

# 2009 Annual Report of the BCLA Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group

By Sarah Felkar and Stephen Karr.

2009 was an exciting year for LTAIG.

The members of the LTAIG Committee and subcommittees were as follows:

Sarah Felkar - blogger and co-convenor  
Stephen Karr - website manager and co-convenor  
Mary Afonso - past convenor  
Shanna Meunier - education  
Anne Smith - mentoring  
Tamarack Hockin - mentoring  
Heather Duff - blogger  
Tanya Brayer - blogger and recording secretary  
Jo-Anne Chilton - List-serv

Below is a summary of our 2009 activities.

## 2009 LTAIG Salary Survey

There were 309 participants, with the results published both on our website, as well as in the last issue of the BCLA Browser.

## Media

We updated the website and started regularly posting to our blog, which included a semi-regular "Items of Interest" column and two Library Technician interviews. A brochure for our Interest Group has also been put together to distribute at workplaces, conferences, meetings, and other events.

## Conference

For the 2010 BCLA conference LTAIG will have a table, and will be convening a roundtable on "Library Support Staff in the Big Picture". Additionally, LTAIG committee members Sarah Felkar and Shanna Meunier, along with Michelle Mallette, will be leading

a pre-conference session called "Speak Up! Public Speaking for Libraries".

## Mentoring program

Annie Smith, Tamarack Hockin, and Stephen Karr have been working on it. Experienced technicians and assistants will be matched with students and recent graduates, to help them launch their careers. They are looking forward to starting the program in mid-May.

## Chapters

Groups have been established in the interior, on Vancouver Island, in Prince George and in the Fraser Valley. The chapters will allow library technicians and assistants around the province to strengthen representation and participation.

## Meetings

We have held several general meetings in 2009 to gather ideas and plan events. A formal AGM is planned for 2010.

All the progress and projects would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers. We are dedicated to promoting networking and communication and providing opportunities (volunteer and otherwise) to Library Technicians and Assistants throughout British Columbia.

The LTAIG Committee wishes to thank the British Columbia Library Association for their continuing support of the Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group. We look forward to another exciting year in 2010!

<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ltaig>

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