prepping topics for BCCATS regular meeting (including the discussions in this meeting on changes to LCSH \$v and multilingual cataloguing.
- Sending a survey to the membership to obtain feedback on discussion topics as well as procure ideas for future topics. An email with survey link will be sent to attendees of today's meeting to ask for feedback on the PD topics discussed in the meeting.

8.3 RDA Training in Canada Working Group (Susie Jones)

Susie provided some updates on official RDA:

- Implementation: Fall/Winter 2026
- Training: Training Monograph and name authorities
- Starting May 2027 – original RDA will be only accessible through PDFs, but otherwise site is decommissioned

See [FAQs on Official RDA Implementation - Program for Cooperative Cataloging](#)

Before implementing official RDA, PCC will provide the following

- Updated BIBCO standard record (BSR) metadata application profile
- Bridge training for experienced cataloguers
- Full training for newer cataloguers

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

Cleire provided update to how this group is subdivided:

- Unicode primer
- Alternative vocabularies
- Classification
- Training collaboration
- Vendor collaboration

Their action items at this point include:

- A call out for new members
- More collaboration with LC
- Surveys
- Collaboration with community

See wiki page for more information:

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

8.5 PCC (Dean Seeman)

Dean provided an update on PCC activities: See [PCC Events Calendar](#) for more information

9. Other Business Arising

9.1 Roundtable update (Anna Loster)

Anna Loster at the Legislative Library of BC let the group know they aren't sending out MARC records at this time due to a database migration and backfile clean up. MARC record sets will be fully updated (full batch) near end of summer/fall 2026

They are determining if they will continue to provide records. Reach out to Anna with feedback on these records and how they are being used.

9.2 Call out for Fall 2026 meeting host (Ryan Vernon)

Ryan provided a call out to host the next meeting in fall 2026.

10. Meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Roundtable Reports



Surrey Libraries Roundtable Report- BCCATS April Meeting, 2026

Staffing Changes

We will welcome two new cataloguing technicians in the coming weeks - a new part time cataloguer to fill a vacancy due to a retirement, and a brand new full time role has been filled. We are very excited to increase our capacity and grow our team.

Cross-training recruitment is also underway, where staff from other departments and branches are offered the opportunity to work in Collections Services in our processing, cataloguing or selection departments. The goal is for trained staff to then be part of our on-call pool to help fill absences and assist with special projects as needed.

Cataloguing Updates

We completed a project at the end of last year to import the O'Reilly eBook collection to our catalogue. In an effort to keep the import and editing process manageable, we focused on a small initial import of around 800 new titles. We now have procedures in place to import new titles regularly as they are added to the O'Reilly platform, as well as weeding procedures.

Collections

The newest addition to the library's Tech-to-Go collection will be portable CO2 monitors, with a launch date set for May 20th.

We recently introduced access to the Consumer Reports database as part of our digital collection.

Planning is underway to begin lending audiovisual material through ILL.

The library recently added large print options to our circulating book club kit offerings.

Library contact: Sarah Johnson, sarah.johnson@surrey.ca



BCCATS Round Table Report April 2026

BC Libraries Cooperative

Submitted by Jennifer Pringle

Sitka Consortium

Currently 108 libraries at 221 locations in 4 provinces are using a shared ILS Evergreen. In March the Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre Library joined Sitka as the first library from the province of Saskatchewan.

BC Libraries Cooperative Recent and Current Projects in Technical Services:

The BC Libraries Cooperative is happy to welcome a new member to the Sitka team. Emma Ritchie has started a new position as Cataloguer to support the Co-op's work to advance decolonizing description in Sitka's Evergreen. This position is a 12-month limited term position with grant funding from the Public Libraries Branch, BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The Sitka Cataloguing Working Group is continuing work to work on [Decolonizing Description](#) in the Sitka catalogue. Work is ongoing to review priority lists to determine the next headings to be addressed.

Maintenance scripts continue to run 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:

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.



BCCATS Roundtable Report

Surrey Schools – Learning Resources Services

Spring 2026

Staffing

No news on the staffing front. We continue to be understaffed and still have four library techs but require six to complete all tasks/projects expected from our department. There is a new software project coming up at the district which might allow us to hire a temporary library tech while the project is underway, TBD.

