

YAACS Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7:00-8:00pm (Minutes revised Mar. 14, 2021)

Virtual Meeting (hosted on West Vancouver Memorial Library Staff Meetings Zoom account)

Attendees:

Raoul Fernandes (Langara Library Tech graduate), Sabrina Gurniak (VPL), Jenna Lawrence (UBC iSchool), Patricia Lesku (WVML), Maiya Letourneau (UBC iSchool), Rhiannon Wallace (WVML), Kate Wood (GVPL), Alice Yaghi (University of Western Ontario graduate)

1. Approval of agenda

KW moves, RW seconds, all in favour

2. Approval of minutes from our December 2020 Meeting

RF moves, ML seconds, all in favour

3. Committee / Rep Updates

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

- Meet-ups: Several throughout the last months. Avi Silberstein organizing a meet-up about addressing racism in picture book collections. PL not hosting any more until after the YSI and BC Library Conference; will likely start again in June.
- Vacant positions: At year-end AGM KW will move into Chair role. PL will email other nominees for confirmation before AGM. Watch listserv for open posts.
 - KW: Looking for YAACING Artistic Director (designs layout, creates final PDF). Will post to listserv with end date for application.
 - Nariel Davis stepping down as Continuing Ed coordinator for Vancouver Island. Will send out expression of interest on listserv for new coordinator.
- Terms of Reference: BCLA Societies Act now requires all sections to have Terms of Reference. In progress, PL will have draft for AGM.
- Youth Services Institute: Tuesday April 20th starting 9:00am via Zoom. Hoping for max 80 people; usually 60, but room capacity and travel are not obstacles this year.
 - J. Elizabeth Mills: keynote speech on reflective practices in Youth Librarianship.
 - Youth librarianship 'human library': Volunteers host breakout rooms based on an experience (ex. "I've run ___ program, ask me anything"; "I'm in library management in youth"; "I've edited YAACING"). **Hoping to fill two sessions, each with multiple breakout rooms.** Additional resources can be shared on Library Toolshed.
 - YAACS volunteers needed:
 - Virtual thank-you card for 'human library' participants (SG volunteers; KW will make physical card for keynote speaker).
 - 'Human library' coordinator to run breakout rooms, post on Toolshed, etc. (JL and ML volunteer; RW and others can assist if/when necessary).
 - Icebreaker activity; appropriate for 80 people in 15 min. (AY volunteers).
 - Reflection activity for end of session (RW volunteers).
 - PL is main email contact for questions and for 'human library' volunteers.

YAACS Awards Committee (Katherine Parker)

Committee has called for nominations, team will choose winner. Hoping to get lots of nominations this year. Active YAACS members can also nominate people.

YAACING Newsletter (Kate Wood GVPL, Raoul Fernandes, Sabrina Gurniak)

RF: Lots of submissions for next issue. Waiting for additional submissions that are in progress.

Discussion of ideas for expanding submissions in future:

- Currently trying to get more entries from outside the Lower Mainland.
- Currently considering another regular column or two.
- Keep encouraging students to submit; academic papers not preferred, but can adjust them.
- People can submit short description and editors can give feedback on changes/submission.
- Remind people they can submit practical projects (felt stories, etc.).
- People can look at past issues if not sure what to submit.

RF: Will conduct survey to see what people like and want to change about YAACING.

Continuing Education – Teen Services - Lower Mainland (Stephanie Hong VPL, Alyse Hebert, Andrea Lukic, BPL)

Continuing Ed not currently divided geographically.

KW attended recent Continuing Ed program on virtual teen services and mental health.

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

No additional updates.

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (Nariel Davis, VIRL)

Nariel D. organizing panel discussion in April on trauma-informed practice, mental wellbeing and health for children (including impacts of COVID). Will have community experts, including experts from an Indigenous nation (Cowichan?). Space for 30 (40?) attendees.

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Avi Silberstein)

Avi S. organizing next YAACS meet-up; if interested, email Avi for Zoom link and date.

Social Media (Nicole Beaudry)

No updates.

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (vacant)

No updates.

SLAIS Liaisons (Maiya Letourneau & Tess Prendergast)

ML: UBC YAACS has growing interest, especially with book talks; last month JL organized one with five attendees. March 11 book talk on genre. May submit to YAACING based on book talks.

PL: KW and PL spoke at iSchool about YAACS, YSI, and YAACING.

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson VPL)

PL: Only youth choice book award in BC; youth-centric; currently restructuring (partly prompted by pandemic). Opportunities to get involved, had call-out in YAACING.

4. Continuing Business

PL: AGM tentatively scheduled for 2pm on the day of YSI, so attendees of both can have lunch break. Usually same day as BCLC, adjusted this year.

Note: PL has been using Inklewriter in children's programs, can share info if anyone interested.

5. New Business

No new business.

KW moves to adjourn, AY seconds, all in favour.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm.