

Public Libraries Interest Group (PLIG) Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017 | 7:00 pm - Room 405, City Centre Library, 10350 University Dr, Surrey

Attending: Heidi Schiller, VPL, co-chair, Meghan Savage, SPL, co-chair, Vicky Woo, vice-chair, Sarah Felkar, WVML, Kaya Fraser, WVML, Anna Babluck, Mackenzie, Kate Shuttleworth, Environment Canada and SFU, Marissa Tutt, Fraser Health and SPL, Alexandra Farolan, Lib Tech Student, Gillian G. Smith, VPL, Sara Ellis, UBC MLIS Student, BPL, Christie Menzo, VPL, Michael Brough, UBC MLIS Student

Regrets: Shideh Taliban, Deb Thomas

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Approval of agenda**
 - a. Moved by Gillian
 - b. Approved
- 3. Approval of June 2017 meeting minutes**
 - a. Meghan made changes to the minutes in good faith
 - b. Approved
- 4. Professional Development Working Group Update – Gillian**
 - a. Met this evening
 - b. Day in the life article to be featured in the Perspectives Journal in each issue
 - c. Heidi is going to draft some questions
 - d. BCLA conference session proposals for Oct/Nov, interview skills/resume workshop or something around skills learned outside of skills
 - e. Journal club – apply for grant to web platform
 - i. 3 articles (videos, etc) 6 times a year to be voted on for each topic
 - ii. Planning / choosing articles would be happening first
- 5. Community Engagement Working Group Update – Marisa**
 - a. Some communication difficulties in meeting
 - b. There are a lot of different place that library staff can get information, so make sure we have a value add that will make people want to participate
 - c. Need a structure, container, focus to effectiveness
 - d. See if we can leverage some other social media platforms
 - e. And ensure that we are purposeful with social media activities
 - i. Share ideas and connect people
- 6. Membership Working Group Update – Sara**
 - a. Increasing group capacity and ensure inclusion across geography and positions
 - b. Create a statement of purpose for PLIG
 - c. Sharing best practices might be more valuable to libraries outside of the library might be more important than other opportunities
 - d. Create a stakeholders list and how they might be

7. Rotating meeting time – Heidi

- a. Propose rotating evening meeting times and morning meeting times
- b. Try and include more attendees
- c. September morning, October evening and rotate
- d. Keep Second Thursday and just change times
- e. Less consistency for some people
- f. Try it for six months and revisit next February
- g. 9 am for mornings, 7 pm for meetings

8. August social

- a. Thursday 24 August 2017, 7 p.m,
- b. Strathcona Brewing Company
- c. RSVP to Heidi (see email)

9. News and ideas roundtable

- a. Bclibsllearn.ca <http://bclibsllearn.ca/> a place to get resources and reach people
- b. Recommendation to look at what PG library has been doing with evacuation attendees
- c. BC Libraries think tank facebook group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/425978417775587/?ref=br_rs
- d. Heidi - VPL Central is expanding into levels 8 & 9 and will have rooftop garden, theatre, public art space, and other programming space. Open in Spring of 2018. Citizen Crane is working on it. It even has a flag.
- e. UBC SLAIS looking for more Public Library Interest classes
- f. VPL's Reading Tree – VPL is writing and publishing imprint, free book, branches are offering books to families, and are collaborating with medical health professionals to help distribute as part of the DRs and their early literacy goals
- g. Sara - BPL good about providing opportunities for professional develop for staff t all levels to participate in.
- h. Gillian just participated in BCLA Mentorship as a mentor and it was very rewarding, highly recommended
- i. Alexandra – Langara students are really excited about their course
- j. Marisa – just started working at SPL
 - i. Recommended Maria Tan's work in Alberta (children's health fiction)
 - ii. Want to see better partnerships with health authorities and public libraries.
 - iii. UK program – Reading Well, books on prescription
- k. Kate – Second week as Librarian at SFU and loving reference work and book displays, BC Authors, UNESCO International Literacy Day
- l. SPL just launched a BC Local authors page (link) BiblioBoard and Poet Laureate and writing consults. Next event for Poet Laureate is July 22 – Birthday Party for Amelia Earhart.
- m. WVML – building a new ramp to get to the library entrance.

10. Next Meeting: 9 am – 10 am September 14 - Location: TBD