Cataloguing

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

Projects

An elementary school was severely damaged by a fire at the beginning of February 2026. Classroom resources and the complete library collection were damaged and are being replaced. Since early February our department has been working with the school staff/admin and the Ed Services department to order new classroom resources and a completely new library collection. Once the library collection arrives in June, our department will catalogue and process the copies and install the collection at the school site.

In the fall, we offered library collection inventories when time and staffing allowed. This project was well received by the schools, and we will continue to offer the service when we are able to accommodate.

The District has downsized from five Learning Centre locations to two and the discarded resources from the closed sites have been sent to LRS. The resources have been catalogued and inventoried and will be offered to the rest of the district if they can be reused before being recycled.

**BCCATS SPRING 2026 ROUNDTABLE REPORT
COLLECTIONS & TECHNICAL SERVICES (CaTS)
GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

compiled and edited by Richard Violette based on contributions from GVPL staff

I. CaTS: Staffing

1. Senior Librarian, Technical Services Allison Jones was on maternity leave from May 2025 to January 2026. While they were away, Library Services Librarian Delia Filipescu filled their position.
2. CaTS welcomed Christy Borthistle, new to GVPL, as a Library Assistant in July 2025.
3. In October 2025, Jackson Gilliland, previously a Circulation Assistant at the Esquimalt Branch, joined us as a Shipper/Processor.
4. Shipper/Processor Jenny Cho assumed the position of Technical Services Assistant I (interlibrary loans/magazines) in November 2025.
5. Marie Bakewell, formerly a Circulation Assistant at the Juan de Fuca branch, replaced Jenny Cho as Shipper/Processor in April 2026.
6. Marc Fredette, who has held several positions at GVPL, is the new Library Assistant as of April 2026.
7. Bren Barnby joined us in April 2026 as a Technical Services Assistant II (receiving/copy cataloguing), having previously worked as a Circulation Assistant at the Juan de Fuca branch.
8. Technical Services Assistant II Darla Tzonev will be leaving CaTS at the end of April 2026 to become a Library Assistant at the Central Branch. Her position has been posted and interviews are under way.

II. CaTS: Collections, Projects, and Initiatives

1. Read-Along Books

In October 2025, GVPL added Read-Along books to our collections. Read-Alongs are printed books with an attached speaker containing a full audio recording. The Read-Along collection includes picture books, readers, and primary non-fiction. Both English and French language titles are included. The initial collection is of VOX books, but other brands may be added in future. This has proved to be very popular with our customers.

2. Yoto

Also in October 2025, GVPL launched a Yoto collection. Yoto is a screen-free audio player that uses cards to play stories, songs, and more. Yoto players are pre-loaded and stories can be accessed for play by inserting the corresponding card. The Yoto collection includes novels, chapter books, story collections, and non-fiction. Languages include both English and French. All Yoto Cards in Yoto to Go kits will also be available to be borrowed on their own through the Yoto Card collection. The Yoto collection will consist of two parts: Yoto To Go (a kit with a yoto player and cards) and Yoto Cards (cards available to borrow on their own). The Yoto to Go kits will allow patrons without a player to access and use this new collection. The Yoto Card collection is intended for patrons who have personal Yoto players. In the initial collection, all cards will be available to be borrowed either with a player as part of a kit or on their own. Like the Read-Along books, this collection has already proved to be very popular.

3. Nintendo Switch 2 Games

Nintendo released its latest system, Switch 2, in June 2025, and were added to the collection in July. At that time, XBOX 360 games were removed from the collection; there were few left and we hadn't purchased new titles in several years.

4. Emerging Local Authors Collection 2025 and 2026

In May 2025, GVPL honoured the tenth anniversary of our Emerging Local Authors Collection (ELAC) with a celebration in the Central Branch courtyard that included door prizes and a photo booth, and was hosted by CaTS Coordinator Rachel Rogers. 107 print books and 37 ebooks were accepted for this year's collection. Print books are housed at the Central Branch, while ebooks are available on the BiblioBoard platform.

CaTS staff are currently processing materials for ELAC 2026. This year, the ebooks will be accessed via OverDrive. 120 print books and 60 ebooks will be made available in May 2026.

