



2023 BC Library Conference

Wednesday, Apr 12

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

KPU Library Tour

In-Person

Join us for a walking tour to the KPU Library Richmond Campus from the Sheraton Hotel. Space is limited! Please meet in the main lobby of the Sheraton.

Wednesday, Apr 12: Elmbriidge Ballroom

05:30 PM - 07:00 PM

LIVESTREAMED - Opening Keynote

Elmbriidge Ballroom

Keynote

In-Person

Virtual

Dr. June Francis

Dr. June Francis is the chair of the provincial Anti-Racism Data Committee, an Associate Professor of Marketing at SFU's Beedie School of Business, and the Co-Founder of The Co-Laboratorio project that works to strengthen cross-sector collaboration, learning and innovation – for more inclusive resilient solutions in governance, policies and industry practice. She is also Director of the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement at SFU, and chair of the board of directors at the Hogan's Alley Society, an organization whose mission is to advance the economic and cultural well-being of people of African descent through the delivery of housing, built ...

Wednesday, Apr 12: Britannia Ballroom

07:00 PM - 09:15 PM

Welcome Reception

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

Thursday, Apr 13: Cedarbridge Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Is Your Public Library Accessible? Find and Fix Barriers to Improve Community Access

Cedarbridge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Laurie Davidson

Executive Director, Centre for Equitable Library Access

Riane Lapaire

Braille & Accessibility Testing Coordinator, NNELS

Simon Jaeger

Accessibility Tester, National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS)

In 2022, the Public Library Accessibility Resource Centre (PLARC) Project, co-led by NNELS and CELA and funded by the Government of Canada, conducted the "Is Your Public Library Accessible?" Study. Participants with various disabilities and demographics from across the country visited their local public library at least once a month for 6 months. This session will provide an overview of the PLARC project and present the findings of the "Is Your Public Library Accessible?" Study. It will give participants a window into the lived experience of users with disabilities in public libraries and hold up mirrors for the library community ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Controlled Digital Lending in Canada's libraries

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Christina De Castell

Chief Librarian & CEO, Vancouver Public Library

Donald Taylor

University Copyright Officer and Head, InterLibrary Loans, SFU Library

Controlled digital lending (CDL) is a vital and necessary approach to help meet user demand for digital access to print collections held in Canada's libraries. In 2022, the CFLA Copyright Committee produced a position statement on controlled digital lending and a paper describing the legal and policy rationales and risk factors for CDL in Canada. These publications are intended to build understanding and to provide guidance to libraries considering CDL. Join members of the Copyright Committee to become better informed about CDL as an approach and the basis of the legal rationale for its use in Canada, learn about the ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 3 Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

The Okanagan Charter and Post-secondary Library Design: an inquiry about the possibilities at the College of New Caledonia and other academic libraries

Westminster 3 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Ignacio Albarracin

Director, Learning Commons & Academic Success Centre, College of New Caledonia

Maria Rivera

Managing Director, MBA Programs, University of Toronto Rotman School of Management

In 2021, the College of New Caledonia (CNC) envisioned transforming its traditional college library into a dynamic Learning Commons and Academic Success Centre. In this new Learning Commons, CNC reimagines existing library services to support group and individual learning activities to bolster academic success. In this session, hear how the Okanagan Charter can provide institutions like CNC with a toolkit of everyday language, principles, and a framework to promote health and well-being in student academic support services. Background: The Okanagan Charter: An International Charter for Health Promoting Campuses was a vital outcome of the 2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Elmbidge Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

LIVESTREAMED: An IT Update for the Rest of Us

Elmbidge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Devan Mitchell

Manager of IT, Fraser Valley Regional Library

Janet Horne

Senior Manager IT, Vancouver Public Library

Jeff Campbell

CTO, Okanagan Regional Library

Jeff Narver

Director of Infrastructure and Resources, Fraser Valley Regional Library

Sarah Felkar

Assistant Director, West Vancouver Memorial Library

Change and innovation is happening at an exponential rate, particularly when it comes to IT. Whether you're an aficionado, feeling curious, or even a bit overwhelmed when it comes to IT, this is the session for you! A panel of library IT leaders will share their knowledge and expertise, including things like the new technology that most excited them in the past year, what they're watching for in 2023, what has them worried, and what they think has big potential to impact libraries in the short and long term. Step through the sliding glass door into the world of IT! This ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Britannia Ballroom

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Java Jolt Coffee Break

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

Network with peers, exhibitors and sponsors in the Exhibits Hall and grab a coffee/tea and snack!

