

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 21, 2016, Metrotown branch, Burnaby Public Library

Attended by: Shelley Wilson-Roberts, Co-Chair, New Westminster; Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library; Jenny Fry, Surrey; Stephanie Hong, Langara rep; Claire Westlake, North Vancouver District; Virginia McCreedy, Port Moody; Ana Calabresi, Burnaby; Chloe Humphreys; Lori Nick, Fraser Valley; Matthew Murray; Alan Woo, SLAIS; Anna Ferri, VPL & WVML; Chloe Riley, SLAIS rep;

Regrets: Barbara Edwards, Vancouver; Meghan Savage, Surrey; Fiona Hunt, Langara

The next meeting is Tuesday July 19, 2016, from 9:15-11am at BPL's Metrotown branch.

BCLA Conference: debrief. Our session went very well (90-100 people attended).

Cataloguing fiction using appeal factors: Samuel Richmond, Head of Cataloguing at VPL and Anna discussed their idea for a RA in a Day session on how library catalogues could serve readers better.

Samuel's session would be on subject cataloguing and its service (disservice) to RA public service librarians. We discussed a collaborative approach, with input from the audience. He has multiple concerns with traditional fiction cataloguing, as he believes it deprives patrons of the full experience of book discovery. He is seeking to get a full picture from a public service librarian of how or if we use Library of Congress subject headings and what methods we use to provide a service that bypasses current cataloguing practices.

We asked Samuel to extend an invitation to the BCCATs group to join our listserv and subscribe to our blog.

The next BCCATS meeting will be on Sept 23 (TBC) at the BC Co-op office. Members of this group are encouraged to attend.

Anna and Virginia will work with Samuel on this.

Interesting RA tidbits:

- Jenny – Staff SRC is happening at SPL again. Staffers are matched up according to their reading interests and expertise. Staff are not paired, instead each person's interest is matched to another person's expertise.
- Ana: Recommends the podcast "What Should I Read Next?"
<http://modernmrsdarcy.com/what-should-i-read-next/>

- Matthew: Some libraries in the States are loaning Rokus loaded with Netflix <http://www.thedigitalshift.com/2013/02/media/one-way-to-get-streaming-content-from-the-library-ephrata-pl-looks-to-expand-roku-lending-program/> and the Raspberry Pi-powered RA magic mirror was a hit at the Maker Faire <http://makerfaire.ca/makers/> [scroll down to see UBC ASIS&T's RA Magic Mirror blurb]
- Alan: going to ALA to volunteer at the Zine Pavilion.
- Stephanie: Indigo have developed its own bookish social network called Reco. So far, Apple only: <http://www.reco.com/>
- Virginia: Recommended a *Booklist* webinar on book-talking. Great training tool. <https://youtu.be/zkBxAM0S9Oo>
- Claire: shelf-talkers are successful – people are borrowing the books recommended. Starting a read-a-like shelf-talker project.
- Tara: The annual WVML digital badge program included an RA badge – Book Finder. It was popular amongst staff.
- Shelley: You must re-sign-up to your BCLA sections, committees & Interest Groups - including RAIG! Sign-up here: <https://bclaconnect.ca/login/>

2016 Survey Data

- Anna volunteered to summarize and analyze the survey data. Focusing on what the respondents want to learn (RA skills-wise) How they would like the training delivered. Any trends and anything interesting.
- Shelley has a colleague who could assist and will connect her colleague with Anna.

Committee Updates

Digital Services Chair: Bibliocommons didn't reply to Matthew's inquiry re: creating an account that isn't affiliated with a library. Matthew is happy with our Instagramming. Will compile a list of bookish and librarian hashtags.

- Please send your photo and a one sentence bio about your reading preferences for the "About the RAIG Instagrammers" page: <https://whatareyoureadingblog.com/who-are-we/>
- Matthew will send his Bibliocommon's inquiry to Tara

Blog:

- June: Vancouver
- July: North Vancouver
- August: Langara

- September: Librarians at Large (Chloe and Alan)
 - October: Burnaby
 - November: Vancouver
 - December: Fraser Valley
- Matthew will send Claire and Lori log-in invitations and instructions on how to post.

Sept/Nov/Dec meeting space: Ana confirmed that we can continue to use BPL!

Best Bets

Virginia and Anna will compile our annual Best Bets list – our picks for the best books to recommend this year. Titles should be new(ish).

<https://whatareyoureadingblog.com/2015/07/14/best-bets/>

- Send your pick for the official RAIG 2016 Best Bets list with 75 word annotations. We post this list on our blog and on a powerpoint at RA in a Day by Friday July 15th.

RA in a Day 2016

- Tues Oct 18, 2016 from 9:30am-4pm at VPL – Alice MacKay room, downstairs
- Keynote speaker: update. Barbara heard from Catherine Sheldrick-Ross (University of Western Ontario in London). She is interested & available. Barbara has contacted SLAIS re: collaboration. Initial interest was expressed but approval is being sought. Back-up plan: Toronto author Ann Walmsley – she wrote “The Prison Book Club” or the Blog panel with Samantha Mills (Matthew will ask), Alan Woo, Anna Ferri, Mikale (Meghan W. will ask)
- Draft agenda: use flip charts for themed recommended reads, 2 rounds
 - 9:30am – welcome/introduction
 - 9:45-10:45am: RA and cataloguing (interactive): Samuel
 - 10:45-11:15: Loan Stars (Claire and Barbara)
 - 11:15-11:30: Coffee break
 - 11:30-12:30: Speed-dating through the genres
 - Adventure: Tara
 - Fiction in Translation: Mexican/Latin American: Meghan W. & Ana
 - Non-fiction graphic novels: Matthew
 - Mindfulness: Fiona
 - LGBTQ+ and crossover YA fiction: Jenny
 - 12:30-1:15pm: Lunch
 - 1:15-1:45pm: Bookslam, open up to audience with advance invitation
 - 1:45-2:45pm: RA Training in Genres: one per table, 15 minute discussion, switch tables, 15 minute discussion, repeat
 - Science Fiction

- Stand-Alone Fantasy
- Cozy Mysteries
- Historical Fiction
- Paranormal Romance
- Psychological Thrillers
- Westerns
- Appeal Factors
- 2:45-3pm: Coffee break
- 3-3:50pm: Keynote speaker: Catherine Sheldrick-Ross?

- Food & beverage: discussion
 - Fruit platters (morning and afternoon)
 - Bagels and cream cheese (morning; easy on the jam this time)
 - Tea/coffee/water
 - Cookies/squares (afternoon)