



2021 BC Library Conference

Monday, May 03

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Decolonizing Design: Six Steps for Embracing the Change

Opening Keynote - Dr. Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstall

Keynote

Dori Tunstall

Dean of Design, Ontario College of Art and Design University

In this talk, Dr. Dori Tunstall will present the case for the global necessity to decolonizing design because of the harm it does to Indigenous, Black, and other People of Color communities. She will discuss the six practical steps that OCAD University has taken to begin to make amends for the harm its processes and curriculum have done to IBPOC communities and to heal those relationships.

Monday, May 03

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

Indigenous Academic Librarianship Online

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Rachel Chong

Indigenous Engagement and Subject Liaison Librarian, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

In the time of Truth and Reconciliation, how do information professionals responsibly and respectfully engage with Indigenous information? How do we make this information appropriate and accessible to our students, faculty, and broader community? In this session we will look at the development of Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Indigenous Studies Libguide with a focus on special topics such as Indigenizing Education. We will also delve into remote Indigenous Information Literacy instruction, including instructional videos and supporting material.

Monday, May 03

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM

Launching a Shiny New Library During a Global Pandemic

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Tina Thomas

Executive Director, Customer Experience, Edmonton Public Library

The Edmonton Public Library's central library was set to open in the spring of 2020 after being closed to the public for three years. Unfortunately, a global pandemic meant temporary library closures, attendance limitations, physical distancing and class and event restrictions. How do you launch a brand new library when you can't allow people to experience it in person? Hear how EPL leveraged the service delivery and customer experience lessons learned during COVID to develop a "Virtual Open House" - a day of programs showcasing the spaces, services and people of the newly renovated EPL Stanley A. Milner Library.

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10 Minute On-Demand Yoga Break!

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Monday, May 03

12:45 PM - 02:15 PM

Colourful Perspectives: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Across Libraries

90 Minute Breakout Session

Erie Maestro

Recently Retired Branch Head, Vancouver Public Library

Jorge Cardenas

Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

Josh Chan

Librarian, Outreach & Legal Reference, Courthouse Libraries BC

Karleen Delaurier-Lyle

Information Services Librarian, Xwi7xwa Library

Sajni Lacey

Learning and Curriculum Support Librarian, University of British Columbia Okanagan

Recognizing that conversations around anti-racism in all types of libraries have again risen to the forefront, a panel of racialized librarians from public, special, and academic libraries are coming together to speak on a variety of themes related to anti-racism work that have incited anger, inspiration, and hope as we look to the complicated realities of where we go next. Panellists are from all points in their careers, new grad, mid-career, and management, and will bring real-life examples to the conversation, as well as provide space for attendees to discuss the realities of this work within libraries. Themes planned for ...

Tuesday, May 04

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Opening Keynote - Sierra Tasi Baker

Learning and Engaging with Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Keynote

Jennifer Cowden

Event Support, DFC Events

Please note, this session will not be recorded. Sierra will talk about the unprecedented times we live in and how non-indigenous people are asking to learn and engage with Indigenous ways of knowing. She will talk about how we might understand the limitations and constraints of our own settler culture... and better identify our cultural assumptions, especially those that emphasis a quick transition from thought to action. Sierra will focus on the importance of taking the time to fully listen, to consider, to reflect, and to understand.

Tuesday, May 04

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

Thinking Through Learning Analytics, Intellectual Freedom, EDI and Privacy

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Ali Shiri

Professor, University of Alberta

Toni Samek

Professor, University of Alberta

As we take important time to reflect on the role of libraries in society at BCLA 2021, learning analytics are popping up at a rapid pace all over the place, including in our systems and institutions. To what extent do learning analytics relate to library values? What can we learn, unlearn and even relearn about intellectual freedom, EDI and privacy through the new lens of learning analytics? This session is designed to: (1) share fresh practical information about learning analytics as reported in our field's literature, including coverage of benefits, harms, and justifications; and, (2) generate thinking about actionable steps ...

Tuesday, May 04

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM

Cultural Literacy and Social Justice: Some Thoughts on a Library Digital Exhibition Project

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Ying Liu

Humanities Librarian (Linguistics, Asian Studies & Religious Studies), University of Victoria

"Glimpses into Chinese Immigration history in Canada: The New Republic and the World Journal Vancouver newspapers" <https://exhibits.library.uvic.ca/spotlight/chinese-newspapers> is an online digital exhibition of selected articles from two Chinese Canadian community newspapers, the interview videos of the chief editor, and other historical photos and documents related to the publication history. Interviews and the selected articles were transcribed and translated in English to reach broader readers. The project started in 2019, however, the presenter seems just witness the history of discrimination and racism recorded in the two newspapers of the project repeating itself in 2020 during the pandemic. The presenter would like ...