Thursday, Apr 13: Cedarbridge Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Accessibility Legislation is around the Corner: Opening Doors with Website Accessibility

Cedarbridge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Selina McGinnis

Lead Product Designer, BCcampus

Riane Lapaire

Braille & Accessibility Testing Coordinator, NNELS

Simon Jaeger

Accessibility Tester, National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS)

New British Columbia Accessibility Legislation means that many libraries will likely need to update their websites and digital services to ensure they are accessible. Participants will learn about some of the processes, challenges, and solutions available for libraries to begin their journeys to provide accessible library services and the importance of including the perspectives of people with lived experiences of a disability in every step of the process. The National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS) and BCcampus will provide overviews of their organizations, the services they provide to people with print disabilities, and their collaboration to develop an online, ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

A Tale of Two Cities: Supporting Community Members Experiencing Homelessness in Urban and Rural Settings

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Monique Liddle

Manager, Operations, North Vancouver City Library

Sarah Tarcea

Manager, Public Services, North Vancouver City Library

Shideh Taleban

Library Services Coordinator, Community, Learning & Access Services, North Vancouver City Library

Wendy Wright

Library Director, Smithers Public Library

The impacts of homelessness on individuals and communities often play out in public libraries. In this joint session with the Smithers and North Vancouver City Public Libraries, you'll learn how two public libraries from very different contexts (one rural and one urban) have addressed the issue of homelessness in their communities through relationship-building and meeting people where they are.

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 3 Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Opening the window on curriculum renewal at the UBC iSchool

Westminster 3 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Elizabeth Shaffer

Assistant Professor, UBC School of Information

Julia Bullard

Assistant Professor, The University of British Columbia

Lisa Nathan

Associate Professor, UBC School of Information

Luanne Sinnamon

Associate Professor, University of British Columbia

Tess Prendergast

Lecturer, UBC School of Information

Education establishes and reinforces many of the perspectives, priorities and identities that define information work. As we pull ourselves out of the pandemic and take stock of our rapidly changing world, it is essential that librarians and information professionals review and renew our educational programs to remain relevant and useful. This session offers a forum for discussion of curriculum updates and innovations in the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program at UBC. A panel of UBC faculty members will lead discussions with session attendees around new courses, program requirements and extra-curricular initiatives arising from the school's commitments to ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Elmbriidge Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Indigenous Library Practices: Shattering mirrors and expanding landscapes

Elmbriidge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Ashley Edwards

Indigenous Initiatives and Instruction Librarian, Simon Fraser University

Brigette Liang

Cataloguing & Metadata Technician, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Cleire Lauron

Metadata & Discovery Librarian, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Edna Kalfon

Library Technician, Requests, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Judy Taylor

Coordinator, Technical Services & Archives, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library

Rachel Chong

Indigenous Engagement and Subject Liaison Librarian, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) coupled with the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Calls to Action highlight important work for institutions like libraries on the path towards reconciliation. Much of our colonial history in Canada has asked Indigenous Peoples to look through a window and envision themselves in a colonial world that wasn't made for them. Rarely does our literary practice provide mirrors for Indigenous Peoples to see themselves reflected and if they do, it feels like a shard of a mirror – providing a fractured glimpse – as readers must navigate access through dated, ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Britannia Ballroom

12:15 PM - 01:45 PM

Lunch in the Exhibits

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

Thursday, Apr 13: Cedarbridge Ballroom

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Harm Reduction Builds Community: what are libraries doing, 7 years into a public health emergency?

Cedarbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Emily Guerrero

Community Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

In 2016, BC's provincial health officer declared a public health emergency in response to the rise in drug overdoses and deaths. At the time of this conference, we are entering year 7 of an emergency which touches library systems, library workers, and patrons alike. People who use drugs are important and core members of library communities, and this crisis is impacting so many of us both professionally and personally. In this sharing-based session, we will gather to talk about this impact and learn what is happening at libraries across the province in response to the ongoing drug poisoning crisis. The ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Transform Your Recruitment: Introducing the EDI Strategies in Recruitment Toolkit

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Jessica Whu Lee

Burnaby Public Library

This presentation will introduce the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategies in Recruitment Toolkit. This toolkit was created to disrupt the biases and barriers our libraries have imposed on racialized groups when it comes to hiring. It outlines actionable steps to transform your recruitment process for the better and build a stronger workforce. Learn about this project, the process, key findings from speaking with IBPOC library candidates and hiring managers, and next steps on how you can strengthen your organization by building a diverse and inclusive workforce.

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 3 Ballroom

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

Welcoming Community Back!

Westminster 3 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Samantha Gibbs

Library Technician, University of the Fraser Valley

Camille Callison

University Librarian, University of the Fraser Valley

Dan de Groot

Access Services Team Leader, East, University of the Fraser Valley

Janelle Sztuhar

Librarian, University of the Fraser Valley

UFV Libraries collaboratively created a Strategic Plan (2022-2025) that positions the library to serve the students and faculty in inclusive and innovative ways that strengthen the library's relevance and continue to establish and sustain the library as a pillar of UFV's diverse community. This session will focus on the work of the Student Engagement Committee (SEC) which Libraries formed with representatives from the Student Union Society (SUS) and Indigenous Student Centre (ISC). This reciprocal relationship was created to ensure that libraries are seen as a warm and welcome place for students and that Libraries is made aware of SUS and ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Elmbridge Ballroom

01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Digital Content - What's Next? Update from the CULC Digital Content Working Group

Elmbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Rina Hadziev

Executive Director, BC Library Association

Anne O'Shea

Deputy Executive Director & COO, Vancouver Island Regional Library

Christina De Castell

Chief Librarian & CEO, Vancouver Public Library

The CULC Digital Content Working group works on behalf of public libraries to increase awareness of digital content issues and advocate for sustainable solutions. Key priorities of the group include advocating for fair access and licensing for Canadian Content including content from traditionally underrepresented voices and building opportunities for the public library community to address issues with digital content access in Canada. These efforts have continued in 2022. Over recent months the group has explored the Digital Public Library of America's Palace Project, initiated a pilot for 3 Canadian libraries, met with vendors to express concerns about the affordability and ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Britannia Ballroom

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM

Ice Cream Break in the Exhibits

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

Thursday, Apr 13: Cedarbridge Ballroom

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

Racial Identity and the Right to Claim Space as Library Workers: Examples from the Academic Libraries

Cedarbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Cecilia Tellis

Special Advisor, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Anti-Racism (IDEAA), University of Ottawa

Hannah Tanna

Research & Instruction Librarian, Queen's University

Sajni Lacey

Learning and Curriculum Support Librarian, University of British Columbia Okanagan

This session will outline a reflective practice of exploring the windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors of libraries through the lens of three racialized academic librarians. We are looking to use this space to publicly engage with each other, and with attendees on the idea of claiming space, articulating racial identity, and how that relates to larger issues of burnout and fatigue primarily. We are using the analogy of windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors as a reflective and imaginative exercise. As racialized librarians, our identities are complex and nuanced in terms of how we think about and question our ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 3 Ballroom

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

Introducing TNRL's Service Extender: Handing Over the Keys to Library Patrons

Westminster 3 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Judy Moore

Chief Librarian, Thompson-Nicola Regional Library

Melissa Lowenberg

Manager of Community Libraries & Engagement, Thompson-Nicola Regional Library

Ashcroft, BC, population: 1,670 saw the launch of the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library's innovative new Service Extender model during its recent library renovation. As the province's first after-hours library service, it nearly doubles the hours for patron access with a modest investment. Learn about the problems posed with limited library service hours in a rural community, the opportunity, and the in-house developed solution. This session will also discuss the approach to Service Extender design, community engagement, and TNRL's exciting plans for the future.

