

Special Needs Interest Group Annual Report: 2010-2011

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The Special Needs Interest Group met on Monday, April 12 at North Vancouver City Library, as most members were unable to attend the annual BCLA Conference in Penticton.

The committee, along with the InterLINK Audiobook group, visited the Neil Squire Society in May 2010 for a very informative tour of their office, and to learn more about what they can do for people with disabilities.

Plans were made to submit a session for the 2011 BCLA Conference on Serving People with a Mental Disability, both from substance abuse or medical causes like schizophrenia. We hoped to continue our sessions on serving people with disabilities,

unfortunately none was submitted, as a speaker was unobtainable.

In previous years, there had been talk of changing the committee's name, but after a short discussion it was decided to leave the name as is, but it could be looked at again in future years.

There was also a fair bit of discussion about the InterLINK Audiobook system and where it is going, what PLSB was doing with a deposit collection and how the end of the CNIB partnership was going to affect everyone.

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