

# Public Librarians Interest Group Annual Report: 2010-2011

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The Public Librarians Interest Group has 112 members.

The principle activity of the interest group in the past year has been the participation of a number of its members in the Services for People with Print Disabilities Working Group (SPPD) – a collaboration with the Special Needs Interest Group.

The group has 25 members from public libraries across British Columbia as well from the Canadian Federation for the Blind, the Learning Disabilities Association of BC, CILS (program at Langara College that supports print disabled students), ARC BC (supports print-disabled K-12 students) and a librarian from Vancouver Community College who supports students in programs for the visually impaired.

We have formed three sub-groups – Advocacy, Information Seeking and Training.

We are currently working with a SLAIS student, Danielle Westbrook, who is researching a history of service to people with print disabilities in British Columbia for a Professional Experience course. Danielle will be submitting an article to the Browser later this spring with the results of her research.

Anita Galanopoulos, one of the group's founding members, has continued to provide the PLIG listserv with the majority of articles and news of interest to public librarians. Other PLIG members are also posting to the list and engaging in the occasional discussion on issues.

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