

YAACS Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10th 2019, 7:00-8:00 pm

Vancouver Public Library Branch, Level 8 Board Room and Phone-in

Phone-in Instructions:

- Call: 1 (877) 216-4736 then type the Conference code: 2279385030

Attendees:

Julia McKnight (VPL), Sarah Bagshaw (VPL), Rhiannon Wallace (UBC iSchool, WVML), Elizabeth (UBC iSchool), Patricia Lesku (WVML), Kate Wood (GVPL), Leah Pearce (GVPL), Tess Prendergast (VPL), Kate Longely (NVCL)

Agenda

- 1. Approval of agenda –**
amendment to included announcement from Avi, approved and seconded
- 2. Approval of minutes from our September 10, 2019 meeting**
approved
- 3. Committee / Rep Updates**

Chair, Vice-Chair and Past Chair (Julia McKnight, Patricia Lesku, Kate Longley)

Richmond Public Library - BCLA will be at the Sheraton Hotel, RPL has offered to host YSI on Wednesday, April 14th - confirmed

YAACS Awards Committee – (Vacant)

Needs filled urgently

Impactful and less demanding than other positions

Responsibilities – seek nominations, head committee who convene and decide on award winner

Julia will put a call out on listserv for expressions of interest

YAACING Newsletter – (Leah Wood GVPL, Kate Pearce GVPL)

- Exciting news! – Sprummer issue produced (out yesterday), good learning experience for editors, great content
- February 15th deadline for next issue, topics are really open

Continuing Education – Teen Services - Lower Mainland (Cristina Freire BPL, Stephanie

Hong VPL)

no updates

Continuing Education – Children’s Services - Lower Mainland (Jenny Zhang VPL, Sarah Bagshaw VPL)

- ASL storytime top of list of Doodle poll, but difficult to organize
- “Storytime Brainstorming Workshop Session” in the New Year
 - Feedback –
 - sounds very ambitious, perhaps a series of workshops;
 - lightning talks + brainstorming together;
 - learning together face-to-face is very powerful (mentoring + sharing);
 - help those new to storytime build repertoire

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (Kate Wood GVPL, Nikky McCarvill)

- Report back on November Felt Story workshop with Leah Pearse from GVPL
 - 8 attendees
 - cozy + relaxed
 - focus on emergent literacy (felt + 3D objects)
 - Leah Pearse presented + resource sharing
- Newly vacant position – thanks for your wonderful work Nikky!
 - 2 expressions of interest; hoping to move forward as a team of 3

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Avi Silberstein)

- CATS conference 2020 – October 5th, location TBD
- Rhiannon report on CATS conference – ample time for workshops and breakout sessions, well-structured day; would love to see a 2-day conference

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (Frances Renzullo-Cuzzetto & Angela Monk)

- no update

UBC iSchool Liaisons

- Welcome new iSchool Liaison! Elizabeth (potentially incoming)
- Thank you for your work Rhiannon (outgoing liaison)!
- iSchool update
 - Elizabeth is considering the position
 - modest role for student with a particular interest in Youth Services
- Tess Prendergast is now the UBC iSchool faculty liaison to BCLA and YAACS!

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson VPL)

- no update

BCLA Board updates:

- CUPE BC to support Summer Reading Club again this year!
- Strategic plan in draft, almost done
 - The environment and indigenization as an overarching mandate are essential components of the plan

- The 2019 BC SRC report is ready. I have never seen this report before and you probably haven't either since it has historically been an internal document. This year it is available for all to read on the BC SRC website [here](#)
- Also coming out on the listserv is an SRC report from Hazelton Public Library called Developing an Inclusive Summer Reading Club. Annette DeFaveri highly recommends reading this for both the SRC and the Community-Led take-aways. Link [here](#)

4. Continuing Business

- Sarah, Patricia, and Julia have been meeting via phone conference to further develop the ideas that came out of our September brainstorm session for the YSI conference.
 - Tess suggested Supporting Early Readers (crossover between early + middle years, gap in service)
 - Discussion of topic – Speaker idea: invite one of the authors of *Supercharged Storytimes* (framework = intentionality, interactivity and community of practice) and of *Create, Innovate & Serve: a Radical Approach to Children's and Teen Services* (discusses the new landscape of library programming that is interactive, innovative, participatory and informal - across age cohorts). ACTION: Julia to invite speaker and report back.

5. New Business

- Paraprofessional storytime and programming support
 - Workshop ideas?
- Open positions:
 - YAACS Award Committee
 - Vancouver Island Continuing Education Coordinator
- Hats off to Brooklyn for fantastic social media coordinating!

Action Items

- Tess to connect Julia with author Elizabeth Mills
- Julia to share Rhiannon's CATS report on listserv
- next meeting in Tues, March 10 2020, 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- YSI planning sub-committee in January, date TBD