

## BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

### **Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, Vancouver Public Library, Central branch**

*Attended by:* Jenny Fry, Co-Chair, Surrey Libraries; Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library; Michael Gray, Library Bound; Michelle Whitehead, Greater Victoria Public Library; 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; Virginia McCreedy, Port Moody Public Library; Heidi Schiller, North Vancouver City Library; Jen Streckmann, SLAIS student co-rep; Sarah Dearman, Fraser Valley Regional Library; Theresa de Sousa, Richmond Public Library; Claire Westlake, North Vancouver District Library

*Regrets:* Matthew Murray, SLAIS student; Meghan Savage, Surrey Libraries

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

#### *Interesting RA tidbits:*

- Stephanie: NYPL has a great interactive [Tumblr blog](#). Check out their [Summer Shorts](#) audio project.
- Barbara: question – who is doing an adult summer reading club? Surrey has one for staff only (2<sup>nd</sup> year doing it). North Vancouver District has one (bingo-style, 2<sup>nd</sup> year doing it, \$50 prize draw for gift certificate). VPL is doing a “Summer of Learning” pilot project and hopes to add a reading challenge to it next year. New Westminster’s 150 Reading Challenge booklet.
- Heidi: monthly brown-bag lunch reading roundtable for staff, sharing 2-3 great books they’ve read, giving starred rating to titles and posting on the staff intranet.
- Michelle: who organizes staff/patron SRCs? It varies, interested librarians.
- Tara: monthly Bookchats for staff, collects titles for Bibliocommons list. New Bibliocommons feature, My Profile.
- Sarah: new Staff Picks bookmarks are going well, popular with staff and patrons, and considering expansion of program.
- Theresa: Penguin Hotline – RA form and will get email response back.
- Claire: working to develop more RA initiatives, looking to connect with others about shelf-talkers and online RA.

*Upcoming meeting locations:* discussion. Everyone will check to see if their locations have teleconferencing option. 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:* 12 contributions, Anna will send draft for final approval and checking to contributors and then Matthew will post on the blog. Jenny will get it onto our webpage via the BCLA office.

*Library Reads project:* two reps needed: discussion. Decision: Barbara and Claire will be our reps on the Steering Committee. Barbara’s backup is Caroline, and Claire’s backup is Heidi. Jenny will inform Michael.

*RA in a Day*

- Closing keynote speakers: discussion. Jenny will invite Brenna Clarke Gray from Douglas College to be our closing keynote speaker. Her main topics of research include gender and diversity in publishing, and the impact of technology on readers.
- Bookslam demo: nine 30-second book talks. Participants: Shelley, Heidi, Jenny, Michelle, Claire, Meghan, Anna, Barbara, Tara: email adult title to Shelley before the next meeting, don't duplicate your Best Bets title.
- Tara will take care of gifts: 7 x \$10
- Jenny will submit budget to BCLA office in July and arrange for honorariums for Lexile workshop presenters and closing keynote speaker.
- Food & beverage
  - Barbara will get quote from Blenz for coffee/tea and morning muffins
  - 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

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 will distribute posters to Metro Vancouver libraries via Interlink.

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

*Recruitment Chair:* conducting an inventory of past efforts to date.

*Education Liaison:* send her any RA professional development opportunities that you come across, she is compiling a list.

*Social Media/Blog:*

June: Burnaby

July: New Westminster

August: SLAIS/Langara student reps

September: Fraser Valley

October: Greater Victoria

November: Richmond

December: Port Moody