

# ALPS Yodeler

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## ALPS Annual December Meeting

ALPS held its annual business meeting on December 2, 2011 at the Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre. In addition to the business meeting, two sessions were held: *Reference Gone Mobile* and *Good Assessment Starts Before You Begin*.

The first session, *Reference Gone Mobile*, discussed text reference initiatives undertaken by Langara College, Douglas College, and SFU libraries. Presenting on their institution's experiences were Debra Flewelling (Emerging Technologies Librarian at Douglas College), Nicole Gjertsen (Interactive Arts and Technology Librarian at SFU) and Joyce Wong (Coordinator of User Experience Librarian at Langara College).

Margaret Friesen, Assessment Librarian at University of British Columbia offered an interesting and informative session on assessment methods, offering practical advice applicable to everyone.

With more than 50 in-person participants from academic libraries across the province, the day was a huge success.

For the first time, ALPS provided live streaming of the day's events, opening access to those outside the Lower Mainland. Huge thanks to the following libraries for their generous support:

- Camosun College
- Okanagan College
- Simon Fraser University
- University of British Columbia Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
- Vancouver Island University
- Vancouver Community College

ALPS would also like to extend a big thank you to SFU for hosting the event.

**Continuing Education Session: March 13, 2012 @ 2:00 pm...Save-the-Date!**

Kealin McCabe, Research and Learning Services Librarian at the Geoffrey R. Weller Library, University of

Northern British Columbia presents: *Embedded Librarian: Enhancing Student Education through Collaboration*.

**Abstract:** Librarians are leaving the confines of their libraries to reach students in new and innovative ways, working with class instructors to enhance student learning. Students are spending less time in the library and more time in the virtual environment in order to complete their academic assignments. This shift has forced librarians to rethink the ways they reach out to students and contribute to their academic success.

Learn how UNBC librarians are taking a unique and proactive approach to student learning by embedding themselves directly in campus cultural centres, courses and course management software, providing students with access to research assistance at the point of need.

This session will be offered via Elluminate, is **free** and **open to all**. Watch the BCLA and ALPS listservs for registration details.

## ALPS Award

The Academic Librarians in Public Service (ALPS) Award for Outstanding Service goes to an academic public service librarian, or team of same, whose outstanding service has made a real difference to students, faculty, or colleagues in British Columbia. The award will be presented at this year's BCLA Conference in Richmond (May 10-12, 2012).

Nominations are being accepted until March 9, 2012. Watch for the nomination information to be sent out on the BCLA and ALPS listservs or look for it on the ALPS website:

<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/alps/default.aspx>.

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