

Member News

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BCLA awards annual scholarship

BCLA Second Vice-President Heather Morrison and LTAIG Convenor Tamarack Hockin were thrilled to be a part of September's University of the Fraser Valley "Changing Lives" awards ceremony, celebrating B.C.'s future library and information leaders.



(L-R) LTAIG Convenor Tamarack Hockin, UFV student Hala Elgammal and BCLA Second Vice-President Heather Morrison.

BCLA's annual scholarship was among the awards given out, and this year's recipient was Hala Elgammal. Hala is entering her second year in the UFV Library Technology Diploma program. UFV was very appreciative of the donors who came out to support the student recipients at the event.

A highlight of the evening was when all of the donors were very capably represented at the podium by 99-year-old donor speaker Jean Scott, who never had an opportunity to pursue higher education herself but is today one of its more active proponents. Full details of the event can be found at:

<https://blogs.ufv.ca/2011/09/donors-thanked-at-ufv-changing-lives-awards-ceremony-soiree/>

*Contributed by Errin Morrison,
Executive Director, BCLA.*

BPL extends best wishes to children's librarian

Children's librarian Randi Robin will be leaving Burnaby Public Library for an exciting opportunity at North Vancouver City Library.

Among Randi's accomplishments while at BPL was significant work on our Embracing Diversity project (<http://www.bpl.bc.ca/kids/embracing-diversity>). BPL staff will miss her calm efficiency, creativity, and thoughtfulness — and send her off to NVCL with best wishes for success in her new position.

Contributed by Deb Thomas, Deputy Chief Librarian and Branch Manager, Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch.

Douglas College welcome Schachter

Debbie Schachter is the new Director, Learning Resources at Douglas College, after having moved from her position of Director of Technology and Collection Management at VPL in early August.

Debbie is currently the Treasurer of BCLA, and a Delegate to OCLC's Global Council, representing the Americas Region. In January, she will take on the role of Chapter Cabinet Chair-Elect for SLA.

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West Vancouver Memorial Library leads with LEED



(L to R) Claire Brunings, Library staff; Jenny Benedict, Director of Library Services; Gabriele Raasch, Library staff; Nicole Brown, Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library Foundation; District of West Vancouver Councillor Trish Panz; Chad Arsenault, Library Maintenance Supervisor; Marcia Bergen, Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library; Paul Tutsch, West Vancouver Memorial Library Trustee; Tara Matsuzaki, Library staff; Lauren Henderson, Library Operations Manager; Dan Roberts, Kane Consulting. Photo by: Sue Kent.

The West Vancouver Memorial Library (WVML) has received LEED Canada Existing Building: Operations

and Maintenance (EB:O&M) Silver certification. The WVML is the first LEED Canada EB: O&M certified building in British Columbia and the first library in Canada to receive the award. While new projects have been awarded LEED certification by the Canada Green Building Council since 2004, existing buildings have only recently become eligible.

The WVML's interest in sustainability began as a staff-led grassroots effort in 2006. Early initiatives included reducing the Library's energy consumption by turning off fixtures and equipment when not in use and timing HVAC units. Staff also implemented a robust recycling program to reduce solid waste, and eliminated disposal products in favour of reusable materials. Being mindful of the Library's ecological footprint became infectious and soon, the Library Board supported the direction with a Green Buildings Operation Policy and a bid for LEED certification.

"I am so proud of our Library for demonstrating the values of shared reusable materials, responsible resource management, and environmental stewardship," says Councillor and Library Board Trustee Trish Panz. "Our Library is a leader not only in our community, but also our province and our country."

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Recycle, Reuse, Research: An SFU Open Access Week Event on Open Data

Open Access Week 2011 was held October 24 to 30 and Simon Fraser University Library celebrated with a slate of events, including: a keynote presentation by Open Government advocate David Eaves, a session on author rights, a roundtable on scholarly publishing for graduate students, and a panel discussion on Open Data use, the last of which I had the pleasure of moderating and will summarize below.

According to the Open Knowledge Foundation, "a piece of content or data is open if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it — subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and share-alike" (<http://opendefinition.org>). Three speakers shared their open data experiences and expertise with library staff, faculty and members of the wider SFU community:

- Dr. Heather Piwowar, a postdoctoral research associate with the National Science Foundation's DataONE Project, related the "hurdles and carrots" – pros and cons – of using open data for scholarly research. A central theme was the human pyramid: that is, open data as a means of creating

"broader shoulders" for future research to build upon. Dr. Piwowar also related preliminary findings from her research on authors' attitudes towards data sharing.

- Dr. Alex Clapp (SFU, Department of Geography) described his work on open data in environmental science, with reference to the global temperature record and the BP oil spill. He explained that open data has increased the public profile of climate science, spurring debate and, in some cases, controversy.
- Dr. Meghan Winters (SFU, Faculty of Health Sciences) discussed the development of the Cycling Route Planner, a free web-based tool that utilizes open data from sources such as the City of Vancouver. Dr. Winters alluded to the fact that open data is not always as 'open' as it may seem.

Drs. Piwowar, Clapp, and Winters aptly demonstrated that there is reason to celebrate Open Access Week all year round.

*Contributed by Lindsay Tripp, Liaison Librarian,
Faculty of Environment, SFU Library*

TNRD Wins Community Excellence Award

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District has received a Union of British Columbia Municipalities award for its North Kamloops Library Square Project. This is the second year in a row the TNRD has won the 2011 UBCM Community Excellence Award for Leadership & Innovation - Regional District. The award was handed out in September at the UBCM conference in Vancouver.



North Kamloops Library.

The North Kamloops Library Square Project is a multi-use facility that incorporates residential and commercial property along with the library. The library was built to achieve LEED Gold Construction and features many eco-friendly components such as showers and storage units for TNRD Library System employees to encourage alternate modes of transportation.

"The TNRD received a Municipal Rural Infrastructure Grant for the building construction, and a \$125,000 grant from the TELUS Community TV Program which was used to develop the computer lab in the library," said Chair Peter Milobar.

The building features a green rooftop patio with landscaping, low-water landscaping and on-site storm

water management and an air space subdivision, which allows the TNRD and the developer to retain ownership and operation of their respective components — a first for a combined public-private facility in the City of Kamloops.

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