5. Digital Collections

GVPL welcomed several new digital resources at the beginning of 2026:

- *Transparent Languages*, a language learning platform with more than 125 languages, including American Sign Language.
- *Novelist* was upgraded to *Novelist Plus* which includes non-fiction and audiobooks as part of their readers' advisory experience.
- Access to the browsing only version of Consumer Reports in Flipster, will be upgraded to the full web browser experience via ConsumerReports.org.
- *Mauril*, a platform for improving English and French skills using content from CBC and Radio-Canada.
- *CBC Corner*
- *Bibliothèque Numérique*
- *Solaro*, a student self-directed learning resource that augments provincial curriculum in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science for grades 3-12.
- *Lote4Kids*, a collection of audio-enhanced picture books in various reading formats, allowing children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling.
- *Road to IELTS – General*
- *Grant Connect*

We also said goodbye to the following resources:

- *Hoopla* audiobooks (as of May 2025)
- *Auto Repair Source*
- *TumbleBooks*
- *Mango Languages*

6. Other CaTS Project and Initiatives

- Materials in Arabic and Ukrainian were added to World Language collections in 2024-2025, reflecting changes in the area's demographics derived from the 2021 Census.
- With the launch of the Read-Along books, the collection of Book and CD kits is being retired.
- We have been reviewing all our cataloguing procedures, 1 or 2 a month, with feedback from all cataloguing staff (CaTS Coordinator, Senior Librarian, Technical Services, Technical Services Supervisor, Cataloguing Librarian, Library Assistants, and Technical Service Assistant IIs), to clean up inconsistencies and undocumented changes. With 2 new cataloguing staff members joining us recently and another expected within the next

2 months, we will begin the process again as these new staff are trained and provide feedback with fresh eyes.

III. Other Library-Wide Initiatives

1. Reorganization of Senior Management

Executive Director of Library Services Daphne Wood resigned from GVPL in August 2025. As part of a transition plan, Darrell Joyce, Assistant Director, Library Services, Service Delivery and Branch Operations, became Acting Director, Library Services, Service Delivery and Branch Operations; Deborah van der Linde, Coordinator, Service Design, was made Acting Assistant Director, Library Services, Service Design and Customer Experience from September 2 to December 1, 2025, at which point Sarah Harrison, Coordinator, Customer Experience, became Acting Assistant Director, Library Services, Service Design and Customer Experience until February 28, 2026; and Rachel Rogers, Coordinator, Collections and Technical Services, became Acting Assistant Director, Collections and Technical Services.

In February 2026, Acting Executive Director, Library Services Darrell Joyce revealed the new staffing structure. There will now be two Assistant Directors: Assistant Director, Library Services, Collections and Program Development (responsible for Collections, Program Development, and Customer Experience) and Assistant Director, Library Services, Branch Operations. The Executive Director, Library Services position was retained, and to which Darrell Joyce was appointed later in February.

Additionally, the Coordinator, Service Delivery positions will be “retired” and replaced with Coordinators, Branch Operations. There will be seven of these positions, to be assigned to the following branches:

- Central
- Esquimalt/sJames Bay
- Oak Bay
- Nellie McClung
- Saanich Centennial/Emily Carr
- Bruce Hutchison/Central Saanich

BC Hydro Library and Archives

Roundtable Report: BCCATS Spring 2026 Meeting

Integrated Library System (ILS) Migration

In early 2025, we started planning a migration from our on-premise Sierra system to Sierra Cloud. Following changes in the summer to B.C. government legislation for Crown Corporations regarding purchasing from U.S. vendors, we shifted directions, and after 25 years of using Sierra and its predecessor Millennium ended our contract with Innovative.

In November 2025, we migrated to SydneyDigital, an integrated library system from the Canadian-based company Lucidea. We are still in the process of training, updating workflows and documentation, and making incremental adjustments as we become more familiar with the new system. It's a busy and exciting time as we learn, adapt, and grow with SydneyDigital.

Digitization Project

From May-Dec 2025, a UBC iSchool co-op student joined the team and digitized 1,775 historical photographs which were loaded to our digital repository.

