

Update from UBC SLAIS Chapter of BCLA

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The BCLA/CLA Student Chapter at UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS) is off to another great start this year. At our first meeting of the new academic year, over half the attendees were new SLAIS students eager to get more involved in professional and student activities, and we welcomed two new students to the club executive.

Previous Year Update

Some of our successful activities from last year were the mentorship program, which matches interested students with either peer or professional mentors. A number of library tours were also organized, including tours of the Vancouver Aquarium library, and the Emily Carr University library. This year we expect to have a number of library tours again, starting with a tour of The Brighthouse branch of the Richmond Public Library later this October.

The Upcoming Year

The excitement from students at SLAIS to get involved in the student chapter of BCLA is overwhelming. Their eagerness was demonstrated in the sheer number of students that came out to volunteer for the annual BCLA library conference that took place last April. It sounds like we have another ardent group already interested in the upcoming BCLA activities for the New Year.

Call for Speakers

The UBC BCLA/CLA student chapter is also seeking speakers to come to SLAIS and give a short talk or discussion on any topic of their choice relevant to libraries of any type that may interest new and keen library students. If interested please contact roenjanyk@gmail.com or bcla-cla@interchange.ubc.ca.

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