

## BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

### **Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, July 21, 2015, Vancouver Public Library, Central branch**

*Attended by:* Jenny Fry, Co-Chair, Surrey Libraries; Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library; Meghan Savage, Surrey Libraries; Shelley Wilson-Roberts, New Westminster Public Library; Barbara Edwards, Vancouver Public Library; Caroline Crowe, Vancouver Public Library; Anna Ferri, West Vancouver Memorial Library/Surrey Libraries; Stephanie Hong, Langara library technician student rep; Chloe Riley, SLAIS student co-rep; Sarah Dearman, Fraser Valley Regional Library; Theresa de Sousa, Richmond Public Library; Claire Westlake, North Vancouver District Library; Tammie Mercado, Vancouver Public Library, New Westminster Public Library & Port Moody Public Library

*Regrets:* Matthew Murray, SLAIS student; Michael Gray, Library Bound; Michelle Whitehead, Greater Victoria Public Library; Heidi Schiller, North Vancouver City Library

### **The next meeting is Tuesday July 21, from 9:15-11am at VPL's Central branch**

#### *Interesting RA tidbits:*

- Tim: VPL's Inspiration Lab is open, new podcast ([Vancouver Special](#)) – Tim is contributing short booktalks in each podcast, about key events in the city and referencing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Central branch building. Also available on iTunes.
- Shelley brought New West's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklets to share – lots of admiration, programs go to October, and it's going well.
- Meghan: why do for-profit businesses get all the media coverage? Discussion: we would need to cultivate a media spokesperson...anyone interested?
- Anna: recorded first podcast for "Bookclub for Masochists" – recorded at VPL's Inspiration Lab, will give us the link when it's uploaded, and it will also be available on iTunes.
- Barbara: showed us the City of Vancouver's [Summer of Learning](#) booklet, which includes VPL.

*Upcoming meeting locations:* September, November and December meetings will be at City Centre Library in Surrey, Room 306 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) from 9:15am-11am – Jenny Fry is hosting. Barbara will check VPL Central availability for Jan-July 2016 and report back at next meeting.

*Best Bets:* posted by Matthew on the RAIG blog. Anna will post to BCLA listserv.

*Library Reads project:* Barbara and Claire participated in a conference call earlier this month. Lots of work, only Ontario and BC represented, need to get the word out about this project.

#### *RA in a Day*

- Jenny presented the budget – approved and she'll send it to the BCLA office.
- Jenny presented the checklist – will do suggested revisions.
- Closing keynote speakers: Dr. Brenna Clarke Gray from Douglas College accepted. Her main topics of research include gender and diversity in publishing, and the impact of technology on readers.
- Bookslam demo: eight 30-second book talks. Participants: Shelley, Jenny, Michelle, Claire, Meghan, Anna, Barbara, Tara
- Tara will take care of gifts: 7 x \$10

- Jenny will submit budget to BCCLA office in July and arrange for honorariums for Lexile workshop presenters and closing keynote speaker.
- Food & beverage
  - Barbara got a quote from Blenz for coffee/tea
  - Jen will get 2 fruit platters and 2 cookie/square platters from Costco
  - Barbara will secure jugs for water
  - Jenny and Stephanie will secure a few platters to use for cookies/squares
  - Claire will call Solly's for a quote on bagels and rugolehs, and will pick them up
- Name tags: Matthew?
- Room set-up: round tables
- Video camera: does anyone have one that we can use? If so, Jenny will get permission from speakers to film them, and Anna and Stephanie volunteered to edit, possibly in the VPL Inspiration Lab.
- Opening Powerpoint: Shelley will update the old one (i.e. agenda, RAIG info, Best Bets), Jenny will send her the old one and Anna will send her the Best Bets Word doc.
- Live blogging: Chloe and Jen
- MC and gift distributor: Tim
- Registration table: Claire and Meghan
- Handouts: Anna will email template to Stephanie and Sarah
- Speaker handlers: Jenny for Dr. Brenna Clarke Gray; Caroline for Diana Twiss and Joan Costa

Draft agenda: 9:30am-3:30pm

9:30-9:35 Welcoming remarks: Tim (MC)

9:40-9:45 Introducing Lexile workshop: Caroline

9:45-12 Lexile workshop

12-12:45 lunch (bring your own or go buy it)

12:45-1:15 Bookslam demo

1:20-2 Speed-dating through the genres

- Classics for vocabulary and comprehension-building (Anna)
- Personal finance (Jenny)
- Feminist memoirs (Stephanie)
- Post apocalyptic /dystopic adult fiction (Sarah)

2-2:15 break

2:15-3:25 closing speaker (Brenna Clarke Gray)

3:25-3:30 Farewell and thanks from Tim

*RA poster:* poster selected, Barbara will email to individual libraries on Vancouver Island, the North, the Okanagan, and the Kootenays. Virginia distributed posters to Metro Vancouver libraries via Interlink.

*Toolkit Committee:* revising core competencies at July meeting, will bring draft to upcoming meeting.

*Social Media/Blog:*

July: New Westminster

August: SLAIS/Langara student reps

September: Fraser Valley

October: Greater Victoria

November: Richmond

December: Port Moody

January-April: **TBD at next meeting**