

2007 Annual Report of the BCLA Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group

The Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group had another eventful year in 2007.

The members of the LTAIG Committee, and their respective roles this year were:

Rob Golbeck - Chair & Website Administrator
Diane Walker - Past-chair & Association Liaison
Jennifer Brown - Secretary & Email List Manager
Emma Wood - Newsletter Editor
Courtney Walker - Survey Project Manager
Vandana Advani - Langara College Student Liaison
Samantha Adams - Member at Large
Christine Hagemoen - Member at Large
John Alexander - Member at Large

Here is a summary of our activities in 2007:

Salary Survey. In February we conducted our fourth salary survey. A total of 322 people responded to the survey, with 261 from British Columbia. The full results were published on our website.

BC Library Conference. The bulk of our activities in 2007 centered around the conference. We co-sponsored a session with ALPS, titled "The Social Library: A Showcase of Web 2.0 Tools in BC and Yukon Libraries." LTAIG's chair, Rob Golbeck, was a panelist in this session, while group secretary Jennifer Brown convened.

We held a general meeting attended by a dozen library paraprofessionals, including library technicians and a community librarian. We had a lively discussion on various topics, ranging from recruitment of library technicians in rural communities to the roles library technicians play in today's libraries.

After the conference was over, we hosted a small informal social gathering at the Chrystal Lounge, which was located in the conference hotel.

BCLA President's Award. Rob Golbeck, LTAIG's chair and website administrator, was honoured to be the recipient of the 2007 BCLA President's Award. Rob was the first library technician to receive this award.

LTAIG Newsletter. We published five issues of *LTAIG News* in 2007. The newsletter is distributed via our email list, and all issues are archived on our website. Two new regular features were introduced this year: "Meet an LTAIG Member", a section profiling library technicians who are members of the association, and "LTAIG Snapshot Surveys", short one-question surveys that address an issue of concern or interest to the library support staff.

The achievements outlined above are due to the efforts of a small, but dedicated group of volunteers committed to developing and strengthening ties within the library field, and especially among library technicians in British Columbia.

The LTAIG Committee wishes to thank the British Columbia Library Association for their continuing support of the Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group. We look forward to another exciting year in 2008!

Respectfully submitted,
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