

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Minutes: July 18th, 2017 at Vancouver Public Library's Central Branch

9:15 - 11 at VPL Central – 3rd floor programming room.

Present: Lori Nick (FVRL), Andrea Davidson (SPL), Ariana Galeano, Stephanie Hong (SPL & VPL), Tara Matsuzaki (WVML), Barbara Edwards (VPL)

Regrets: Shelley Wilson-Roberts (NWPL), Chloe Riley (VPL), Claire Westlake (NVDPL), Nolan Kelly (Langara), Alan Woo (SPL)

1. Interesting RA tidbits
 - a. VPL - Beach Reads every Saturday – staff heading out to a beach or park each Saturday and holding an informal reading circle (story bus with table)
 - b. VPL - Literary Landmarks – added four or five authors and landmarks this summer <https://www.vpl.ca/library/news/2017/vpls-literary-landmarks-continue-expand>
 - c. VPL - self-publishing classes & new voices series – authors sign up for an evening reading slot – four or five. Authors must submit their work.
 - d. Reconciliation reading list Arts Gabriola – lengthy list – fic & nf & more resources <http://artsgabriola.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Reading-for-Reconciliation.pdf>
 - e. RPL – summer reading club
 - f. RPL – walking reading club – 5 to 7. Walked around Richmond Nature Park. Brought questions along on little notecards in case her voice didn't reach.
 - g. SPL – launched self-publish ebook service w/ Biblioboard.
 - h. VPL new náca?mat branch – working on the local collection (authors from Hogan's Alley, Strathcona, Chinatown) authors who wrote about the area and authors who were/are from the area.
 - i. What Should I Read Next Myers Briggs-based summer reading recommendations: <http://modernmrsdarcy.com/summer-reading-mbti/>
2. Committee Updates
 - a. Social Media
 - i. Ariana will not be able to attend meetings any longer due to her job shift
 - ii. Stephanie will develop a calendar of social media campaign possibilities
 - b. Barbara – outreach goals: North Van, Port Moody, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Vancouver
3. RAIG Social event debrief
 - a. Didn't meet our goal of recruiting new people
 - b. Reasons – summer, timing?
 - c. Try again in the Fall and offer to students?
 - d. Or try to plan a social during the Conference
4. RA in a Day / pro-d work next steps
 - a. See attached Project Plan
5. Blog schedule:
 - June – Port Moody
 - July – VPL
 - August – RPL

- Sept - FVRL
 - Oct – NVDPL
 - Nov – Langara
 - Dec – SLAIS & auxiliary librarians
6. Meeting confirmation Sept, Oct & Nov – Burnaby
 - a. Ana added that it's very likely they will be ok with the dates for Jan-Mar 2018 but they need to wait until Sept to book into 2018.
 7. RAIG Perspectives piece – July 25th
 - a. This is beyond our capacity at the moment.

Next meeting: *no meeting in August* September 19th 2017 from 9:15 – 11:00 at BPL’s Metrotown Branch

For Reference – RAIG Annual Calendar:

- Jan – annual planning
- Feb – craft Beyond Hope proposal
- April - BC Library Conference
- June - Beyond Hope
- Aug meeting = holiday
- Sept – brainstorm BC Library conference proposals & check w/ BPL re: mtg room
- Oct - RA in a Day (solicit Best Bets from the crowd) individualized RA i.e. SPL
- Nov – craft BCLA proposals
- Dec - Best Bets
- Dec meeting = holiday

For Reference - BCLA Perspectives Deadlines:

	Deadlines
Story Pitch Date	October 1; January 4; April 1; July 1
Submission Date	October 15; January 15; April 15; July 15
Publication Date	November 1; February 1; May 1; August 1