Tuesday, May 04

12:45 PM - 01:30 PM

A Fine Balance: Hate speech, freedom of expression and Canadian law.

45 Minute Breakout Session

Meghan McDermott

Interim Policy Director, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

When does controversial or offensive speech cross over into the legal definition of hate speech? How do we reconcile rights around freedom of expression with protection from discrimination? Join BC Civil Liberties Association lawyer Meghan McDermott for an educational session explaining the legalities around hate speech in Canada. She will touch upon two legal provisions which are often referenced in discussion around hate speech: the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' section 2(b), guaranteeing freedom of expression, and Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Tuesday, May 04

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Can we decolonize library education?

45 Minute Breakout Session

Amy Perreault

Senior Strategist, Indigenous Initiatives; First Nations Concentration Coordinator, iSchool, UBC

Ashley Edwards

Indigenous Initiatives and Instruction Librarian, Simon Fraser University

Dr. Christina Neigel

Department Head / Associate Professor, University of the Fraser Valley

Lindsay Tripp

Librarian, Langara College

Xaanja Free

MLIS candidate, FNCC, UBC

This session explores how MLIS and Library Technician programs are addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the problematic diversity gap within our profession more broadly. Participants are invited to explore questions related to these themes in conversation with panelists engaged in decolonizing work at their home institutions. We will leave with ideas for fomenting grassroots change through critical library education so we, as a professional community, can move forward together in a good way.

Tuesday, May 04

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Looking Forward: What Comes Next?

45 Minute Breakout Session

Deborah Koep

Chief Librarian, North Vancouver City Library

Elizabeth Tracy

Library Director, Whistler Public Library

Surinder Bhogal

Chief Librarian, Surrey Public Library

We have come through a difficult time as institutions and individuals, as well as personally and professionally. We have often had to "dig deep" to find the resiliency we need to move forward. Learning from our experiences as we reflect on the past and plan for the future reveals a new optimism for our libraries. Our session today will focus on the positive, exhilarating, and creative currents that help us continue to build strong and relevant libraries. Today we will talk about what the future can be when we look through an optimistic lens.

Tuesday, May 04

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An Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

Patricia Chong

Professional Coach, BCLA Coaching Program

"Meditation brings us back to the present moment, and gives us the tools we need to be less stressed, calmer and kinder to ourselves and others." - How to Be More Mindful at Work, New York Times November 2018. Now more than ever, mental well-being is a top priority for the library community. Mindfulness meditation is an evidence-based practice that helps to manage stress, build resilience and enhance well-being. In this supportive, hands-on session, you will be introduced to the basics of mindfulness meditation and will be guided through a specific mindfulness practice, such as meditating with the body or a ...

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Dewey Divas and Dudes Speed Dating Spring 2021 Titles Adult and Kids Books

Evening Entertainment

Allie Chenoweth

Trade Sales Representative, Library and Educational Retailers, Scholastic Canada

Janet Murie

Library Sales Manager, Orca Book Publishers

Lahring Tribe

Director of the School, Library and Academic Department, Penguin Random House Canada

Margot Stokreef

Martin and Associates Sales Agency

Rosalyn Steele

Director of Library & Academic Sales, HarperCollins Canada

Saffron Beckwith

president, ampersand inc

Tim Gain

National Account Manager-Library Market, Canadian Manda Group

Come and hear about the top 40 Spring releases from The Dewey Divas and Dudes. 40 books in 45 minutes... hold onto your hats! It's going to be fun! If you've attended an in-person conference in the past, you'll know that our evening events are paired with delicious appies! The Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel has provided a recipe for Strawberry Crostini to pair with tonight's entertainment! The 2 recipes can be downloaded from the File section down below.

Wednesday, May 05

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Reconciling Our Space in the Library

Opening Keynote - Tricia Logan

Keynote

Tricia Logan

Assistant Professor - Métis, University of British Columbia - School of Information

Libraries and library professionals have embarked on important work to address reconciliation and with renewed relationships with Indigenous communities. Library practice continues to be transformed and will see ongoing changes in coming years. The way we appreciate and love libraries does not have to change, but there are ways to change libraries that allow more people, communities and perspectives to find their space and their voice inside of libraries. This talk is designed to spark ongoing conversations in how we address our Calls to Action and what transformed library practices can do to create respectful spaces and innovative library collections.