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

This is Fine. I'm Okay With the Events That Are Currently Unfolding: Practical tools to empower public facing library workers

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Audrey Wang

Carnegie Branch Supervisor, Vancouver Public Library

This session is intended for front facing public library workers, both clerical and information staff but everyone is welcome to attend. On one side, organizational leadership are making big policy decisions which can dramatically affect the way library workers connect with their patrons. On the other side, patrons themselves are interacting with a world that is becoming increasingly polarized and divisive. This leaves the library worker awkwardly sandwiched in the middle. To help keep our library work relevant and sustainable, this session will investigate how to spark agency in the day to day for these workers. This presentation will outline three basic ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Elbridge Ballroom

03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Update on Public Libraries and the Accessible BC Act

Elbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Sam Turcott

Executive Lead, Accessibility Directorate, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Cari Lynn Gawletz

Library Director, Grand Forks & District Public Library

Mari Martin

Director, Provincial Librarian, BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Libraries are working to implement the Accessible British Columbia Act, making them more accessible and removing barriers faced by people with disabilities. Come hear an update from government and the Public Library Accessibility Working Group on the implementation of the Accessible BC Act and what to expect in the coming months. There will be plenty of time for your questions!

Thursday, Apr 13: Britannia Ballroom

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Afternoon Snack in the Exhibits

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

Thursday, Apr 13: Elbridge Ballroom

05:00 PM - 06:15 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Striving to Become an Anti-racist Organization

Elbridge Ballroom

Keynote

In-Person

Virtual

Adeline Huynh

CEO & Principal, The Commons Consulting

Kathleen Yang

Collaborator, The Commons Consulting

BCLA is working toward becoming an anti-racist organization. In order to move forward, it's important for us to understand and acknowledge our past and current state, centring the experiences of IBPOC (Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour) members of the library community. The Commons Consulting, working with BCLA Board, staff, and an advisory group drawn from the library community, conducted a survey to determine where BCLA has been, where we are now, and to help inform what our next steps should be. Join us to hear about the work done thus far, including the survey development process, themes and insights from ...

Thursday, Apr 13: Westminster 3 Ballroom

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Drop-in

Westminster 3 Ballroom

In-Person

Intellectual Freedom Committee Co-chairs Wendy Wright and Deb Thomas will be available to talk about current issues – policies, challenges, community pressure, etc – that libraries may be experiencing in regard to intellectual freedom. Bring your questions and concerns. See you there!

Thursday, Apr 13: Cedarbridge Ballroom

07:30 PM - 09:30 PM

Games Night

Cedarbridge Ballroom

In-Person

Generously Sponsored By: Library Bound Inc. Join librarian and table top game enthusiast Carla Graebner along with Buck Lum, Craving for a Game's owner who is lending us games for this evening's event! Whether you play a favourite or try a new game, we'll have a fun evening with friends and new friends. Plus, there will be a giveaway to win a new game! Cash/No-Host bar will be available.

Friday, Apr 14: Cedarbridge Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Windows, Mirrors, and Both Sides of the Plexiglass: Staff Onboarding for Patron-Centred Services Using Participatory Training Techniques

Cedarbridge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Kirsten Andersen

Customer Service Librarian, Greater Victoria Public Library

Sarah Harrison

Coordinator, Customer Service, Greater Victoria Public Library

Enrich your staff training through participatory training techniques and user-centred approaches to onboarding. Join GVPL staff trainers on an onboarding trip that starts with staff looking in the mirror. Starting from the patron point of view, new staff build on existing knowledge and valuable experience and remain patron-centred as they cross around the glass to become library workers. In this workshop-style session, you will gain and contribute new ideas for training techniques that can be adapted to any content and context. This session is for anyone who designs and delivers staff training.

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 3 Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Debriefing Library Emergencies from the Past 3 Years

Westminster 3 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Deb Hutchison Koep

Chief Librarian, North Vancouver City Library

Anne O'Shea

Deputy Executive Director & COO, Vancouver Island Regional Library

Camille Callison

University Librarian, University of the Fraser Valley

Judy Moore

Chief Librarian, Thompson-Nicola Regional Library

A lot has happened over the past 3 years. In addition to the pandemic, libraries have dealt with significant social, environmental, and operational challenges and emergencies. Taking a page from the emergency management field, we're doing a library sector debrief. A panel of library leaders from academic and public libraries will reflect on and share how their libraries dealt with some of the biggest challenges of the past 3 years, what went well and what didn't, and what we can all learn and apply to future emergencies.