Staffing changes

In July 2025, a new Library Technician joined the team after the role had been vacant since April.

The library is currently hosting a Langara Practicum Student. This will be the second time we have hosted a LibTech student.

Burnaby Public Library BCCATS Spring 2026 roundtable report

Staffing:

- A temporary librarian position in the Cataloguing Department finished at the end of 2025, marking the end of the Metrotown fire recovery work.
- We currently have two librarians who are trained in cataloguing work who can do auxiliary hours in the department as needed.
- In March 2026, Beth Davies retired as Chief Librarian and Jackie Flowers assumed this role at BPL. Jackie comes to BPL from Pickering Public Library in Ontario.

Collections:

- Korean language materials have been added to a third BPL location (McGill) to better meet the needs of the community. Work is still underway to build this popular collection.
- Accessible keyboards with braille and large print have been added to BPL's Visitor's Services Collection. The keyboards can be borrowed for use at public internet terminals or with your own device.
- Our ESL collection has been renamed to English Language Learning (ELL), recognizing that English is a third, fourth or other additional language for many learners. The decision followed a review of the naming practices of other libraries, educational institutions and service providers.
- BPL is in the early stages of planning for expanded collections at a new Cameron Branch. The branch is operating out of a temporary location at Lougheed Mall during construction, and the new branch is expected to open in 2028.

Camosun College Library Roundtable Report
Spring 2026
Stacey Steil, Cataloguing Technician
Gwenda Bryan, Systems & Discovery Librarian

Library Services & Spaces

- Reduced hours for the spring/summer sessions at both campus libraries: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri, closed weekends, starting April 27, 2026.

Library Systems & Technology

- eReserve Plus reading list tool implementation still in testing phase, with some bugs and internal workflow processes to work out. Discovery search filters are very limited.

Cataloguing & Collections

- Collections budget has been reduced. Will have an impact on purchasing of print and electronic resources.
- Librarians are in the process of reviewing all serials and database subscriptions in light of budget cuts.

Staffing

- Full-time Library Technician job has been posted.

Other

- Solar panels installed on the library roof last year generated nearly 50MWh in clean energy in the first year. This is more than anticipated, but still less than half the building's total energy usage. We've seen interest in the project from classes ranging from Business to Physics and Environmental Technology to English Language Development.

BCCATS Roundtable Report, Spring 2026. Capilano University Library

- Hannah Cowell, Technical Services Supervisor. hannahcowell@capilanou.ca
- Tamarack Hockin, Metadata Strategies Librarian. tamarackhockin@capilanou.ca

Collections

Tabletop Role-Playing Games

Our library acquired a start-up collection of tabletop role-playing game titles in late 2024 and 2025, and this collection has finally hit the shelves. [Browse the collection in our discovery layer](#) by searching the LCGFT heading for “Role-playing games”.

A few notes on our cataloguing decisions for this unique genre/form:

- When authorized headings for game name are available, these are applied (e.g., ‘Dungeons and Dragons (RPG System)’; ‘Call of Cthulhu (Game)’). Otherwise, records may have only one heading for ‘Role-playing games’ (LCGFT).
- Most works are classified at GV1469.62.A-Z, but we have designated them as a collection to collocate on the shelves. (We have designated the collection with a prefix of ‘TTRPG’ in the local call number; we use Sierra ILS.)
- Similar to OLAC-BP’s guidance for video games, we’ve relied on note fields in MARC to capture metadata deemed important for users; such as: number of players, age range, length of play, and game mechanics.
- Recommend reading Smith’s (2024) article in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, [A Dicey Situation: A Study of How Controlled Vocabularies Describe Tabletop Roleplaying Games](#). This article shaped our decision to remove headings for ‘Fantasy games’ (LCSH) and ‘Handbooks and manuals’ (LGFT), as well as subdivisions ‘Handbooks, manuals, etc’ and ‘Rules’ (LCSH). LCSH, LCGFT, AAT and the [Genre Terms for Tabletop Games \(GTTG\)](#) are all explored.

Field Guides

A small collection of field guide pamphlets from Harbour Publishing were added for Spring term. These works support CapU’s Outdoor Recreation program and are intended for use on class field trips. Each title has 22 copies: [Marine Life of the Protected Waters of the Salish Sea](#) ; [Marine Life of the Outer Coasts of the Salish Sea and Beyond](#) ; [Edible Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest](#) ; [Seaweeds of the Pacific Northwest](#) ; [Trees of the Pacific Northwest](#).

Popular Books

Our Popular Books collection has been reclassified from a legacy in-house classification schema to LCC. The purpose of this collection has evolved to including more works the library wishes to retain long-term, and which are often added to our general collection (after a time of ‘highlighting’ in Popular Books). This change to LCC pre-empts the need for re-cataloguing and re-processing items if they are transfer from the Popular Books to general collection.

Subsequent to the reclassification project, a number of activity books (e.g., word puzzles, colouring books) were separated from our Popular Books collection into their own sub-collection. As these items are intended as ‘consumable’ by users, we have adapted our cataloguing to minimize description and time spent cataloguing.

Staffing

Capilano University, like many post-secondary institutions at this time, is facing budgetary shortfalls leading to job loss. Our library has sadly lost two valuable colleagues, Victoria Gauthier and Selena Cho. These losses have meant a significant redistribution of duties across our staffing team; specific to TS, Victoria supported our acquisitions of replacement copies. Their contributions to the CapU Library were valued and are missed.

Justice Institute of British Columbia- BCCATS Roundtable Report, 2026 Spring

Cataloguing

- We reviewed more than 1,000 titles on Indigenous subjects in the Library collection and identified about 300 by Indigenous authors. To highlight Indigenous authorship, we created a new subject heading - Indigenous authors - and applied it to the 300 titles. A library catalogue search will now display all 300 titles by Indigenous authors.

Collections

- We migrated our audiobook collection to new Overdrive Libby platform (previous platform no longer available). We transferred audiobook holdings and trained on and promoted new system.
- We digitized and uploaded 400 JIBC video productions to Kaltura with metadata and attached documents.
- We upgraded Arca software for The Vault with BC Electronic Library Network

Langara College Library Report to BCCATS

21 April 2026

The past year has brought significant change at Langara College, primarily related to a decline in international student enrollment, with corresponding impacts on the Library.

Library staffing has been reduced, with job loss across multiple units. In Technical Services, a recent retirement has not been replaced, and the processing position has been discontinued, with responsibilities reassigned to Borrower Services.

In response to these changes, the Library has made adjustments to service delivery, including modifications to open hours and Research Help coverage, while continuing to provide a full range of services across in-person and virtual channels.

Library budgets have also been constrained. Collections staff have undertaken evidence-based review to adjust purchasing and subscriptions in alignment with current program needs. This has included reducing or discontinuing resources tied to program changes, such as the closure of the LEAP (English language training) program.

The Library continues to maintain core systems and services, including recent catalogue and authentication updates, while adapting operations to current capacity.

BCCATS Roundtable Report from the Legislative Library of British Columbia

Spring 2026

Prepared by Anna Loster

Authority Backfile Clean-Up

In the spring of 2024, we successfully procured a vendor for an extensive project to complete a one-time clean-up of our full backfile of authority records and bibliographic records. This project was first envisioned in 2022 after the Library began work to redress potentially harmful language in its legacy catalogue records. This type of project had not been undertaken before and over the course of 13 months, we worked with the vendor to review over 320,000 local authority files and over 240,000 metadata files. Many instances of sample files were tested to ensure updated standards and terminology were captured and local practices were retained. In May 2025, all of the 'cleaned' files were loaded back into the Library's ILS with improved descriptive work completed.

The completion of this project takes valuable steps towards helping to modernize the Library's information systems and provides vastly improved access to its collections, so that they continue to be discoverable.

DSpace Migration

The Library is in the process of migrating its digital collections to DSpace, an open-source Digital Access Management System (DAMS). The implementation of a DAMS will allow for ease of the long-term preservation of our digital collections and their metadata, as well as to enhance and maintain accessibility to these collections.

