



Vancouver Public Library

MANAGEMENT REPORT

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TO: Library board

FROM: Rhonda Sherwood, VPL trustee, BCLTA Director

SUBJECT: BCLTA Report

SUMMARY

This report constitutes the regular monthly update from the BCLTA liaison.

PURPOSE

This report is for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the report for information.

BOARD POLICY

No policy connections.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The VPL 2020 Strategic Plan includes a focus on Sharing & Collaboration and seeks to foster a community that shares information, ideas & stories. The VPL board's liaison roles, while part of our standard governance practice, also support this initiative.

DISCUSSION

Until February 2017 this report was provided verbally. In an effort to increase the efficiency of board meetings the VPL Governance Committee agreed to having the monthly updates on BCLTA and InterLINK provided via written report. Reference to “Library Partners” includes the following organizations BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA), BC Library Association (BCLA), Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD), and the BC Libraries Cooperative (BCLC).

BCLTA Convictions and Manifesto

BCLTA will be releasing its Convictions and Manifesto documents to the community with a website update at the end of November. The BCLTA Convictions and Manifesto demonstrate the vision, commitment, and leadership of BCLTA and express the unique role and value of BCLTA to the BC public library community. These convictions will be given meaning through BCLTA work and have informed the BCLTA Strategic Framework to 2025 which will also be made publicly available on the website at the end of November.

Other Highlights

- New logo! The roll-out of the new logo, along with other design elements, will take place over the next couple of months with website and social media updates and the release of the refreshed TOP workbook.
- The 2019 BC Public Libraries Summit, Future Focused Public Libraries: value, investment, and results will be held May 11th. This full-day event and will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC. This event follows the BC Library Conference and is being developed in collaboration with the BC Public Library Partners. The BCLTA Board of Directors has approved the use of BCLTA reserve funds for providing a modest travel subsidy to select board representatives based on need.
- The 2019 BCLTA AGM will be held at 8am with breakfast on May 11th, at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC. Watch for website updates in January.
- The TOP Rethink / Refresh implementation is on track. The TOP workbook is now with a copy-editor and will be sent for document design in December and is expected to be ready for early 2019.
- The BCLTA website migration, with the expert support of the BC Libraries Cooperative, was a large and uneventful project. Expanded website content is a priority for supporting the updated TOP workbook (early 2019) and the anticipated “Board Discussion Starters” are underway with expected release of select topics by the end of November. These “starters” will be mini-packages of research, media, organizations, government initiatives, and other resources for supporting board work and development.
- We are in planning stages for:
 - o Full day of BC Library Conference sessions in partnership with ABCPLD (May 10, 2019)
 - o BCLTA Summit and **AGM (May 11, 2019)**
 - o BCLTA / ABCPLD workshop at Beyond Hope (June 2019)
 - o BC Public Library Partners

UBCM Trade Show (September 2019) • Ongoing advocacy work with the BC Public Library Partners included a fulsome November 20th meeting with Acting Assistant Deputy Minister Squires, Deputy Minister MacDonald and Libraries Branch Director, Mari Martin. The Deputy Minister expressed appreciation for the public library community working together as the BC Public Library Partners to build relationships while conveying the value of public libraries. • We value hearing community requests for board development resources and policy and governance research. The Bulletin now includes a “Classifieds” section to encourage sharing and networking among boards. This is where boards can place anonymous requests for information, wise practices, and templates from other boards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

FINAL REMARKS

BCLTA is our association and the organization that represents the over 700 public library trustees from around BC. Keeping informed about the work of BCLTA supports our library and the important role we play as trustees. As the BCLTA seeks to improve its resources your feedback is invaluable. Don’t hesitate to get in touch directly with the BCLTA or through myself to ask questions or provide suggestions