

# 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) has begun yet another term. The first week of January brought a whole new group of emerging librarians and information professionals to SLAIS.

## Fall Term Update

The fall term was quite successful for the BCLA/CLA student group. We had a Halloween bake sale which raised money to keep the group going. Heather Scoular, Director of the North Vancouver District Public Library, also came to speak to a large and eager group of students. Heather talked about her background, graduating during a recession, and valuable job searching strategies and skills. The successful turnout showed the value new students place on hearing from experienced professionals in the field, and the BCLA/CLA group is always looking for more speakers.

## Winter Term

This term the focus of the group is primarily on succession planning, as almost the whole executive

committee will be graduating in April. With a brand new group of students, we hope to showcase the importance of joining professional organizations, and demonstrate the fun we have as members. We will also be discussing the upcoming BCLA conference, as many students have demonstrated their interest in volunteering.

## Call for Speakers

The UBC BCLA/CLA student chapter is eagerly 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. Our last talk had a fantastic turn out, and was rewarding for both the speaker and the students. Come see the new SLAIS if you have not been to UBC for many years, and experience the excitement new librarians bring! If interested please contact [roenjanyk@gmail.com](mailto:roenjanyk@gmail.com) or [bcla-cla@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:bcla-cla@interchange.ubc.ca).

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