Wednesday, May 05

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How do you measure, measure this year?: Library value during and after COVID

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Amy Mclay Paterson

Assessment and User Experience Librarian, Thompson Rivers University Library

In a year where many gate counts remain at 0 and curbside services may have taken months to start up (if at all), libraries are being forced to reckon with traditional value rubrics tailored for in-person services. The truth is that reductive quantitative assessments of the numbers of people that use our space, collections and services have long been a poor reflection of the library's true worth to our users and an even poorer measure of our commitment and adherence to our professional values. This presentation will situate the failures of our current benchmarks, as revealed the COVID-19 pandemic; discuss ...

Wednesday, May 05

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Doing Better: Why we need representation and inclusion in children's picture books and the BC Summer Reading Club

45 Minute Breakout Session

Siobhan Barker

Equity, Diversity and Disability Justice ChangeMaker and Consultant

Stephanie Usher

Provincial Coordinator, BC Summer Reading Club

Zoe Si

Illustrator, BC Summer Reading Club 2021 Artist

Join us for a panel conversation with this year's BC SRC artist, Zoe Si, and Equity, Diversity and Disability Justice Changemaker and Consultant, Siobhan Barker, where we'll discuss the need for representation in children's literature and what responsibilities the BC Summer Reading Club and libraries have in creating and upholding these spaces for children and their families. The conversation will focus on children's services in libraries and explore the ways that we can actively engage and improve our inclusion practices.

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Rights based frameworks for reconciliation

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Ry Moran

Keynote Speaker, University of Victoria

This presentation will focus on the necessity of using human rights language and approaches during the broad efforts of reconciliation. The address will highlight the critical importance human rights frameworks play in shaping the responsibilities of memory keeping institutions and efforts of public servants. Such frameworks are of particular importance here in British Columbia given recent legislation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The presentation will challenge audience to embrace human rights as a solution to age old challenges facing our efforts. Have more questions for Ry? Join Ry on Monday, May 10th at 10:00 am: ...

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Unexpected Partnerships: Community Work in a Pandemic

45 Minute Breakout Session

Jorge Cardenas

Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

When the pandemic hit and libraries closed in March 2020, Burnaby Public Library faced the same question we all asked: now what do we do? After reviewing the limited options, we decided to focus resources on understanding the immediate needs of Burnaby residents: we expanded the community librarian team, stepped away from online programming, and stressed the importance of an EDI perspective. Doing this work, we connected with meetings that the Burnaby Primary Care Network organized with service providers around urgent needs, such as food security, technology or social isolation. Using a community development approach, we were able to expand ...

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Partners in Access to Justice: How public libraries can connect with community advocacy services to ensure effective referrals

45 Minute Breakout Session

Alex Peel

Community Engagement Coordinator, Legal Aid BC

Kate Fish

Online Community Manager, PovNet Society

Megan Smiley

LawMatters Program Coordinator and Outreach Librarian, Courthouse Libraries BC

Rachel Carlson

Outreach & Reference Librarian, Courthouse Libraries BC

Patrons with legal issues often find it difficult to get the specialized help they need, but we can ease the process. As trusted public spaces, libraries play an important role in addressing the access to justice crisis affecting our communities, but we cannot do it alone! Making effective referrals to community support services is vital for those dealing with legal problems and it can alleviate stress for both patrons and library staff. Join us to hear about an initiative to increase and maintain awareness of community support services and broaden our understanding of what is needed to make effective referrals.

Wednesday, May 05

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Creating Connections in a Virtual Environment: Why We Love Virtual Programming (and Hope It's Here to Stay)

45 Minute Breakout Session

Jean Broughton

Teen Services Librarian, Vancouver Public Library

Kelly Savage

Children's Librarian, Vancouver Public Library

Sasha Schertzer

Teen Services Librarian, Vancouver Public Library

As health orders cancelled library programming across the province, library staff have had to pivot dramatically. Nowhere has this been more obvious than in our programming schedules. Our experience of evolving core programs such as Reading Buddies from an in-person program to a virtual one showed many of the challenges of the digital environment. It also demonstrated how this kind of programming affords opportunities that are sometimes missing from in-person programming. This presentation will use practical tips and lessons learned from Reading Buddies and other programs to highlight the advantages of virtual programming, including enhanced ways of modeling learning for ...

