

Continuing Education Committee Annual Report: 2010-2011

By Allison Richardson.

Members of the 2010 Continuing Education Committee

Anne Olsen (Director), Allison Richardson (Chair), Kathy Anderson, May Chan, Michael DeKoven, Fatima Ferreira, Anthea Goffe, Ben Harrison, Susan Laidlaw, Ophelia Ma, and Sylvia Nurse.

Overview

2010 has been a busy and successful year for the CE Committee. We have organized five new workshops and gained five new members!

We are very happy to welcome the new members who joined the committee in 2010 and early 2011: Kathy Anderson (IslandLink), May Chan (BPL), Fatima Ferreira (GVPL), Ben Harrison (COTR), and Susan Laidlaw (PLSB). We'd also like to thank the two members who stepped down from the committee for their contributions and support: Carol Elder (Langara) and Rob Jacobsen (Kwantlen).

The committee continued to work on the same overall goals as last year - to recruit new members, to offer excellent continuing education and preconference sessions, and to build relationships with libraries in other parts of BC in order to offer workshops outside of the lower mainland.

The committee attempted to provide two workshops outside of the lower mainland - a teaching and training workshop in Houston and a health information workshop in Nanaimo. Although the committee members, our regional contacts, and the workshop presenters worked hard to organize and promote the sessions, we had to cancel both due to low registration. While the cancellations were unfortunate, we realized we needed to rethink our strategy in regards to reaching out to other areas of the province. With the help of our PLSB member Susan Laidlaw, we were able to connect with the directors of the regional library Federations to discuss working together when exploring opportunities for regional workshops. Workshops developed will be open to all who work in the BC library community.

New Developments

As of early 2011, the committee has formalized a liaison and communication plan with the BC Library Federations to support continuing education throughout the province. Kathy Anderson, Director of the IslandLink Federation, is now a member of the CE committee and is our liaison with the Federations. We are already developing ideas for workshops that can be offered province-wide via the new public library Elluminate webinar software license.

With the influx of new members, the committee has reorganized and formalized some of the members' roles and responsibilities.

- Board Liaison/Director: Anne Olsen. Anne's board term is finished this April, and she will be stepping down from the committee at that point.
- Chair: Allison Richardson. Allison will be stepping down from this position in April. Sylvia Nurse will be taking on this responsibility.
- Recording Secretary: Anthea Goffe
- Technology Coordinator: Susan Laidlaw (Michael DeKoven - backup)
- Pre-Conference Coordinator: Ophelia Ma
- 250/Sunshine Grant Coordinator: Anthea Goffe
- Education Institute Coordinator: Ben Harrison
- Workshop Coordinators: May Chan and Allison Richardson
- Library School Liaison: May Chan
- Federation Liaison: Kathy Anderson

2010 Workshops

Managing MARC Record Sets with MarcEdit - Feb. 3, 2010 (Vancouver); Dec. 2, 2010 (Richmond)

Presenter: Linda Woodcock

Participants were introduced to MarcEdit, a free program designed to enable easy editing of MARC records. Participants practiced viewing, editing, and manipulating MARC records with the software as well as batch editing techniques for modifying records to suit local needs. Many thanks to the Vancouver School Board for hosting this workshop at the Technology Training Centre and to the Richmond Public Library for hosting the second workshop at the Brighthouse Branch.

Teaching and Training in a Library Setting – Dec. 10, 2010 and Feb. 4, 2011 (Burnaby)

Presenter: Kay Cahill

This workshop covered the learning characteristics of adult learners, overcoming common training and instruction challenges, and different instructional styles and techniques for designing engaging and motivating training sessions. Many thanks to Burnaby Public Library and Branch Manager Roberta Summersgill for hosting this workshop at the Tommy Douglas branch.

Facilitation for Info Pros – Jan. 28, 2011 (Vancouver)

Presenter: Laura Matheson and Anne O'Shea

Participants were introduced to techniques and exercises to increase the effectiveness of meetings and focus groups, especially in relation to problem solving, creativity, and encouraging collaboration. Many thanks to Vancouver Public Library for hosting this workshop at the Central Branch.

Education Institute

The CE Committee liaison promotes EI sessions to the BC library community and presents ideas to the Education Institute committee for EI sessions. A

program on web site design was in development in 2010.

2010 Preconference Sessions

- CE offered 6 preconference sessions at the 2010 conference.
- BCLTA TOP (Trustee Orientation Program) (full day)
- Speak Up! Public Speaking for Libraries (half day)
- RDA. Game On! (half day)
- How to Quantify the Return on Investment of Library Technology Projects (half day)
- Facilitation Skills for Library Professionals (half day)
- Leave Time for Fun: Using Project Management to Make Work Easier (half day)

250 and the Sunshine Coast Incentive Grant

The committee awarded one grant of \$1000 to the Prince George Public Library to support the Beyond Hope library conference sessions "Ga-ga-ga gadgets!" "Planning for New Media" and "Digitization Projects."

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