Currently, we're actively working on migrating our internal trade documents collection and news releases collection. Our planned go-live date for these collections to be accessible is the end of April. After these are successfully migrated, we'll begin work on our BC documents collection. This is the more substantial file set, with an expected completion date of the end of July. Once these files have been migrated and are publicly available, we will update our entire MARC record set to include the changes from the authority backfile clean-up project and the updated, re-direct links to DSpace. We'll also contact BC ELN with updated information about access to our MARC record sets. Stay tuned!

New ILS Procurement

This spring, the Library successfully procured a new Integrated Library System. Our current ILS is nearing its end-of-life and is maintained only at a minimal level by the vendor. A new ILS will ensure continuity of service and allow for long-term, seamless discoverability and access to our collections. We are planning to begin work with the vendor in the fall to test and prepare for implementation January 2027.

University of the Fraser Valley Library
BCCATS Roundtable Report - Spring 2026

Staffing:

- There are no changes to our Technical Services staffing, and our systems librarian is still in the Acting University Librarian role. They continue to provide support for cataloguing and systems.
- We are saying goodbye to longtime librarians Colleen Bell (Interim Associate University Librarian and Assessment Librarian) and Brenda Philip (Special Collections Librarian & HarvestIR Administrator). We wish them all the best in their well-earned retirements!

Collections update:

- Our institutional repository HarvestIR, has successfully migrated to its new platform and we are almost finished uploading catalogued items we held back during the migration process.
- There have been significant budget cuts at UFV, so we are in the process of deciding what stays and what goes. The expectation is that there will be fewer print purchases and eBook purchases to keep more database subscriptions.
- We are planning to use TIPASA as our new ILL system.
- Our videogame collection was launched in January, along with Nintendo Switch and X-box One consoles.
- We received a lot of fun realia that are part of the “loose parts kits” collection for our ECE program, we are doing a lot of original cataloguing for these items.

Institutional news:

- Our new residence Lá:lém's Ye EverGreen is now housing students while our other residence, Lá:lem te Baker is being renovated.



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VIRL SPRING 2026 – BCCATS Roundtable Report

Staffing:

- Sarah Harrison, formerly of GVPL, has joined VIRL in the role of Assistant Director, Library Services, Content Discovery and User Experience. She now oversees the Collections & Support Services department, which includes our technical services staff.
- One of our two Collections Technicians positions (which performs all cataloguing tasks) was recently vacated, but we are optimistic that it will soon be filled by an internal candidate. In the meantime, all projects and work outside of essential tasks have been paused.

Cataloguing:

- Clean-up work has continued, since last fall's launch of our VEGA discovery layer. Several issues have surfaced, including missing information in the 008 of many older catalogue records (most of which were ported into our current ILS from a previous ILS). These 008 elements inform several facets in VEGA, so we have been methodically working through our records to add the appropriate information.
- We also discovered that there are several OverDrive records missing from our catalogue. We have been working to add these.

Collections:

- Two new e-resources were added to our collection: the New York Times online and Chilton Library.
- Our new Masset branch's Opening Day collection has now been absorbed into our regular floating collection, after six months of being fixed to that branch.
- Our Quadra Island branch was recently expanded to nearly double its footprint. A small Opening Day collection will soon be curated for the additional shelf space.
- Our Adult Book Club Sets collection is getting a refresh/overhaul.

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West Vancouver Memorial Library

Spring 2026

Library updates

- Roseanne Hinmueller was appointed the permanent Head of Collections, having served in an acting capacity since spring 2024.
- Sarah Felkar, Assistant Director and Head of Technology, left WVML after 17.5 years to become Executive Director of BooksBC.
- Sarah Barton-Bridges, Head of Communication is currently on a one-year leave of absence to serve as the Communications and Engagement Manager at the Municipal Hall. Kailash Srinivasan has assumed the role of Acting Head of Communications.
- The Recording Studio continues to expand its collection of equipment available for users. Recently added items include an electric guitar, electric bass guitar and ukelele.

