

## **BCLA Diversity & Multicultural Services Committee *MINUTES***

**June 18 , 2015 Burnaby Public Library**

**Present:** Ravi Basi, Michael Burris , Allan Cho, Wendy Jang , Michael McCarthy ,Roberta Summersgill, Fereshteh Kashefi (Chair)

**Regrets:** Ana Rosa Blue; Alan Woo, Claire Richardson, Eva Quintana

### **Highlights of the meeting**

#### **Meeting opening and review of the minutes from previous meeting:**

Welcome and introductions, adoption of the minutes and agenda. New members, who are interested in joining the committee could not attend this meeting.

Fereshteh reported on her telephone conversation on April 17<sup>th</sup> with Annette DeFaveri. Annette will be away in June but hopefully will attend our next meeting ( September 17<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Intercultural Communication Workshop:**

It seems like we can continue offering the workshop almost the way we did in the past. The flat rate of \$ 500.00 per session with 2 librarian-instructors was approved. In cases that the requesting agency asks for two back to back sessions the charge for the second session would be \$ 250.00 only. Various ideas to promote and/or upgrade the workshop were discussed.

#### **BCLA conference 2016 ( May 11-13 )**

It was agreed that we could curate a conference session and invite/sponsor the main speaker for that, budget permitting.

Fereshteh suggested inviting “Maharoonah Ghani” a local activist and engaging speaker. She will send more info about her, check her availability and charge and report back in the next meeting.

#### **Round table:**

- Michael Burris: Library Champions celebration was attended by 200 so far 530 champions have graduated from the program which has been a great achievement for new to BC and libraries.
- Ravi reported that her (SPL's) Human Library program has been successful and very popular.
- Roberta and Ravi: New intakes of Library Champions are organized by BPL and SPL in the fall.
- Allan: UBC has various programs and exhibitions in June which is Aboriginal History Month.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

#### **Next meeting dates in 2015:**

Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>. **Location** : BPL ( Metrotown Branch, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Board Room).

Thursday November . **Location** : BPL ( **Tommy Douglas Branch** )