

YAACS Meeting

Thursday, September 17th, 7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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Attendees:

Patricia Lesku (WVML), Kate Wood (GVPL), Julia McKnight (VPL), Sarah Bagshaw (VPL), Avi Silberstein (Nelson PL), Maiya Letourneau (UBC iSchool), Tess Prendergast (VPL and UBC iSchool), Marilyn MacPherson (VPL), Rhiannon Wallace (WVML and UBC iSchool), Pippa Rogers (Gibsons & District PL)

Regrets:

Jenny Zhang (VPL)

1. Approval of agenda

- KW approves, PR seconds

2. Approval of minutes from our June 17th 2020 AGM

- PR approves, MM seconds

3. Committee / Rep Updates

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

- Have been doing regular Zoom Meetups over summer alternating between evening and afternoon; next one likely Oct 15 at 7pm
- Available positions:
 - Website and Social Media Administrator (send expressions of interest in next couple days)
 - Vancouver Island Continuing Education Coordinator and Lower Mainland Continuing Education Coordinator team; coordinators in different parts of the province can currently use a province-wide online model, and also be ready for in-person continuing ed to start again
 - Teacher representative, preferably from outside Lower Mainland since we have a VSB rep; may be able to contact people through the BCTLA, could connect via BCTLA October conference, Facebook, etc. (MM)
- Welcome to new YAACS Executive members: KW (incoming Chair), Katherine Parker (Awards Committee), ML (SLAIS Liaison), RW (Secretary)

YAACS Awards Committee (Katherine Parker)

- No updates

YAACING Newsletter (Leah Pearse GVPL, Kate Wood GVPL)

- New issue will most likely be sent out mid-October
- Looking for Artistic Director
- Nov 1 deadline for next issue submissions; focusing on how people have been coping with Covid, working from home, etc. (keeping it positive)

Continuing Education – Teen Services - Lower Mainland (Cristina Freire BPPL, Stephanie Hong VPL)

- Looking for a Continuing Education Coordinator to fill CF's role

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

- Planning to host workshops on running virtual programs (ex. Dungeons and Dragons)
 - Zoom Meetup attendees have been interested in a virtual D&D workshop (PL)
- Ideas/involvement by other members welcome

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (Nariel Davis, VIRL and Kate Wood, GVPL)

- Tentatively planning continuing ed re: virtual storytimes and copyright (maybe October)

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Avi Silberstein)

- Hosted Zoom meetup with children's and teen librarians to talk about current and upcoming programming; well-attended, will probably do another in a couple months
- CATS! Conference was cancelled this year

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (Frances Renzullo-Cuzzetto)

- No updates

SLAIS Liaisons (Maiya Letourneau & Tess Prendergast)

- Goal to communicate with students in the UBC iSchool about YAACS; request for other members to share their expectations (ML)
 - ML can send YAACS info to TP to share with classes (TP)
 - In past, students had regular YAACS meetings; can promote YAACS website and info, encourage joining listservs, etc. (SB)
 - iSchool students can attend YAACS meetings (ML and SB)
 - On-campus workshops not currently possible but could still host workshops, some students might be willing to share experience (TP); TP and RW can help

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson VPL)

- New Strategic Plan, new website (September or mid-October); responding to new issues such as privacy, sharing content, etc.; have looked at OLA's Forest of Reading and contacted YRCA organizations across province to discuss changes
- Goals include liaising more with First Nations Schools Association, extending into more rural communities, expanding representation beyond public libraries and librarians,

increasing resilience and ability to network/coordinate resources/get messages out

- Looking for Treasurer and a few other positions; could post on YAACS site and/or members can discuss with contacts
 - Can connect with KW to post in YAACING (PL)
- Would like to talk to students at SLAIS about importance of Red Cedar
 - Could also be a continuing ed program (SB)

Continuing Business

- 2021 BCLA conference will be virtual, planning for YSI to be virtual as well (more info to come); hoping for high turnout since no need to travel (PL)

New Business

- No new business

Discussion:

- More info on virtual storytimes would be useful (PR)
 - Could be Meetup topic (JM); possibly beginning of October (PL)
 - Could include discussions of tech (PL)
 - Can also use YAACS listserv to ask questions (JM); JM could ask on VPL list as well
 - VPL librarians have done virtual storytimes at preschools and will be trained on Zoom story times; SB can take notes in training sessions and share highlights
- To post on listserv, send email to the address with question or info to share (PL and JM)
- Flipped classroom middle grade programs at WVML; handouts will be available to share
- Some people may not come to YAACS meetings because after work hours (AS)
 - Meetups have been alternating between workday and evening, but haven't considered for meetings (PL)
 - Staff may not get support to attend while at work (TP and KW)
- Next meeting could include lightning talks about teen programs (JM)
 - Could discuss strategies for teen volunteer hours (PL)
 - Meetup is sooner than next meeting so this may be preferable (SB and JM)
 - Meetup could discuss tech in both children's and teen programming (SB)
- Question of whether we have a YAACS Zoom account (KW)
 - BCLA does not give us access to a Zoom account, but WVML has donated its account for YAACS; need to book the room but WVML has been flexible (PL)
 - PL will ask if can use WVML account for workshops, JM will ask VPL; PL and JM will coordinate

Meeting adjourned at 8:05