Cataloguing updates

- Cataloguing will work with Circulation and Inter-Library Loans to continue to update older short barcodes.
- Approximately 65,000 O'Reilly Online Learning records have been loaded into the catalogue.
- In consultation with the Youth Department teen manga procedures have been revised to use one bibliographic record per series rather than one per volume. All current titles have been updated accordingly.
- The Youth Department is adding two new collections: First Fiction and Reading Support. Cataloguing and Processing are working together to establish new call numbers and print templates for spine labels.
- Cataloguing is currently preparing for our 2026 projects which include:
 - Updating ESL call numbers to ELL
 - Reviewing and cleaning up magazine and newspaper records, including adding missing cover images to display in Bibliocommons.
 - Reviewing and cleaning up Vancouver Sun microfilm and microfiche records.
 - Reviewing and cleaning travel guidebook records.
 - Loading records for eBook and eAudio Bibliothèque numérique de la Colombie-Britannique collection.
 - Cataloguing the 2026 North Shore Author Collection for shared use among the three North Shore libraries

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Coquitlam Public Library

Spring 2026

Staffing

Technical Services has recently welcomed two new on-call staff members who will support receiving and assist with processing for special projects. They're currently in training and will soon join the broader on-call pool, increasing flexibility and capacity within the department.

Collections

We launched Fiero Code over Spring Break, expanding our digital offerings with a focus on coding and skill-building.

In February, we soft-launched a core Indigenous children's collection. This initiative is intended to grow, with plans to expand into Adult and YA collections later this year in advance of a full public launch.

We've also implemented several changes to OverDrive to better manage budget and demand. In February, we limited access to Coquitlam residents only. We've also introduced a CPC budget alongside a more robust weeding strategy this year. Since implementing these changes we've seen a reduced average hold wait times from approximately 50 days to 30 days, without a decline in overall checkouts.

Looking ahead, we're planning to introduce a Video Game Express collection later this year, as well as a lendable board game collection and "bat packs," both currently targeted for early 2027.

Cataloguing

We're currently undertaking an EAL visibility project aimed at improving access and discoverability for patrons. As part of this work, we're exploring ways to separate EAL materials into broader, user-friendly categories (such as Vocabulary, Grammar, Pronunciation, and Idioms, etc.) to support easier browsing and more intuitive discovery within the catalogue.

We have been working to standardize and streamline subject headings created by vendor imports. Recently, we implemented a change to eliminate incoming subject headings on Kanopy records, as these are often incorrectly formatted or constructed. With only one cataloguer on our team, we are in search of low-maintenance strategies to keep headings consistent across vendors.

Work is continuing on the elimination of duplicate headings in the catalogue. The majority of these duplicates stem from:

- Children's headings originating from a previous vendor; these are being converted to Library of Congress Subject Headings
- Incorrectly formatted Name Authority headings
- Inconsistent genre headings

Our Indigenous subject heading remediation project was completed at the end of 2025. We continue to conduct regular checks and maintenance to ensure that vendors are supplying appropriate and accurate headings. Additionally, we are beginning to look for ways to incorporate Homosaurus vocabulary terms into our catalogue.

Systems

We're currently piloting LibraryIQ to support collections analysis and inform decision-making. This tool will be used to help identify collection gaps and guide planning efforts, including early-stage collection development for the future Burke Mountain branch, which is slated to open in 2029.

Douglas College Library – BCCATS roundtable report, 2026 spring

Collection & services

- The entire CD collection has been withdrawn. These were placed in the library for patrons to take for free. The event was popular and every last CD found a new home!
- Book club kits have been updated from a single borrower checking out an entire kit of books to individually barcoded copies. This allows individual book club members to borrow their own copy
- Coquitlam library will be undergoing renovations soon and a large weeding project has been completed in advance. Conversations are ongoing around which books should be set aside for access during the summer and fall semesters. The rest of the books will be packed up for storage
- There is a large weeding project underway at New Westminster
- The Music Department has donated several boxes of scores to be included to our already existing score collection at New Westminster. Our sole cataloguer is working her way through these on top of her regular cataloguing workload
- We have recently added a Sensory Kits to our collection. These kits have soft or firm types of fidget toys

Metadata & systems

- A review of internal 59X fields was done that was much needed after several versions of ILS changes made previously established 59X rules obsolete or displayed differently. A new procedure was created and updates to older fields completed
- We continue to use Backstage for authority work for LC headings and Homosaurus. However, we have identified a successful in-house method to do authority control for CSH

Okanagan Regional Library BCCATS Roundtable Report, Spring 2026

Collections:

- We have added D&D kits to our library of things.
- We have decided to transition from Rosetta Stone to Mango Languages in the new year.
- Currently processing just under 1,700 new items per week.

