

September 2018

Presidents' Message

Kristie Oxley & Sarah Wethered

It is an exciting time to be a teacher-librarian in British Columbia. With our restored collective agreement language, the number of teacher-librarians in the province is growing. We would like to welcome all new teacher-librarians to our profession as well as to our provincial specialist association.

It is also a year of many changes to our executive. The executive is full of new faces, and we look forward to working closely with all of them. A reminder that any member of the BCTLA can run for an executive position. .

Looking forward, the October conference is going to be an exciting one, with Toni Samek, U of A professor, as our keynote. Author Susin Nielsen will also be joining us. More information about registration is included in this newsletter.

The BCTLA website is also new, and we invite everyone to visit it at <https://bctla.ca/>. This is a great place for information on BCTLA events and awards, as well as documents about inquiry and library learning commons.

Contest!!

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BCTLA Conference – October 19, 2018



Richmond Secondary School is eagerly anticipating hosting our conference in October.

We look forward to our Keynote Speaker, U of A Professor, Toni Samek's keynote: Challenge Accepted: Librarianship and Human Rights.

More information can be found on our conference website at <https://bctla.ourconference.ca/>

Please note, no sessions require pre-registration. You can attend what you choose on the day of the conference.

Remember to renew your BCTLA membership along with registration. Early bird deadline is September 30.

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Winners will be randomly drawn from the registration list after the contest closing date. Names of winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the BCTLA conference.

BCTLA Summer Institute: Transformational Storytelling

August 26-27, 2018

On August 27, 2018, participants from around the province had the opportunity to explore the importance of oral stories and traditions within the Secwepemc culture. We started our day in the Assembly Hall, where Tk'emlups Councillor, Rosanne Casimir, welcomed us and shared a welcome song. The administrator of the First Nations Education Council, Judy Dunn, then addressed the group and shared the important history of the space. Kenthen Thomas and Roxane Letterlough immersed guests in the tradition of Aboriginal storytelling by sharing techniques, protocols and connections to family.

Later in the morning, participants toured the Heritage Grounds with Karen Aird and learned more about local plants, ethnobotany, pithouses and Secwepemc culture. Museum Educator, Jackie Jules, took guests through the Secwepemc Museum and the Residential School, sharing the history of the Kamloops Residential School.



In the afternoon, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Mike Bowden and Library Coordinator, Andrea Wallin, welcomed the group back from lunch. School District #73 Teacher-Librarians Nicole Gorman, Melissa Hunter, Kristin Bond and Rick Rhynolds shared their innovation grant project: Transformational Storytelling with Loose Parts.

Participants ended the day by learning how to make pine needle medallions with local artisan, Wendy Leonard.

Such an inspiring day of learning, connecting and reflecting does not happen without the hard work of a dedicated team of educators who were willing to give up countless hours to plan and deliver the experience.

The BCTLA would like to thank the Kamloops Teacher-Librarians' Association for an amazing Summer Institute experience!.



BCTLA DEAR: Drop Everything and Read

The 2018 Drop Everything and Read Challenge will be held on Monday October 22, 2018!

BCTLA is excited to offer large PDFs to promote the event.

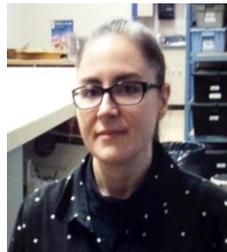


We have offered two choices, with each choice available in both French and English.

Posters can be found on the BCTLA website (<https://bctla.ca/member-services/dear/>) and may be downloaded and printed in any way by anyone in any jurisdiction!

Follow DEAR: [@bctla_dear](https://twitter.com/bctla_dear) on Twitter

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