

# Annual Report on Diversity and Multicultural Services Committee - 2009

By Barbara Buxton.

This committee has been working steadily through the year. The committee is growing in numbers. We currently have 12 members and we meet quarterly, or more if necessary.

Our prime focus has been the Intercultural Communication workshops that we developed in 2007. During 2009 this workshop has been presented several times. Surrey, Fraser Valley, North Van City have done workshops in their own libraries. We applied to do it at the Beyond Hope conference and at PNLA but neither of those were able to fit us in. However we have been invited to present two workshops at the ELSA conference and in New Westminster Public Library in 2010.

We did some research on the question of accrediting librarians from other countries to work in Canada. This proved a difficult task as there is no body that is accrediting degrees at the moment.

We will be revisiting with Michael Burris and InterLINK the perennial problem of cataloguing and providing books in heritage languages. This has become part of the InterLINK strategic plan, so we will be working towards a solution.

Our website project is pretty well finished. Sara Amon began the project as a SLAIS student, and continued it voluntarily after she graduated. We ran into a snag when BCLA ended its association with Webjunction. We have all the content saved and it will be added to the BCLA website sometime in 2010.

Sheryl Adams has resigned as co-chair of the committee. We appreciate the work she has put into the committee in the past and we will miss her valuable insights.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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