

Prince George Public Library to host Beyond Hope Library Conference 2009

By Mari Martin.

Beyond Hope is a biannual library conference organized by the Prince George Public Library. It brings together library staff and trustees from across northern British Columbia for practical, hands-on conference sessions. Beyond Hope adopted its name in the early 1990's in response to the fact that opportunities for professional development tended to focus on the lower mainland, and as a tongue in cheek way to highlight the achievements of libraries in the north. Although recognition and opportunities have changed, the name has stuck! Maybe this year we will vote on a name change!

Beyond Hope strives to offer a wide variety of sessions for all types of library staff, volunteers and trustees. Sessions vary in length from 1 hour to all day sessions. One of the new additions to our conference agenda is *table topics*. One hour is set aside each day for participants to gather for discussion of current library issues and to develop new strategies or procedures. In 2007 we had an extensive and highly useful discussion on the implementation of OneCard in our region.

All of us are challenged to present libraries, books, traditional knowledge and new technology in interesting ways. This year's theme, "**Change your mind....and the rest will follow**" challenges you to think differently about your library, your patrons and the services you provide. **The conference will be held June 8th and 9th 2009 at the Prince George Civic Centre.**



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For more information, visit our website:
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