

YAACS January Section Meeting

Friday, January 12, 2024 - Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Emily Gow, Rhiannon Wallace, Francesca de Freitas, Amanda Lee, Kate Condon, Chantelle Clark, Veronica Blott, Marilyn MacPherson, Madison Ferring, Mira Harvey, Maryanne Nevins, Sarah Bagshaw, Vicki Donoghue

Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of minutes from our December 8, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes: FF; seconded VB

3. Committee / Rep Updates

YAACS Awards Committee (Andria Huckaluck)

The awards committee has been finalized and they have put out a call for nominations. You can find more information on the YAACS Awards Page. Both individuals and groups can be nominated. Word limit cap this year to make nominations easier, working on making the process more accessible.

YAACING Newsletter (Veronica Blott)

Looking for an Art Director. If you are interested contact Veronica or Emily. Contact information is on the YAACS Page.

Continuing Education (Tess Prendergast, Jackie Barber)

No updates

Website and Social Media Administrator (Sadie Tucker)

We now have access to the BCLA's Canva Pro account which has made the creation of posts much quicker. Please remember to email Sadie at either yaacsweb@gmail.com or Sadie.tucker@vpl.ca with any content that you would like promoted on our social media

channels. Sadie's emails are on our website as well. In addition to meeting reminders, promoting workshops, and new issues of YAACING, post content can include helpful resources or cool things that a BC library has done for kids or teens. We don't post external things with some exceptions (BCTLA, etc).

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (Holly Broadland)

BCTLA will be hosting an Ethics of AI webinar on Monday (Jan. 15). The event will be recorded and available on their youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@bctla>

Post-Secondary Liaisons:

UBC: Mira Harvey (student rep), Tess Prendergast (faculty liaison)

TP doing story time workshops at UBC, MH publicizing these to iSchool.

Langara: Francesca de Freitas (faculty liaison)

Lots of interest in the Student Liaison position, 5 students attending this YAACS meeting. Goals are to get some liaisons online, publicize YSI/BCLA/things that are of interest to students. Setting up a date for YAACS to speak at Langara. Students from across the Lower Mainland are interested in YAACS.

UFV: Selena Cho, Kayla Morin (student rep) , Karen Sharkey (faculty liaison)

No updates.

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson)

The Red Cedar Book Award is a readers' choice program for kids 8-12. Kids read Canadian fiction or non-fiction books and then vote on their favourite books. The program has extension activities and curriculum connections to support readers and teachers as well as access to the authors and illustrators. Voting will start in mid-May and the winners are announced the first week of June. Part of being part of the Red Cedar Award is advocating for the Award and children's literacy so we have the honour of being invited to talk on The Mentoree about engaging readers through programs such as the Red Cedar Award.

Everyone is welcome to get involved in Red Cedar.

4. Youth Services Institute

- The 2024 YSI is on April 12 and will remain virtual. The decision to stay online was made based on cost and an attempt to keep it more accessible for people from across the province to attend.
- What we really need is speakers!

- Brainstorming:
 - Trauma-informed practice across all age groups
 - Feedback from last year: more from [AIDE Canada](#)
 - Indigenous-language revitalization: children's books, story times, etc.
 - Middle years programming, where we meet middle years patrons and when they come into the library; how to encourage library engagement; differences in rural and urban areas → lightning talk, roundtable discussion, breakout groups, etc.
 - Lightning talks can be difficult to recruit for, but may be good opportunity to share and to practice presentation
 - Changing needs of library workers, ex. taking on more social work in libraries; experiences from library staff who work with social workers, trauma-informed practice, etc.
 - Brooklyn Public Library did education about newcomers and children

5. Roundtable

- MM's podcast episode is being taped first week of February
- Tip to students: pick up a student librarian/practicum job! Ex. West Van looks for Student Librarians in Youth Department
- Many Library Tech students are doing practicums currently
- Can be good experience to work at small rural library: more opportunities to try different things and be in charge
- Good to get experience in academic libraries even if you plan to work with youth
- Students at Langara are organizing tours of museums, libraries, etc. YAACS could arrange something similar! Could do virtual tours.
- Consider opportunities to be on library boards or BCLA board; get a different perspective; We are always interested in having more Techs and Library Assistance involved

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: SB; seconded AL

Meeting adjourned 7:46pm