

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, December 16, 2014, VPL Central branch

Attended by: Jenny Fry, Co-Chair (Surrey Libraries); Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair (West Vancouver Memorial Library); Michael Gray (Library Bound); Theresa de Sousa (Richmond Public Library); Heidi Schiller (North Vancouver City Library); Anthea Goffe (Fraser Valley Regional Library); Joyce Quach (Langara library technician student rep); Barbara Edwards (Vancouver Public Library); Jen Streckmann and Chloe Riley (new SLAIS student co-reps)

Regrets: Tim McMillan (Vancouver Public Library); Michelle Whitehead (Greater Victoria Public Library); Caroline Crowe (Vancouver Public Library); Matthew Murray (SLAIS student co-rep); Meghan Savage (Surrey Libraries); Anna Ferri (SLAIS student co-rep); Cathy Mount

Meeting reminder: the next meeting is Tuesday January 20, from 9:15-11am, at West Vancouver Memorial Library.

** Apologies to those who tried to connect with Skype – we had no wi-fi, which was an unfortunate surprise.*

Interesting RA tidbits:

- Anthea: FVRL system RA training for all staff, looking for advice, ideas, training that's been used before. Discussion: Tara and Heidi will send her some documents.
- Barbara: Duncan Smith's recent "Whole Person Readers' Advisory" session, it was about tracking readers and providing anecdotes about the effects of reading, personal connections to fiction that are discovered upon discussion. Don't get stuck on genres. Patrons want different levels of interaction with library staff.

Article from the Times-Colonist by Andrew Cohen:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/columnists/andrew-cohen-bookstores-outlets-for-authors-in-decline-1.1662179>

ALA webinar on building the larger conversation with library programming around timely community issues

- Tara: really likes the new Bibliocommons changes, reminder that if we register ourselves as official Bibliocommons librarians, then our content will be better highlighted.

She is also going to the OLA conference in January (Michael is too).

- Joyce: Bookrageous podcast <http://bookrageous.podbean.com/> 76 episodes so far, one hour long, really liked the latest one on the title Bird Box by Josh Malerman.

Discussion about the next meeting venues: Barbara will see if she can book the next several meeting at VPL (March-July). Preference for a couple meetings in the same space, not different every month.

BCLA Browser: on hiatus during revision process. Please fill out survey: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/bcla-browser/>

Social Media/Blog:

- December: Vancouver
- January: West Vancouver
- February: North Vancouver
- March: TBD (maybe New Westminster or Burnaby, Vancouver will be back-up)
- April: SLAIS
- May: Surrey

RA in a Half Day: follow-up

- Jenny will draft a master checklist for planning the next RA in a Half Day and will send it to Tara for review.
- Heidi is still working on the video footage, formatting issues for Anna, Heidi will keep us posted.

BCLA Conference Proposal 2015: Jenny and Tara created a proposal and Jenny submitted it. Anna and Caroline submitted their proposal, and Heidi also submitted her proposal. Helen Wilding Cook, from Library Bound, also submitted a proposal, with Jenny as a presenter/placeholder, on transgendered YA fiction.

PNLA Conference: Aug 5-7, 2015 in Vancouver, WA: Jenny talked to Sarah Ward, David Wright, and Stephanie Chase about creating a joint proposal, and created a proposal for PNLA – and also sent the same proposal in for the BCLA conference.

Recruiting: Tara suggested that we create an RA poster to send out, for staff to put up in their staff room. Theresa volunteered to work with Virginia on this project.

Library Bound student sponsorship for BCLA conference: approved by BCLA. Next steps: Michael will collate Library Bound's criteria for the next meeting. Anthea volunteered to draft the email for the BCLA listserv and the library schools in BC. Two night accommodation and full conference paid registration, will be launched when BCLA conference registration opens.

Brainstorming:

1. Heidi: one book, one community idea. Are we interested in being the main organizers? We all like this idea. Barbara will check with VPL's working group for One Book, One Vancouver. Heidi will float the idea to her Interlink contacts. Jenny found this related article: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2014/09/public-services/one-book-well-done/#>
2. Tara: Evergreen award should be national (not just in Ontario), part of the Forest for Reading (est. 2005). She'll gather some intel on this at OLA, and report back. It is apparently a big money-making event for OLA. Discussion about book prizes in BC.

Potluck: let's have our second potluck! We'll decide on a location and date (early February) at the next meeting.