

# BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

**Minutes: April 18, 2017** VPL Central Branch

**Present:** Shelley Wilson-Roberts (NWPL), Barbara Edwards (VPL), Claire Westlake (NVDPL), Stephanie Hong (SPL), Chloe Riley (VPL & SFU), Ana Calabresi (BPL & Port Moody), Lori Nick (FVRL), Nolan Kelly (Langara student), Alexandra Farolan (Langara student)

**Regrets:** Fiona Hunt (WVML & Langara), Meghan Whyte (VPL & SPL), Jenny Fry (SPL), Virginia McCreehy (PMPL), Ariana Galeano (Richmond Public Library), Taryn Cheal (Langara student)

**The Next meeting is Tuesday May 16 from 9:15 – 11:00 at VPL's Central Branch**

1. Interesting RA Tidbits
  - a. Claire mentioned that NVDPL will be running an Adult Summer reading Club again this year
  - b. Alexandra mentioned a webinar "Book Club Picks That Will Keep Them Talking" presented by the Dewey Divas and Dudes. The link is provided [here](#).
  - c. Alexandra also provided some tips on engaging group members and recruiting new members. Please see below.
  - d. Shelley mentioned that NWPL will also be running an Adult Summer Reading Club.
  - e. Stephanie mentioned a recent article in The New Yorker, "Can Reading Make You Happier?" The link is provided [here](#).
  - f. Chloe highlighted a recent posting by Book Riot featuring a guide to LGBTQ Romance. The link is provided [here](#).
2. 2016 RA Training Needs & Interests Survey Data update: Training survey data exec summary
  - a. The data has been gathered.
  - b. Shelley requested that the data be summarized in a report.
3. Committee Updates
  - a. Education Committee, Fiona sent brief update including recent participation in a panel at Langara.
  - b. Social Media Committee, Matthew Murray sent message reminding group that domain is up for renewal.
  - c. It was also reported that Instagram Stories only lets you post photos or videos that were taken within the last 24 hours.
  - d. Recruitment/Engagement Committee, new member Alexandra shared some useful tips summarized below.
    - i. Specify ongoing tasks to potential members before they join (Rationale & Execution)
    - ii. Reach out to specific contacts and ask what would encourage them to be more engaged with the group
    - iii. Webinars with interesting topics that teaches or provides information/professional development/mentoring opportunities.

iv. Potluck or open house or a social event once in awhile..a food fund?Checking in/following up with current, new and potential members.

4. Blog

- a. October (NVDPL, Post on RA in a Day)
- b. November (Langara, Nolan)
- c. December (SLAIS, or Aux. Libs.)

5. Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec meeting space

- a. Ana will check with BPL for meeting space and report back at next meeting.

6. RA in a Day 2017 (October 18, 2017)

- a. Lori mentioned that Coquitlam has adjoining rooms with a capacity of 120 available.
- b. She will report back on any costs associated with booking the rooms and any additonal details.
- c. Further discussion deferred to our next meeting.