

YAACS Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 2:00-3:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting hosted by West Vancouver Memorial Library

Attendees:

Alice Yaghi (University of Western Ontario graduate), Alyse Hébert, Avi Silberstein (NPL), Emily Crowder, Jenna Grose, Jenna Lawrence (UBC iSchool), Julia McKnight (VPL), Kate Wood (GVPL), Katherine Parker (VPL), Lise Nielsen (WVML), Melanie Reaveley (Kootenay Library Federation), Melodie Rae Storey (NPL), Patricia Lesku (WVML), Rhiannon Wallace (WVML), Sabrina Gurniak (VPL), Sadie Tucker (VPL), Stephanie Usher (VPL, SRC), Tess Prendergast (UBC iSchool), Tiffany Tse (UBC iSchool), Tracey Therrien (NPL)

Regrets:

Kate Longley (North Vancouver City Library), Maiya Letourneau (UBC iSchool), Raoul Fernandes (Langara Library Tech graduate), Sarah Bagshaw (VPL)

1. Approval of agenda

JM moves to approve, KW seconds; all in favour.

2. Approval of minutes from March 2021 Meeting

KW moves to approve, KP seconds; all in favour.

3. Committee / Rep Updates

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

- Had full or nearly full capacity for YSI (some came late or left early).
 - PL: Thank-you to organizers.
 - JM, ST, TP: Advantages to virtual format include virtual tools, lower barriers to attendance, lower cost (more ability to hire speakers and lower registration prices); in future consider hybrid approach and hosting outside Lower Mainland.
- JM will organize teen services meetup, SG will organize children's services meetup; both Executive and Continuing Ed can organize meetups.
- ST managing website and digital content.
 - All members can boost content by sharing, liking, etc, and sending helpful resources to ST to share.
 - ST would like to share resources/images from YSI (KW suggests Indigenous authors list); may be able to get permission to share screenshot(s).
- Welcome to Dayna Cornwell, joining Nariel Davis for Continuing Ed after May event.
- Thank-you JM for serving on executive, thank-you PL for chairing; KW is incoming chair.
- Open Positions:
 - Vice Chair position has been offered to someone who is considering.
 - Beginning search for BCTF/teacher reps soon (JM will ask VSB teacher-librarian contact).
 - Current YAACING Art Director stepping down, will begin search for new Director.

- Executive members should ensure they have current BCLA membership.

YAACS Awards Committee (Katherine Parker)

- 2021 YAACS Award committee met on April 11 via Zoom to choose from 8 nominees.
- Winner: Melodie Rae Storey, Nelson Public Library (nominated by Melanie Reaveley, Executive Director of the Kootenay Library Federation).
 - Leadership certificate program in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust.
 - Kootenay-wide pen pal club to bring people together during COVID.
 - Awaken Your Inner Activist and Under the Umbrella (in partnership with a Nelson youth LGBTQ2IA+ organization).
 - One program had 67 teens in attendance
- Committee impressed by library workers in smaller communities without colleague network of bigger systems.
- MRS: Thank-you to colleagues and YAACS.
- Will also be announced at BCLA Awards Ceremony.

YAACING Newsletter (Raoul Fernandes, Sabrina Gurniak)

- SG: Next submission deadline is May 15.
 - Working on reaching out to iSchool students.
 - Already have submissions coming in.
 - Members should consider reporting on YSI experience.

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

- Planning next Pro-D possibly for fall
 - Considering session about working with teens with different needs; program providers noticing many teens who are neurodivergent coming to virtual events.

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

- No updates.

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (Nariel Davis, VIRL)

- KW: May 11 Lunch and Learn on trauma-informed practice for children’s librarians.
 - Open to everyone in BC (not just Vancouver Island), 12:30-1:30.
 - Speakers: two child development workers (S. Peterson and C. Barclay)
 - Registration going well.

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Avi Silberstein)

- Kootenays youth librarians meet monthly on Zoom to discuss programs, adapting to health guidelines, and (soon) SRC.
 - Supports workers in new positions.
 - Kootenays libraries share similar circumstances, different from Lower Mainland.

Social Media (Sadie Tucker)

- Website mostly updated, will add most recent award winner; members encouraged to check website info for accuracy.
- Goals to increase findability and get recognized again by social media algorithms.

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (vacant)

- No updates.

SLAIS Liaisons (Jenna Lawrence, Tiffany Tse & Tess Prendergast)

- New student liaisons: JL and TT.
- JL: Currently planning for year ahead, increasing student membership (mailing list has recently grown to 9 people).
- TP: High interest in youth services at iSchool:
 - Classes generally full, summer early lit course is at capacity.
 - Ran 5-week Zoom workshop on story times in March, to give students similar Pro-D opportunities to professionals; sessions were also full
 - All content is on Storytimes by Tess (Wordpress blog); those outside iSchool can join future sessions (JM: Opportunity for paraprofessionals)
 - Hoping to run again in summer, with approval from iSchool Director; may eventually do face-to-face sessions, but would consider continuing online
 - Once summer session booked, ST will boost on social media
- TP will continue as liaison for iSchool

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson VPL)

- JL joined committee as intellectual freedom officer for Red Cedar

4. Continuing Business

No continuing business.

5. New Business

No new business.

PL: Introduction of Kate Wood as new chair; KW: next meetings will be July, then September

KW adjourns meeting 2:53pm