Friday, Apr 14: Elmbriidge Ballroom

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Be the Change: Think Deeply, Act Boldly on Climate Change

Elmbriidge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Katlia Lafferty

Caitlin MacRae

Public Services Librarian, New Westminster Public Library

David Waddell

Neighbourhood Services Manager, Vancouver Public Library

Elaine Su

None, None

McKelle Hansen

MLIS Student, UBC School of Information

Climate change is an overwhelming topic. We know it's an emergency, we know we need to act, and we know libraries have a role to play. But what *is* our role? How can we make a difference? What do we need to keep in mind when planning climate action? Climate change reflects and magnifies our status quo daily actions, leading to results that are exponentially more destructive than each small action might suggest. Unfortunately, most climate action often unthinkingly reflects standard responses and does not disrupt these status quo actions. How can we engage in climate action at libraries that reflects ...

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Friday, Apr 14: Cedarbridge Ballroom

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Youth 1UP - Giving Voice to Youth Through Gaming

Cedarbridge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Christopher Knapp

Community Engagement Librarian - Youth, Prince George Public Library

Why is gaming important in libraries? This session will explore: How gaming can be accessed more readily and with greater ease How gaming connects youth across both age-and socio-economic boundaries How gaming gives youth a verbal and knowledge-based "currency" to use to connect with one another, especially for those who identify as members of traditionally marginalized groups within society With the growing popularity of game streaming, Let's Play walkthroughs, and general access to gaming regardless of device, platform, or medium, giving youth access to games through the library is more paramount than ever. The pandemic has served as a catalyst ...

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Community Librarianship: So What?

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Janeen Parent

Community Development Specialist, Fraser Valley Regional Library

Chris Koth

Manager, Community Programs and Engagement, New Westminster Public Library

Donna Langille

Community Engagement and Open Education Librarian, University of British Columbia Okanagan

Noreen Ma

Manager, Community Engagement, Burnaby Public Library

Tara Thompson

Community Engagement Coordinator, Okanagan Regional Library

As libraries continue to evolve and adapt to the needs of its users, community librarianship has gained in both importance and relevance in how we are designing our programs and services. While many libraries have been active in reaching out to their communities, the approaches taken and the challenges experienced are as unique as the spectrum of libraries undertaking the work. This session aims to present the efforts of different types of library systems (academic, public, regional, urban, rural) who are each pursuing community development work in ways that prioritize justice, diversity, equity and inclusion (JEDI) values.

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 3 Ballroom

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Code of Ethics for Cataloguers: Consulting the Canadian Cataloguing Community

Westminster 3 Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Maryann Kempthorne

BC-CATS Chair, UFV/BC Campus

May Chan

Head, Metadata Services, University of Toronto Libraries

Ryan Vernon

Department Chair, Library Services, Langara College

The CFLA Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee (CFLA CMSC) invites you to discuss the new Cataloguing Code of Ethics released in January 2021. The Committee is seeking feedback from the Canadian Library community so it can consider recommending that the CFLA-FCAB Board of Directors officially endorse the Code. The Cataloguing Code of Ethics has already been endorsed by the American Library Association Core Board of Directors and the Board of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) in the United Kingdom. The Cataloguing Code of Ethics is a useful tool to enhance cataloguing practice by raising awareness of ...

Friday, Apr 14: Elmbridge Ballroom

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

LIVESTREAMED: The Hidden Pool: Hiring Inclusively from the Community Living field

Elmbridge Ballroom

75 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Jane Gibbons

President, CUPE (Local 561)

Kathy Johnson

Manager, Customer Experiences and Information Services, Coquitlam Public Library

Ryan Jamieson

Director, Services and Facilities, Coquitlam Public Library

With insights, reflection, and transition as the theme of our conference this year, it's time to look at ourselves and how we hire. Are you curious about hiring inclusively? What it is like to hire people living with Developmental Disabilities? How does it work in a unionized environment? What kind of support is out there? Come and hear about what Coquitlam Public Library has done with this, how our union has supported the changes, what are our growing pains have been, and discover the amazing things that have happened!

Friday, Apr 14: Britannia Ballroom

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM

BCLA Awards Luncheon

Britannia Ballroom

In-Person

The BCLA Awards are an important way to recognise the work being done in the library sector and are a significant avenue for sharing innovative ways to build new library practises. Winners will be announced at the Awards Lunch on Friday, April 14. We look forward to celebrating the inspiring work being done in BC libraries with you!

Friday, Apr 14: Cedarbridge Ballroom

01:30 PM - 02:15 PM

Validating Diverse Experience in the Library: Developing a toolkit for Inclusive and Culturally Responsive Teaching

Cedarbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Aditi Gupta

Engineering & Science Librarian, University of Victoria

Ying Liu

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

Librarians at UVic libraries have been supporting and offering instruction sessions to a diverse student body. Evidence from the literature points to the importance of adapting an inclusive pedagogical approach to teaching, which addresses the structural inequalities and implicit biases in library instruction. Introducing culturally responsive practices and creating inclusive teaching strategies can improve the student's learning process and remove barriers for racialized and marginalized students. At this interactive session, librarians will discuss the goals of their grant-funded project to create an open toolkit that aims to assess and exemplify anti-racist, inclusive and culturally responsive teaching practices in all library ...

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

01:30 PM - 02:15 PM

Balancing Inclusion and Staff Safety in the Public Library

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Anne Bechard

Paul Burry

Library Director, Prince George Public Library

Sheila Littler

Audrey Wang

Carnegie Branch Supervisor, Vancouver Public Library

Public libraries pride themselves on providing welcoming and inclusive spaces for everyone in their communities. But they also have a mandate to ensure the health and safety of library staff members. How do public libraries balance their commitment to inclusion with their commitment to safety? Join us for a panel discussion of the approaches to this challenge adopted by three public libraries in three different communities.

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 3 Ballroom

01:30 PM - 02:15 PM

Library Workers: Reflections of Their Community

Westminster 3 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Fatima Ferreira

CUPE Local 410

Allison Jones

Systems Librarian, Burnaby Public Library

Danielle Hubbard

Denise Parks

Co-Chair, CUPE BC Library Committee

Raqiya Khan

Secretary, CUPE 402-02

Can libraries truly serve their community and their patrons without having that diversity amongst library staff? In our session, we will explore the benefits of hiring a workforce that reflects the diversity of their individual community. A library that embraces the benefits and challenges of hiring a diverse workforce leads to a library this is successful and truly integrated and rooted in their community. A diverse knowledgeable workforce can help enhance and grow the library collection, develop library programs, and create spaces that are truly welcoming to all populations in their community. Our presenters will share some of their stories, ...

Friday, Apr 14: Elmburgh Ballroom

01:30 PM - 02:15 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Balancing Intellectual Freedom and Medical Misinformation in Canadian Libraries

Elmburgh Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Caroline Mniszak

Research Coordinator, UBC School of Population and Public Health

Devon Greyson

Assistant Professor, UBC School of Population and Public Health

Julia Bullard

Assistant Professor, The University of British Columbia

How can libraries maintain a commitment to intellectual freedom without appearing to endorse potentially-harmful medical misinformation? Amidst the COVID-19 "infodemic", a great deal of attention has been paid to the potentially harmful effects of medical misinformation and disinformation. Libraries across Canada, as well as internationally, have faced difficult decisions regarding how to balance ideals of providing access to a wide range of viewpoints and promoting information literacy to minimize the harm of misinformation. When libraries refuse to acquire materials or provide space to specific views (no matter how scientifically inaccurate), they may violate their ideals of providing access and free ...

