

ALPS Yodeler

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December Meeting: Bridging the Gap: Library Services for First Year Students.

The ALPS December 4th meeting, held at the Irving K. Barber Learning Center at UBC, was a successful, sold out event. This year's theme was Bridging the Gap: Library Services for First Year Students. Heather Daly and Moira Ek Dahl from BCTLA gave an enlightening talk on teacher-librarians and addressed the "Top 10" challenges surrounding information literacy for newly transitioning secondary students to universities and colleges. Trish Rosseel, Teaching & Learning Librarian at UBC, led an informative, interactive discussion on Active Learning in the Library Classroom. Trish introduced new and innovative activities and strategies of engaging the first year student. Trish has posted her presentation online and it can be viewed here -

http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:TLAC_ALPS_Session

Thanks to the BCLA Office for helping to pay for the catering costs. Thanks also to the UBC Development Office for providing generous speaker gifts and to the Irving K. Barber Learning Center for hosting this year's meeting.

ALPS LINK Fall 2010 "Burning Needs" Contest – And the Winners are - !

Thanks to everyone who participated in this fall's ALPS LINK Contest. It was an enormous success and the judging of this year's entries proved very difficult! Thanks to UBC Library and Douglas College for generously contributing to our cash prizes. Each "runner up" learning object received \$100 and the grand prize winner received \$150.

Grand Prize Winner: Diane Cruickshank (UFV), Mirela Djokic (Kwantlen) and Allison Richardson (Kwantlen) for "[Web Evaluation Exercises Step-by-Step](#)"

Runners Up: Patti Wilson (UFV), Diane Cruickshank (UFV) for "[Integrating Search Widgets into Course Web Sites](#)"
Charlotte Beck (UBC) for "[Database Search Techniques: Sample of Clicker Questions](#)"

Honourable Mentions: BCIT Library for "[Web Evaluation Game](#)"

Carolyn Soltau for "[Douglas College Copyright Guide](#)"

Bernadette Duffy (UBC) for "[How to Search PubMed](#)"

Getting Hired in Higher Education

On Nov. 2nd, BCLA/ALPS members once again shared their time and insights to encourage and provide guidance to future members of the profession. This year's speakers included Tania Alekson from Capilano College, Erin Fields from UBC, Yolanda Koscielski and Carolyn Petrie from SFU. Discussions ranged from how to transition from an academic to special library, international work experience, differences in academic work environments, and the role of a liaison librarian. The Panel also addressed questions such as how to stand out in an interview, how to make the most of one's professional education, what to include in portfolios, and even "why work in an academic library?" A big thank you to all our panelists!



ALPS December Meeting. Photo by Todd Rowlett [VCC]

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