Wednesday, May 05

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

BC libraries responding to staff mental wellness needs

45 Minute Breakout Session

Jacqueline Wagner

Library Director, Radium Hot Springs Public Library

Jenny Fry

Director, Learning, Programs & Partnerships, SURREY LIBRARIES

Pia Russell

Librarian for Education, Children's Literature, and Indigenous Studies, UVic

Staff experiencing mental wellness issues continues to be a leading cause of workplace disability. This situation is more urgent as we find ourselves one year into a global pandemic. Stress in the workplace can result in serious health issues, reduced work performance and a decrease in service quality and job satisfaction. Libraries across the province are looking for ways to support their staff, especially given the multiple impacts of COVID-19 in library staff professional and personal lives. This session will highlight some of the work being done by libraries of various sizes, both in the public and academic sectors. The focus ...

Wednesday, May 05

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Working together to mitigate information privilege with the DTES RAP

45 Minute Breakout Session

Aleha McCauley

Community Engagement Librarian, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC Library

Heather De Forest

Community Scholars Librarian, SFU Library

Nick Ubels

Community Engagement Librarian, UBC Learning Exchange and Irving K. Barber Learning Centre

THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED. How can libraries work collaboratively with community leaders to address information privilege? The Downtown Eastside Research Access Portal (DTES RAP) is one example. The DTES RAP is an easy-to-use resource that improves access to academic and community-generated research materials related to the Downtown Eastside. Join Aleha McCauley (UBC Library), Heather De Forest (SFU Library) and Nick Ubels (UBC Learning Exchange & UBC Library) for an engaging workshop about the ways in which this project addresses open access and knowledge exchange in a community setting. You will also leave with practical ideas for how you can ...

Wednesday, May 05

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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Children's Services: A Case Study on Connecting with Newcomer Families in Burnaby

45 Minute Breakout Session

Jamie Mccarthy

Librarian 1 (currently Acting Branch Manager), Burnaby Public Library

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are fundamental values for public libraries. These core values were highlighted in 2020, as libraries needed to work creatively to break down barriers to provide inclusive yet safe services during the pandemic, while also acknowledging a global cultural shift that embraced many forms of activism. Although this work is highly rewarding and vital for libraries, it can also be daunting to know where to begin. This case study will look at the partnership between the Burnaby Public Library and MOSAIC's Family Centre as an example of how libraries can connect with newcomer families. It will suggest ...

Wednesday, May 05

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

Crack the Case!: A look into this year's BC SRC programming

45 Minute Breakout Session

Alicia Dobbs

BC Summer Reading Club Co-Chair and Children's Librarian, New Westminster Public Library

Laura Zaytsoff

BC SRC Co-Chair, Castlegar & District Public Library

Stephanie Usher

Provincial Coordinator, BC Summer Reading Club

Last year, the BC Summer Reading Club went virtual and made it possible for children and their families to connect with the program and their libraries in spite of library closures and reduced capacities. This year, we continue to explore ways to adapt and increase access to the program. You're invited to get a behind the scenes glimpse of what we have planned for this summer. We'll be going over some of the new changes that libraries will see to their core print materials, the SRC Manual, the BC SRC website, and the expansion of our Online Reading Tracker App. ...

Wednesday, May 05

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Board Games & Cocktails

Evening Entertainment

Carla Graebner

Research Data Services and Government Information Librarian, Simon Fraser University

It's been a long and rewarding day. You've been hanging out in Zoom learning a few things, making connections but missing the folks you'd love to see in person, and now you're ready to shake things up before you go a bit stir crazy. A good way to do this is with good old fashioned board games. This session comes with a bit of a twist: a spirited discussion about board games and cocktails. Light games, heavy games—let's contrast and Compare! Curious about which beverage pairs best with which board game? Let me be your Advocate. No matter what your board gaming ...

Thursday, May 06

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Harana: Centering Impact and Action in Anti-Racist Leadership Practices

Keynote

Melanie Matining

Co-Chair, BC Multicultural Advisory Council

Organization development consultant and change strategist, Melanie Matining shares the learnings she's gained from guiding organizational leaders and champions towards anti-racist practices and the meaningful community engagement and actions that have come from it. Harana is a traditional practice of serenading in different regions across the Philippines. As a framework, Melanie uses the serenade as way to unearth relationship building, accountability, and care as key aspects to anti-racist organizational practices.

