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BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHER-LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2016-2017**

## President's Report

### Submitted by Heather Daly

We are excited about the announcement of the restoration of the teacher-librarian ratio. For many districts, teacher-librarian staffing is now guaranteed at a 1 to 702 ratio. In other districts, superior language will be used. The establishment of guaranteed teacher-librarian staffing places BC among only a few jurisdictions internationally.

*A teacher-librarian renaissance is now possible. Inquiry-based learning, championed by teacher-librarians for over 20 years, aligns perfectly with the new curriculum. In the current political climate, skilled teacher-librarians can collaborate with classroom teachers to advance essential skills for students in media literacy, including how to analyze bias and check facts using credible sources. – Moira Ekdahl*

It is important now to ensure that the positions are filled, that the teachers who fill the positions are supported, and that all are asked by districts to do work generally expected of teacher-librarians.

We believe that it is also important for BCTLA to share our experience with other school library associations.

Thank you to the 2016-17 BCTLA Executive: Marilyn Lunde, Rhea Woolgar, Heather Daly, Grahame Rainey, Leisbet Beaudry, Devika Chudy, Moira Ekdahl, Keely Thornton, Emiline Downs, Patricia Baisi and Doni Gratton.

### Some highlights from 2016-2017:

#### *Executive and Council Meetings*

- BCTLA Executive meetings were held on October 1 and January 14 (all day).
- Chapter Councillors met for BCTLA Council meetings on October 22 and April 8.

#### *Advocacy*

- The Lieutenant Governor declared October 24, 2016 as School Library Day in BC.
- The **tenth annual** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Challenge was coordinated and promoted.
- Love Your School Library Day and Freedom to Read Week were also promoted and celebrated.
- BCTLA Awards and Grants were again presented to a number of amazing teacher-librarians.

#### *Implementation*

- "What Is A Teacher-Librarian?" was documented by mapping BCTLA activities and resources to role parameters from the IFLA School Library Guidelines.

- A new brochure promoting formal training options for teacher-librarians was developed (currently undergoing graphic design).
- Suggestions were provided to Chapter Councillors.

#### *Curriculum*

- Curriculum continues to be a focus at Council meetings and the BCTLA conference.
- *The Points of Inquiry* is being revised in light of the new and revised curriculum.

#### *Collaboration*

- BCTLA was represented at PSA (Provincial Specialist Association) Council meetings.
- Planning for the 2017 PSA Superconference, involving 25 PSAs, continues. More information is available at <http://www.psasuperconference.ca>.
- Representatives of BCTLA provided support on a number of committees, including The Learning Partnership's Welcome to Kindergarten Advisory Committee.

#### *Communication*

- There was regular communication with BCTLA members through the BCTLA Forum, BCTLA Facebook page, and Twitter (@BCTLA). Newsletters were emailed throughout the year.
- The Working and Learning Conditions Survey was conducted; the report is now online.
- *From School Library to Library Learning Commons...* is undergoing formal graphic design.
- The new online form for awards and grants was launched.

#### *Professional Development*

- Nanaimo was the host site for the 2016 summer institute on makerspaces.
- Our 2016 conference, "Heroic Efforts", was held in Burnaby; over 300 people attended.
- Kamloops will host the 2017 summer institute, on transformational storytelling.

#### *Membership*

- Our March 31 membership count was 293. This means that there has been a significant **increase** in our membership as compared to the previous school year.
- Online membership registration continues to be available through the BCTF website. Members and subscribers can go to <http://tiny.cc/JoinBCTLA> to renew and join.

*All the world will be your enemy, Prince with a Thousand Enemies, and whenever they catch you, they will kill you. But first they must catch you, digger, listener, runner, prince with the swift warning. Be cunning and full of tricks and your people shall never be destroyed. – Richard Adams*

## Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Grahame Rainey

At February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, BCTLA's total assets were \$77,743.67. BCTLA is currently in good financial shape.

The 2016 conference revenue was \$29,685.57. We anticipate lower conference income in the 2017-2018 financial year, as we are not running a BCTLA conference and will instead share any profits generated by the PSA Superconference. It is however hoped that with the restoration of the contract language, we will see an increase in the number of BCTLA members and the related income.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Note 1) FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2016			
Balance, July 1, 2015		\$	36,004.35
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership/subscription fees	11,062.45		
BCTF grant	5,250.00		
Interest	261.66		
Grants	3,000.00		
			<u>19,574.11</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Meeting-executive	9,163.09		
Meeting-TTOC costs	11,909.90		
Other	357.50		
Operating	546.75		
Chapter support	6,556.78		
Affiliation fees and meetings	289.11		
Scholarships	1,050.00		
Miscellaneous Exp	368.69		
			<u>(30,241.82)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2016		\$	<u>25,336.64</u>
<b>Notes:</b>			
1.	This statement reflects only funds held by the BC Teachers' Federation on behalf of the BC Teacher-Librarians' Association.		
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## Coordinator, Membership and Surveys' Report

Submitted by Leisbet Beaudry

2016-2017 membership (as of March 31, 2017): **293 members / 12 affiliates**

2015-2016 membership count: 239

2014-2015 membership count: 268

2013-2014 membership count: 275

2012-2013 membership count: 299

Monthly, I have emailed new members a welcome email with information about the BCTLA. I send renewal emails to members whose membership is expiring with information about BCTLA events.

### *Working and Learning Conditions Survey*

I have compiled the Working and Learning Conditions survey. It stands alone as a separate report. We used Jotform successfully again this year. We had 392 responses. It still does not matter how clear you write the questions, there is always some misunderstanding, or lack of knowledge, so the full dataset was not used to answer every question. This year I added a couple of questions, which contributed significantly to the compilation time. I will remove them next year, but I found the results interesting and I hope the members will too.

I want to highlight one comment from this year's survey: *"I just wanted to clarify that I used the data collected by this survey to advocate for a library clerk and a larger budget as I was able to show the admin that all the other middle schools had a library clerk and a larger budget. Having a clerk and a larger budget has enabled me to do my job - thanks BCTLA!"*

The easy access to Jotform allowed me to provide completion summaries to Chapter Councillors so they could encourage teacher-librarians who had not completed the survey, which I think helped increase our response rate.

### *PSA Action Research*

I have applied to the Expression of Interest for PSA action research. This action research project aims to engage PSA members in specialist teaching areas to document the professional needs and challenges of new staff, and to identify the local provisions and gaps for effectively supporting them in their roles.

## **BCTLA EXECUTIVE 2016-2017**

**President:** Heather Daly (Coquitlam)

**Past President:** vacant

**Vice President:** Moira Ekdahl (Vancouver)

**Treasurer:** Grahame Rainey (Coquitlam)

**Secretary:** Patricia Baisi (Surrey)

**Coordinator, Chapters and Sections:** Marilyn Lunde (Kootenay-Columbia)

**Coordinator, Advocacy:** Rhea Woolgar (Prince George)

**Coordinator, Websites:** Devika Chudy (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

**Coordinator, Membership and Surveys:** Leisbet Beaudry (Prince George)

**Coordinator, Professional Development:** Doni Gratton (West Vancouver)

**Coordinator, Special Projects and Events:** Keely Thornton (Greater Victoria)

**Coordinator, Conference Committee:** vacant

**Member-at-Large:** Emiline Downs (Surrey)