

# Diversity & Multicultural Services Committee Annual Report: 2010-2011

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The Diversity and Multicultural Services Committee has been working steadily through the year. The committee is growing in numbers. We currently have 14 members and we meet quarterly, or more if necessary.

Our prime focus has been the Intercultural Communication workshops that we developed in 2007. During 2010 this workshop has been presented several times. Surrey and Port Moody presented the workshops in their own libraries, and Surrey did some for local community services. The committee presented two workshops at the ELSA conference and two in New Westminster Public Library in 2010. We have been invited to do a presentation at CLA in 2011. We are still trying to find a way to get this workshop out of the Lower Mainland and into the rest of the province.

We have been liaising with Michael Burris and InterLINK on the InterLINK strategic plan, as the directors work towards collection solutions such as consortial buying.

Our website project is pretty well finished. It has now been added to the BCLA website Diversity page, with lots of information for multilingual librarians and collections.

This committee has been an active group and members find that meeting regularly also helps to keep us up on new initiatives for multicultural library populations.

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