

BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 16, 2014, Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse branch)

Attended by: Jenny Fry, Co-Chair (Surrey Libraries); Tara Matsuzaki, Co-Chair (West Vancouver Memorial Library); Matthew Murray (SLAIS student co-rep); Barbara Edwards (Vancouver Public Library); Theresa de Sousa (Richmond Public Library); Michelle Whitehead (Greater Victoria Public Library); Meghan Savage (Surrey Libraries); Heidi Schiller (North Vancouver City Library); Anna Ferri (SLAIS student co-rep); Cathy Mount

Regrets: Caroline Crowe (Vancouver Public Library); Anthea Goffe (Fraser Valley Regional Library); Joyce Quach (Langara library technician student rep); Naomi Eisenstat (Surrey Libraries); Tim McMillan (Vancouver Public Library);

Meeting reminder: the next meeting is Tuesday October 21, from 9:15-11am, at VPL Central branch

Interesting RA tidbits:

- Matthew is taking the public library class at SLAIS – first time it has been offered in three years.
- Heidi is planning a Giller Prize party for Nov 10th, including live-streaming the event from Toronto. Discussion about getting spoiled on social media or having the event at 5pm. Partnering with the North Vancouver District Library and West Vancouver Memorial Library this year, and it is a fundraiser for the North Shore Writers Festival.
- Barbara: Gabrielle Pendergast (YA) Writer in Residence, focus on the lack of diversity in YA fiction, might generate book lists.

VPL is continuing the collection shift to a full Dewey run. Launching Bibliocommons' Biblio Events platform (only other library using it is Chicago) – lots of RA opportunities to connect programs/events with collections.

Joyce Sarick's monthly newsletter from Booklist: [the importance of browsing](#).

- Theresa: Booklamp was bought by Apple:
<http://www.crunchbase.com/organization/booklamp>
- Meghan: Authors Among Us program at the Guildford Library:
<http://www.surreylibraries.ca/programs-services/5690.aspx>

She is also going to the Teen Angst event in Vancouver at The Diamond to read from her teenage diary on Sept 23.

- Jenny: Bookslam event on Fri Sept 26 at City Centre Library at noon. Seven book-talkers (4 City Hall workers and 3 Surrey librarians), one MC and a timer. 4 books each: one gets

a 2 minute talk, one gets a 1 minute talk, then 30 seconds, then 15 seconds. Audience participation picking the next time slot.

She is registered for the Nancy Pearl webinars next week (Sept 24 & 25), put on by Bibliocommons, taking place in Google Hangouts.

- Michelle: Booksmack is using library board members for the first time, going out to The Belfry theatre for an evening, The Union (a private club), museums, and smaller branches

Video Conferencing: thanks to Theresa for the laptop and thanks to Matthew for getting Skype working for our two virtual participants! If you plan to join us by Skype at future meetings, you have add us to your Skype contacts: bclaraig

Social Media/Blog:

- September: Fraser Valley: Anthea coordinating
- October: Richmond: Theresa will coordinate
- November: Thompson-Nicola: Audrey will coordinate (Jenny will confirm)
- December: Vancouver
- January: West Vancouver
- February: North Vancouver

RA in a Half Day: Monday, October 20, 2014

- *Food & beverage:*
 - We still need to solve the water option. Is there anyone who is driving who can pick up some bottled water? You would be reimbursed. Or do you have some pitchers that we can fill?
 - Theresa will make the 2pm lunch reservation for 12-15 people at Shi-Art in the mall.
 - Jenny will place the food & beverage order after registration closes for pastries, fruit, coffee and tea.
- *Speed-dating Through the Genres:* Heidi will pursue the speakers for their bios.
 - Steampunk (Lee Ann)
 - Audiobooks (Marion)
 - Popular Science (Anna)
 - Literary Fiction (Meghan)
- *Keynotes:* Barbara is in touch with Keren, Tim is in touch with Stephanie: once
- *Registration:* registration is open. Jenny will send reminders to the listservs next week.
- Jenny will bring permission forms for recording speakers.
- Our Twitter hashtag is: #rahalfday
- Discussion about name tags: Matthew will buy and print them (and will submit receipt to Jenny)
- *Video camera:* Heidi will bring it and will film, Joyce will help

- *Photos:* Joyce
- *Live-blogging:* Anna
- *Gifts for speakers:* Anthea
- *Parking:* there is a parkade beside the Cultural Centre that has some free-all-day spots at the top, so park carefully.....some spots are for 3-hours only.
- Jenny is bringing some reading prescription pads to give out.
- Theresa will provide dry-erase markers for the mobile white boards.
- Tim and Caroline will bring the bookmarks of the previously-done genres/topics for “Speed-dating through the genres”
- Jenny will inform all speakers about registration numbers so that they can make their own handouts, or designate someone to do it for them.
- Barbara is re-vamping the opening slides, so that the hashtag is more prominent
- *Agenda:*
 - 9:30-9:35 Opening remarks and welcome (Theresa)
 - 9:35-9:40 Keynote introduction (Barbara and Caroline)
 - 9:40-11:00 Keynote: Dr. Keren Dali – Reading and Immigrant Communities
 - 11:00-11:15 Break
 - 11:15-11:45 Small Group Activity: Serving Immigrant Readers
 - 11:50-12:30 Speed-dating Through the Genres (Heidi will moderate)
 1. Steampunk (Lee Ann)
 2. Audiobooks (Marion)
 3. Popular Science (Anna)
 4. Literary Fiction: Where Do You Start? (Meghan)
 - 12:30-1:20 Stephanie Cross, Bibliocommons (Tim will introduce her)
 - 1:20-1:30 Evaluation, thank you, and wrap-up (Theresa)

Miscellaneous:

- Filming 30 second book-talks at BCLA conference: contest, juried awards
- Book-talks on Vine (6 seconds long)
- Who is thinking of going to OLA 2015 in January? Let us know on the list-serv, or email Tara.
- New BCLA website training: we all seem to work on Thursday evenings, Heidi will gather more information.