Friday, Apr 14: Cedarbridge Ballroom

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

Representation through self-determination: Community cataloging and collections development at Vancouver Black Library

Cedarbridge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Abena Somiah

Vancouver Black Library

Mari Allison

Vancouver Black Library

Nola Boasberg

Librarian/Collections Manager, Vancouver Black Library

The Vancouver Black Library (VBL) was formed this year with the goal of providing a community space for Black people in Vancouver and has aimed to be community led in developing the collection. VBL's collection values state "We would like our library to speak to our values of centering Black education, liberation, community, and joy. We are informed by theories of intersectionality, emergent strategy, and mutual aid, and seek to center the most marginalized in order to dream up and reach for a better future." Empowering the community to make decisions about the collection is one of the primary ways ...

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

Growing into inclusive hiring practices: One library's experience

Westminster 1/2 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Amy Mclay Paterson

Assessment and User Experience Librarian, Thompson Rivers University Library

Elizabeth Rennie

Thompson Rivers University

In March 2020, hiring at TRU moved online, requiring significant changes to the librarian appointments process. These changes provided an opportunity to introduce measures to support inclusion and accessibility for all applicants. Changes made include introducing recorded (rather than live) presentations, providing interview questions a week in advance, and ensuring candidates the opportunity to speak candidly with both union representatives and department members not affiliated with the Appointments process. This session will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn through our experience about the rationale, challenges, and successes of attempting more inclusive hiring.

Friday, Apr 14: Westminster 3 Ballroom

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

What will it take? Scoping a national solution to ensure long-term, open, sustainable access to government publications.

Westminster 3 Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Andrea Mills

Executive Director, Internet Archive Canada

Loren Fantin

Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives Lead, Internet Archive Canada

Government publications are an invaluable resource for interdisciplinary research and education, for accountability and as evidence. However gaps exist, access and discovery is difficult, and without a dedicated preservation strategy these materials are at risk of being lost. What will it take to make our government records findable, accessible, reusable and sustainable across different formats and platforms? Internet Archive Canada is partnering with Canadian organizations to create a free, open, online compendium of government research and publications through the Democracy's Library initiative: a collaboration that will leverage our collective expertise, networks, technology, resources and content to create a national solution ...

Friday, Apr 14: Elmbidge Ballroom

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

LIVESTREAMED: Traditional Knowledge in the Public Library: Incorporating Hands-On Indigenous-led Programs as non-Indigenous Librarians

Elmbidge Ballroom

45 Minute Breakout Session

In-Person

Virtual

Dalia Levy

Librarian - Children + Youth, Vancouver Island Regional Library

Are you ready to get crafty with Indigenous traditions for 21st century learning? Learn to bridge brilliant craft traditions with a multitude of literacies through Indigenous-led maker programs. It's time to build alliances with Indigenous artists, makers and Knowledge Keepers interested in cultivating a reclamation of culture through the library as a welcoming cultural space! Attendees will learn about the vital work of building relationships collaboratively to develop hands-on programs for intergenerational learning such as traditional drum-making, cedar weaving, a Hul'q'umi'num drum circle and bringing Juno award winning rap duo Snotty Nose Rez Kids to deliver a song writing and ...

Friday, Apr 14: Britannia Ballroom

03:45 PM - 04:45 PM

LIVESTREAMED - Closing Keynote

Britannia Ballroom

Keynote

In-Person

Virtual

Len Pierre

Owner, Managing Consultant, Len Pierre Consulting

Len Pierre is Coast Salish from Katzie (kate-zee) First Nation. Len is an educator, consultant, TEDx Speaker, social activist, change agent, & traditional knowledge keeper. He has a Masters degree in Education from Simon Fraser University focusing on Indigenous curriculum and instructional design. His experience includes Indigenous education and program leadership from various organizations across colonial Canada. He specializes in the development of educational programs and services with decolonization and reconciliation as its core values. He comes to us with an open heart and open mind, and hopes to be received in the same way.

Friday, Apr 14: Richmond B

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

BCLA Climate Action Committee: Updates and Idea Sharing

Richmond B

In-Person

Join the BCLA Climate Action Committee to hear brief updates about current work and learn more about how you can participate in Climate Action Week (Nov 4-10 2023), and then stay and join an open discussion about what libraries are currently doing, resources and opportunities, and ideas and creative approaches for the future! Everyone is welcome to join!



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