

○ **Community Led Interest Group Inaugural Meeting**

Attendees: Jorge Cardenas (BPL), Mikale Fenton (NVCL), Shideh Taleban (NVCL), Anne Bechard (RPL), Ariana Galeano (RPL), Anna Piccolo (RPL)

Attendees by Teleconference: Kelsey Chaban, Heather De Forest, Catherine Bellamy

● **Little information about ourselves:**

- Jorge Cardenas BPL
 - Head of Access services. New department as of Jan. 2018. Jorge focuses on distinguishing between outreach and community led.
 - Specific Communities BPL is looking to focus on:
 - Newcomers
 - Refugees
 - Women at risk
 - Seniors
 - Youth as defined by CoB
 - BPL's Just Curious Van
 - Does traditional outreach that is separate and distinct from community led initiatives
 - Branch managers are responsible for outreach
 - BPL will have a new Strategic Plan 2019-2021
 - Jorge lead on initiative to strategically map the city and effectively reach vulnerable populations
 - Involves auxiliary and part time staff in initiative
 - After each event, there is an opportunity for an internal evaluation to assess if the event attended is important for the hosting group or the community, as this distinguishes between outreach and community led initiatives.
- Catherine Bellamy Surrey Libraries
 - Youth Services Outreach Librarian, focus on vulnerable populations
 - Urban Indigenous population-attend community meetings and conversations around what the library is not doing
 - Underemployed families
 - Mental illness
 - Anyone who is not using library services
 - Emphasis on early years literacy (daycares, preschools)Connecting with families
 - Outreach
 - Surrey Libraries attends all community events and engagement opportunities, and assesses their attendance later
- Heather De Forest SFU
 - Goal to partner with public libraries
 - Current partners are United Way, Mindset Social Innovation and nonprofit end users that community led users embrace
 - Push an outreach model with “knowledge mobilization” idea
 - Address needs of users that aren't part of the traditional academic library users

- Kelsey Chaban KPU
 - Student Engagement & Community Outreach Librarian
 - Policies and needs are different than the public library
 - Currently in the outreach stage, as the four different campuses have distinct needs
 - Focus on making student connections and understanding each community and their needs
 - Interest in public and academic liaisons
- Mikale Fenton North Van City Library
 - Mikale is Head of Community, Program and Service Development
 - Community Led is a direction for the library since 2014
 - New Strategic Plan in the works
 - 4 initiatives that are all community led based
 - Focus on Indigenous community
 - Staff still trained in the Harwood Method as it is a great ground zero to build on with other facilitation techniques and methods
 - Interest in SFU Dialogues project for Indigenous perspective
- Shideh Taliban North Van City Library
 - Community Librarian (new to the position as of Jan.)
- Anne Bechard Richmond Public Library
 - Coordinator Community Services as of April 2017
 - Cofounder of CLIG with Ariana Galeano
 - Previously with VPL and EPL
 - Currently working on Community Services Strategy for RPL
 - Focus on staff training and introducing Community Led Service
 - RPL new Strategic Plan Model 2019-2021
- Ariana Galeano Richmond Public Library
 - Community Services Librarian
 - Cofounder of CLIG with Anne Bechard
 - Focus on community members experiencing food insecurity, poverty, and other barriers.
 - Reset and Station Stretch: Alternative Schools Support
- Anna Piccolo Richmond Public Library
 - Community Services Librarian
 - Focus on supporting people and families of those with mental health
 - Seniors and Pacific Autism Family Network sensory story times
 - Target training for staff vs general training
- **Proposal to Start Community Led Conversations and Business at Hand**
- Anne Bechard has offered to chair for 12 months
- Heather De Forest has offered to take on the role of secretary
 - Minutes to be published at BCLA page and list serve
- Decision to meet as a group quarterly

- Meeting times: mornings are preferred 10-12 ideal
 - Tuesday identified as a great day for meetings by all libraries
- Think about what our objectives for the group are for the first year
 - Encourage participation of other library systems
- Next meeting Tuesday May 15 10-12am at RPL
 - Topic is metrics and impact
- Future Events and Conferences
 - Jorge: BCLA Community Led panel
 - Heather De Forest: BCLA, PNLA May 2018, and Seattle Jan.2019
 - Speaking to SLAIS for Freedom to Read week “Community Knowledge” theme
 - Will advocate SLAIS student opportunities to join CLIG
- Community Mapping:
 - Jorge Cardenas
 - GEO map department of CoB
 - RGIS and SREE
 - Potential uses for accessibility services, deliveries, and a community impact map
 - Heather De Forest
 - Academic libraries use ESRI
 - Opportunity for academic libraries to extend training to public libraries
- OLA Community –Led Libraries Committee Mandate (Meeting Handout) as an example of a community-led library committee goals, activities and resources
http://www.accessola.org/web/OLA/OPLA/Committees/Community-Led_Libraries/OLA/OPLA/Community-Led_Libraries_Committee.aspx?hkey=6c9d45fe-fbb7-4cd4-b0a7-edfc39e2ae72