

# BC Electronic Library Network

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Congratulations to BCLA and Editor Sandra Wong on a successful launch of *BCLA Browser*! BC ELN is a highly collaborative organization; our relationship with the BC library community through BCLA is one that we treasure, and we look forward to a long and informative relationship with the *Browser*.

Since one of the BC ELN Core Values is Innovation, it is only natural that we very much look forward to *Being Curious: Thinking, Sharing, and Discovering*, at the BC Library Conference this April.

*Thinking* is definitely in vogue at BC ELN these days! Curious library patrons are increasingly connecting from many more places on partner library websites, with help thanks to the Qwidget Revolution. [Qwidget](#) is quietly adding connections to AskAway: the Provincial Post-secondary Virtual Reference Service.

It seems that patrons like what they find! AskAway has a 98% patron satisfaction rate. Many satisfied patrons take the time to write thoughtful kudos after a session. For example: "*I wish I had discovered this service sooner, then I wouldn't have wasted so much time searching in the wrong place. I was nervous as I have very little experience with on-line chat, but she was very nice.*"

For more about AskAway, click here:  
<http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1324>

*Sharing and Discovering* great library instructional materials is now possible through BCLA's ALPS LINK (Academic Librarians in Public Service *Library Instruction Knapsack*). BC ELN's Gordon Coleman developed and supports a BC ELN / ALPS portal to ALPS LINK, part of the BC campus SOL\*R repository. BC ELN has an informal partnership with ALPS LINK.

To search the portal, learn more - or contribute, go to: <http://www.eln.bc.ca/irl/>

If your curiosity is piqued and you would like to discover more about BC ELN, have a look at our website (recently thoroughly revised) at <http://eln.bc.ca>, or come to the BC Library Conference and chat with many of us in person.

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