Thursday, May 06

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

Understanding Library Service Models as a Representation of Values

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Barbara Sobol

Public Services Librarian, UBC

Rooted in a 2019 study of academic library service models in British Columbia, this session will explore the conference themes of inclusivity, public space and library values by examining contemporary service models. The physical and virtual spaces that libraries create to interact with patrons are critically important to fostering inclusivity as well as articulating the professional values that underpin libraries as a unique public good. Attendees will gain insight into evolving service models, and will be challenged to consider the broader social and historical contexts of library services. Such examination is required for imagining a positive future for library services, ...

Thursday, May 06

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM

Coaching: Supporting Your Lifelong Learning, Inside and Outside the Library

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Andrea Freeman

Certified Coach

For decades, leaders and executives have engaged coaches to support their professional and personal development. Individuals who work with coaches develop more self awareness, improve their work performance, relationships and communication, and report higher levels of satisfaction with their work and daily interactions. But what about making coaching accessible to everyone else? This year, BCLA launched a 1 year coaching pilot to make professional coaching services more affordable to any level of library staff. Because coaching is a relatively new concept for the BC library community, this session will explore what coaching is and what you can expect if you ...

Thursday, May 06

12:15 PM - 12:25 PM

10 Minute On-Demand Chair Yoga Break!

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Thursday, May 06

12:45 PM - 01:30 PM

A Common Goal in Mental Wellness

45 Minute Breakout Session

Bruce Fiske

Community Crisis Worker, Winnipeg Public Library

Johnathan Dyer

Acting President, CUPE 391

Library workers are no strangers to helping people. The role of libraries in the social fabric of their communities has evolved over the years and COVID has highlighted the urgent need to address growing challenges in libraries and our communities. Library staff are facing challenges with implemented safety protocols, and some are feeling generalized anxiety in coming to work with increased duties and workload concerns. In addition, library staff interact with a wide variety of folks from all walks of life. Staff need additional resources to address this in a meaningful way to reflect the changes in their communities. These ...

Thursday, May 06

12:45 PM - 01:30 PM

Transgender Inclusion at Burnaby Public Library: An EDI Roadmap

45 Minute Breakout Session

Ashley Dunne

Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

Cristina Freire

Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

In August 2019, the Burnaby Public Library formed a Transgender Inclusion Working Group to identify barriers trans and nonbinary staff and patrons face in the library and to make recommendations to remove these barriers. While COVID has delayed some of our work, the group has been successful in installing "trans people welcome" signage on washrooms, removing deadnames from patron records, and delivering professional gender diversity training for all staff. Some of the changes to make the library more trans inclusive have had the added benefit of increasing equity, diversity and inclusion for other vulnerable groups, such as a new policy ...

Thursday, May 06

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Who's Driving This Thing? Data-Driven Companies, Public Spaces, and the Issue of Privacy

45 Minute Breakout Session

Alexandra Wieland

Processing and Reference Archivist, Simon Fraser University

Janis Mckenzie

User Experience Librarian, Simon Fraser University

Robert McLelland

Information and Privacy Archivist, Simon Fraser University

Samantha Mills

Branch Head, West Point Grey Branch of the Vancouver Public Library

Libraries, like all information-driven organizations, use digital tools to do our work and provide our services. However, these tools are usually provided by companies who collect and exploit user data for profit. These business models are examples of what scholars call "surveillance capitalism." In *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*, Shoshana Zuboff calls this moment in time "the crucible of an unprecedented form of power marked by extreme concentrations of knowledge and free from democratic oversight." What does it mean to invite surveillance capitalism into the library, a refuge and resource for our most vulnerable community members? Is it time to ...

Thursday, May 06

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

"Let Our People Be Known by Their Own Names": Creating a Staff Guide to Decolonizing Catalogue Records

45 Minute Breakout Session

Allison C. Sharp

Library Technician, Terrace Public Library

Kaitlyn Vecchio

Director, Northwest Library Federation

Jenny Guild

Library & Information Technology Student, Langara College

Laurette Lapalme

Librarian, Hazelton District Public Library

Michelle Campos

Teen Services Coordinator, Okotoks Public Library

In fall 2020, the Northwest Library Federation began work on creating a staff guide to decolonizing our libraries' catalogue records in Sitka. Our end goals are to make it easier to find Indigenous materials in our libraries and to ensure that we make those changes in a way that is in the spirit of reconciliation and respectful of our numerous local Indigenous Peoples' cultures and languages. This session will summarize the work done so far, show a preview of the tools that are being developed by the NWLF, and include some insights into some practical steps libraries can take to ...

