

Libraries Across Borders: The Auction May Have Been Silent, But...

By Shirley Giggey.

[Libraries Across Borders](#) held a very successful silent auction at this year's BCLA Conference. All items in the auction were donated, and included beautiful Nepali scarves, Spanish lessons, a pen and ink drawing of Vancouver Public Library's Central Branch, espresso sets, coffee sets, a beautiful hand-made quilt, a weekend getaway for two on the ocean, felting and bath bomb workshops, a hammock, lovely framed photos of rural Ireland, hand-crafted clothing, and so much more.

The display of auction items and bidding began in the Baccarat Room, and later moved to the front of the Tiffany Rooms to entice everyone before the Awards Ceremony. There were several not-so-silent expressions of delight when the winning bids were announced!



Melanie Houlden and Olivia Craster in the Baccarat Room awaiting bids for the LAB silent auction items

Over \$2100.00 in bids and pledges was raised and this money will be put to good use supporting worthy community library and information projects in developing countries and in First Nations communities in British Columbia.

Thank you all — those who donated, those who bid *and* those who won, and to all the LAB members who worked so hard getting the items and displaying them so beautifully!

Visit the Libraries Across Borders [blog](#) to see more photos of the auction.

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