ORL changes:

- In 2027 we hope to open two new branches in Kelowna (Parkinson & Glenmore). The branches are a go, now it is up to construction. So far everything is on schedule for Fall 2027.
- With the sunseting of Polaris staff client, we have upgraded to Polaris 8 and will begin using Leap for all staff activities. There are still some functions that we will need to use the staff client for, but they hope to have those features fixed in Leap before the staff client is gone completely.

Staffing:

- We have a new Lib Tech in Cataloguing, Michelle Somerville!

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Simon Fraser University Library
BCCATS 2026 Spring Meeting Roundtable Report

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Library Updates

- As previously reported, a competition is underway for the Head, Medical Library position. Reporting to Dean of Libraries Gohar Ashoughian, the new Head, Medical Library will be based at SFU's Fraser Campus. The Medical School prepares to welcome its first cohort of 48 students very soon in August, 2026, and planning around Library collections and facilities to support the Medical School is ramping up.
- RAMM staff member Chelsea Richards (Group Leader, Acquisitions) was recognized on April 13th with a [Staff Achievement Award](#) for Workplace Excellence. The Workplace Excellence Award goes to a staff member "whose performance embodies SFU values of excellence and responsibility, and whose work consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty."
- Metadata Librarian Stefan Hintersteiner's contract as Acting Head, RAMM, was recently extended by another year until February, 2027.
- SFU's Voluntary Retirement Program (VRP) for CUPE, APSA, and APEX staff took effect on February 28, 2026, with approximately a dozen staff members from the Library opting to accept the retirement package.
- Stefan joined the [PCC Standing Committee on Membership and Programming](#) to serve a three-year term ending in September, 2028.
- Preparatory work is well underway for the upcoming migration of our discovery layer, Primo Classic, to a newer version of Primo (VE/NDE). The Library tentatively plans to launch Primo VE/NDE in Summer, 2026.
- After several years of hard work and tremendous dedication on the part of everyone involved, the migration of SFU Library's [Digital Collections](#) to a newer instance of Islandora is now complete. The site is up and running well. Metadata staff have been reviewing and correcting errors and duplications within the site's core taxonomies for authorized access points for Persons, Corporate Bodies, topical and geographic Subjects, etc. Staff are also regularly reviewing metadata for newly incoming collections and additions to existing collections. Also, Stefan Hintersteiner and Digital & Web Services Librarian Janice Banser recently completed a full overhaul of the metadata template for new collections.
- Work is ongoing to align the Academic Plan Library with the University-wide [Academic Plan \(2025-2030\)](#).
- The Library's annual Staff Development Day (SDD), a fun day of learning and engagement for all Library employees, will be held on April 30 at SFU's Fraser campus in Surrey. This year, the many and varied program offerings include a tour of Surrey Libraries City Centre Branch.



University of Victoria Roundtable Report – BCCATS Spring Meeting, 2026

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

Prepared by Dean Seeman, Director of Collections & Digital Infrastructure

Staffing Updates since Fall 2025

Arrivals

- Dr. Samantha MacFarlane has been hired into a new position: Knowledge Translation Librarian. This position will focus on digital exhibits, advanced rare material cataloguing and other metadata projects, grant support, and editorial responsibilities for the KULA journal.

Updates from Metadata

- Laura Doublet (Head of Metadata) 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. She will be giving part of the Official RDA Training at the BCCATS preconference workshop
- Laura will begin Official RDA training with our Metadata Assistants in May
- UVic has joined the second cohort of the PCC's [EMCO](#) to participate in adding entities to registries other than the LCNAF
- We are currently exploring a community of practice to experiment with AI and ML tools and technologies applicable to cataloguing and metadata work

Updates from Acquisitions and Electronic Resources

- We have postponed our new EBSCO UI migration until the end of June
- Evelyn Feldman (Head of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources) will be giving a session internally on AI impacts in Collections work: specifically AI clauses in licenses, vendor AI products, and machine generated content (such as machine-generated ebooks created by Springer)

