

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, October 21, 2014, VPL Central branch

Attended by: Jenny Fry, Co-Chair (Surrey Libraries); Heather Bindseil and Michael Gray (Library Bound); Matthew Murray (SLAIS student co-rep); Barbara Edwards (Vancouver Public Library); Theresa de Sousa (Richmond Public Library); Meghan Savage (Surrey Libraries); Heidi Schiller (North Vancouver City Library); Anna Ferri (SLAIS student co-rep); Cathy Mount; Caroline Crowe (Vancouver Public Library); Anthea Goffe (Fraser Valley Regional Library); Joyce Quach (Langara library technician student rep);

Regrets: Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair (West Vancouver Memorial Library); Tim McMillan (Vancouver Public Library); Michelle Whitehead (Greater Victoria Public Library); Meghan Savage (Surrey Libraries)

Meeting reminder: the next meeting is Tuesday November 18, from 9:15-11am, at the North Vancouver City Library

Interesting RA tidbits:

- Caroline: update on RA services on Facebook, has been officially launched, please promote to your staff, it's working well, about 2 questions per hour so far. VPL is also producing a weekly Bibliocommons list on Facebook (what the community is reading). She encourages all of us to use it if we get stuck on an RA question.
- Anna: Novelist is looking to add more Canadian content and is looking for Canadian librarians to help with this – if you are interested, email Anna asap: ferri.annam@gmail.com
- Matthew: SLAIS has been looking for an RA instructor. Heidi reminded the group that she has the curriculum ready to go.
- Jenny hung out with Nancy Pearl, Stephanie Chase and a great group of people for a series of fantastic RA training sessions: <http://www.youtube.com/user/bibliocommons> She is going to the Nov 14 Literacy Breakfast in Bellingham, and Nancy is the keynote speaker.

Social Media/Blog:

- October: Richmond: Theresa is coordinating
- November: Thompson-Nicola: Audrey will coordinate
- December: Vancouver
- January: West Vancouver
- February: North Vancouver
- March: New Westminster or North Vancouver District? (Heidi will contact) Burnaby? (Theresa will contact)
- April/May: Anna and Matthew will find out which is the best month for SLAIS

RA in a Half Day: debrief

- It was a great success!
- Jenny will send out the evaluation forms to the listserv.
- It was very content-heavy.
- Needed an opening icebreaker.
- Needed a convenor for smoother transitions.
- Discussion about doing RA in a Day next year.
- Need to replace Library Bound sign, Michael will send logo to Jenny, Tara, and Barbara, and Barbara will get a new sign made.
- Joyce put photos in Dropbox account, she has sent some of us the link.
- Think about possible venues for next year.
- Anna has posted a couple blog posts, more to come.
- Jenny will send speed-dating handout template to Theresa.

BCLA Browser: Heidi and Anna are on the new Browser board who are going to re-vamp it. Discussion: we liked the idea of an “RA Corner” – a regular RA feature. We do need a Browser Liaison from this group – any volunteers? Please email Jenny: jjfry@surrey.ca.

BCLA Conference Proposal 2015: Start brainstorming, all good ideas will merit a proposal. Bring your ideas to the next meeting or email them to Jenny. Discussion: one idea we liked was on successful community-engaged RA programming. Another idea we liked was around trust and RA from librarians.

New proposal from Library Bound: Heather is interested in sponsoring a student to go to their first library-related conference to BCLA. Discussion: we like this idea! Heather will talk to BCLA Admin about it and will report next steps at the next meeting.