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An Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

Patricia Chong

Professional Coach, BCLA Coaching Program

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An evening with Dawn Pemberton

Evening Entertainment

Dawn Pemberton

Join us for an evening musical performance by the vibrant, genuine and soulful, Dawn Pemberton! Dawn has deep musical roots that take her powerful voice from gospel and soul to jazz, funk and world music. Tight, expressive and bold, Dawn will hit you where it counts, funk you up and make you say "Go 'head!". If you've attended an in-person conference in the past, you'll know that our evening events are paired with delicious appies! The Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel has provided a recipe for Baked Brie to pair with tonight's entertainment! The recipe can be downloaded from the File section ...

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Growing In the Wild Garden: Trauma, Resilience, and Conflict in Community Work

Opening Keynote - Kai Cheng Thom

Keynote

Kai Cheng Thom

What do we really mean when we seek out "trauma informed" approaches to public service and community organizing? How can we build radical mental health and wellness approaches into the work of service and social justice when that work inevitably brings up conflict and stressful change? What is the difference between centering trauma and centering resilience? Somatic coach, consultant, and conflict resolution practitioner Kai Cheng Thom explores these fundamental questions in her keynote address. Grounded in the neuroscience of trauma as well as over a decade of experience in mental health and community organizing practice, Kai Cheng will provide participants ...

Friday, May 07

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

Libraries and the Climate Crisis

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Kevin Millsip

executive director, the BC Libraries Co-operative (NNELS)

As the climate crisis becomes more present in so many aspects of our lives, it's raising profound questions for all of us about how we live, the systems we design and rely on and how quickly we need profound changes in many of these systems. The impacts on people and planet are increasing demands for action that is bold enough to meet the magnitude of the crisis. This session will explore the question of how the majority of us who do not work on climate change as part our jobs, can lean into the type of actions that can truly ...

Friday, May 07

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM

Indigenous Identities and Colonial Legacies in Library Description

20 Minute Lightning Talk

Stacy Allison-Cassin

Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

This session will review the long history and ongoing impacts of colonialism in the practice of library description and discuss a number of current initiatives intended to rectify the usage of harmful and racist terminologies. There will be a focus on actionable short-term tactics, as well as longer term solutions to revision description practice for a more inclusive and equitable future.

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Civic Engagement, Libraries, and Climate Change

45 Minute Breakout Session

Helen Brown

Reference Librarian, University of British Columbia

Joe Melanson

Liaison Librarian, University of British Columbia

Libraries are deeply involved in community building, and for some, library work and advocacy go hand in hand. For others, the connection may not be so clear. This session explores civic engagement and the ways in which libraries and library workers can contribute to local democracy. In November 2020, the City of Vancouver voted in favour of the Climate Emergency Action Plan, which allows the city to continue their work to decrease emissions by 50% by 2030. Many other BC municipalities are currently considering similar plans. Using research on civic engagement plus recent examples of engagement and lobbying related to ...

Friday, May 07

12:45 PM - 01:30 PM

Critical Literacy Kits with Indigenous Children's Literature at UBC

45 Minute Breakout Session

Emily Fornwald

Education Librarian, University of British Columbia

Karleen Delaurier-Lyle

Information Services Librarian, Xwi7xwa Library

Sajni Lacey

Learning and Curriculum Support Librarian, University of British Columbia Okanagan

At the University of British Columbia's libraries, the children's literature is used and accessed by teacher education students and Education faculty looking for educational materials for use in K-12 instruction, researchers studying children's literature and pedagogy, Indigenous Studies students, and community users looking for leisure reading materials for children. Shelving outdated, racist, or otherwise problematic children's literature and historical educational texts alongside more "authentic" materials results in a collection that can be difficult to navigate for users who are unaware of the problems inherent in some children's literature. At the same time, weeding problematic materials entirely limits the research potential ...

Friday, May 07

01:45 PM - 03:00 PM

High Vibe Living: It's time to put an end to the hustle

Closing Keynote - Andrea Ferguson

Keynote

Andrea Ferguson

F.I.T. Mindset Mentor and Coach, The F.I.T. LIFE Method

In such a time as this, where instant connection is at our fingertips, we are more disconnected than ever. Stress, anxiety, insecurity, self-doubt and consequently unhappiness are consuming us. We try to put a brave face on, keep it together and soldier on but this approach is taking a toll on our health and well-being. We are suffering in silence, hiding behind social media profiles, hustling to feel enough. We are feeling depleted, discouraged and burnt out. We are soul tired. Whether in life or business, it's time to stop leading from this place. And there is no better time than ...



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