

Climate Action Committee
British Columbia Library Association
Minutes
September 16, 2022

Attendees: Diana Marshall, David Waddell, Helen Brown, Donna Tremblay, Jennifer Wilson, Caitlin MacRae, Lisa Nathan, Chris Conroy, Jordanne Stahl, Shirley Chan

Regrets: McKelle Hansen, Michael Pollard

1. Welcome and Check-ins (“What’s on your mind related to the climate today?”)
2. Approvals
 1. Minutes (August 19, 2022)
 2. Agenda for today’s meeting
3. Business Arising
 1. (Diana) Climate Action Committee’s BCLA (new) url isn’t redirecting correctly, but otherwise it is now corrected to ‘cac’ instead of ‘cag’.
4. Updates
 1. [Climate Action Week](https://bclaconnect.ca/caw-participating-libraries/) “CAW” (Sept 23-29)
 - David W.: provided an update and screen share tour of <https://bclaconnect.ca/caw-participating-libraries/>
 - Helen B.: BCLA will send out an initial tweet when CAW starts, hopefully other libraries will tag, retweet, connect, and build awareness. Helen developed social media tags for the week, that can be used throughout the year and serve as a type of record of various activities. Ensure you use alt text for any images.
 - Caitlin M.: Organizing an in-person panel of different groups doing climate work. All framed around “Do you have climate anxiety?” Here are folks taking action to reduce their own anxiety. Also another event about power saving in your home.
 - Donna: Hosting book club on “End of the Wild” (Stephen M. Meyer, MIT Press), possible movie showing, heat pump seminar, storytelling for climate action workshop (West Kootenay Eco Society).
 - Helen: Hosting a civic engagement event, sharing experiences in advocacy at the city/municipal level.
 - Jordanne: Bicycle parade for kids.
 - Chris: FVRL has released booklists and is releasing a podcast that week about climate books to help listeners find ways to act.
 - Diana: FVRL will host Gwynne Dyer for geoengineering event. Will also publish 1000 Books Before Kindergarten email newsletter on climate theme, with activities for parents of preschoolers.
 - David W.: VPL is asking folks who check out climate-related books to write down a climate action that they commit to enact.

- Jennifer W.: Surrey libraries advertising to Surrey residents a reading discount for Seth Klein's *A Good War*.
 - Helen B.: UBC is creating a LibGuide with resources on our theme with actions on each <https://guides.library.ubc.ca/climateactionweek>.
2. OLA Climate Action Committee (Diana): Sarah Roberts (OLA staff) is moving on (leadership change). Committee has met and is developing their Terms of Reference.
 3. OLA/BCLA Statement to CFLA (Diana): Letter has been approved by BCLA and OLA, but unclear where the letter stands right now.
 4. OLA Super Conference Presentation Pitch (Diana/Helen): Proposing joint presentation by OLA and BCLA Climate Action Groups, with updates about what the two organizations are doing and some time for discussion. Suggestion made to include reflections on the first iteration of CAW.
 5. Other Updates (None)
5. New Business (none brought forward)
 6. Action Item Commitments – Review
 1. Caitlin: Reaching out to CBC radio (On the Coast) to alert them about CAW.
 2. Caitlin: Will develop and share copy of her library's event with David W., who will pass it along to a contact with CBC social media department.
 3. All: Share your fantastic CAW initiatives, events and resources via social media (for promotion and inspiration).
 4. Diana: Ask OLA about status of the reports they are working on (e.g., environmental scan).
 7. Closing, Check-Outs, and so much Gratitude!

Next Meeting: Oct. 21 at noon!

Handy Info

- [CAC Website](#)
- Join the CAC Email [Listserv](#)
- Working Space in Basecamp (contact Lisa Nathan if you would like to access to CAC's Basecamp workspace)