

BCLA CAC Meeting -
Date: 18 February, noon - 1pm

Present: Helen Brown (UBC), Lisa Nathan (UBC), Jennifer (SPL), Julie Backer (WVML),
Katelyn Vandersteen (Fort Nelson), David Waddell (VPL)
Regrets: Jenna Thomson (SFU) and Kevin Millsip (BCLC)

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from 21 January 2022 meeting
 - o Was mostly discussion. We approve.
 2. Additions to and approval of agenda
 3. Updates
 1. **Listserv:**
 - BCLA CAC emails not coming through to MS 365 platform. Seems to work well with web-based email services such as gmail etc. Consider duplicating your signup to be sure.
 2. **Climate Change Position Statement Working Group** - survey and consultation:
 - Survey is ready. BCLA Exec Board asked us to draft wording for BCLA climate position statement. Created a survey to gather input - just 4 questions! We're uploading to Qualtrics, should be ready soon. Please share it when it goes out!

 - Figure out how libraries fit into climate crisis, how to make things better and serve all of us, offer input to balance corporate info government already receives. Consulting some libraries - esp those experiencing direct impacts. We suggest also consulting: ABCPLD; BCLTA. WVML changing open hours to be available as summer cooling centre.

 - There is debate about what role public libraries can have, be prepared for varied feedback. Library programs and collections about climate are easy, but advocating for deep and meaningful change may be more challenging. Let's look to other industry associations setting example for strategy (e.g. weigh in on public policy, sit in on municipal council meetings, position statements).
- ACTION: Helen** will reach out to Melissa at CAPE (physicians for climate change) and Vancouver Coastal Health. Position Statement Working Group will discuss.
3. **OLA Superconference Live Chat: Climate Change and Libraries** (Helen and Diana):
 - Lots of OLA survey respondents identified climate as a concern so hosted OLA session to gather more input - over 100 attended! Helen shared session background ; Diana shared the slides. Lots of ideas to draw upon for local library action.

4. BCLA Conference - 3 presentations/meeting:
 1. **Responding to the Climate Crisis** with Lisa. Parker, Cinnamon, Nathan. Virtual.
 - Will talk about their experiences thinking through and planning for emergencies. Episodic, shorter term. Recognize tied to the big picture of climate crisis. Short session. Tuesday.
 2. **BCLA Climate Action Committee session.** Us!
 - Typically would be our AGM, but we won't run it as a meeting. Want to get actual work done. Interactive, discussion or work based. Tuesday.
 3. **Libraries and the Climate Crisis: a collective response** with Kevin.
 - Focused on finding a *collective* response. Thursday.
4. Discussion
 0. **What should we focus on for our CAC meeting during the BCLA conference?** We have previously decided on something interactive and discussion or work based and we need a topic! Note previous ideas: Position statement work, toolkit and resources for website, sharing/chat meeting, emergency week ideas and planning.
 - UBC is currently hosting Climate Emergency Week (now!) and will host a Climate Emergency Month in September. Sept is big climate month usually already - lead up to COP, climate march date, symposiums etc.
 - **Information gathering/resource sharing?** There's been a number of these opportunities already. How to create a space for sharing - instead of the actual sharing? Could add info/resources to our website for others to access - let it grow over time as needed - use session to develop the site?
 - **Position statement?** - probably past input stage by then. Maybe present the Statement instead of inviting input?
 - **Emergency week event?** Work together to describe and plan for BC libraries wide event. Opportunity for province wide exposure and participation. Seth Klein suggested something similar. Aim for SRC-level participation, recognition and annual repetition. Timing? Choosing a date might get us started. Could align with UBC's in Sept. Will be on people's minds after likely summer fires. Some libraries already acknowledging Emergency Preparedness. Lots of ways to participate, e.g. library-hosted trash cleanup that day.
 - **Breakout rooms?** Tackle multiple topics in one session by using assigning small groups. Two topics: Website/resources and Climate event/sectoral response? **DECISION:** Strike working group to plan BCLA event: Lisa, David, Diana, Jennifer, Katelyn and Helen.
5. Check out. We're all grateful or looking forward to something!