

# Conference Briefs

Compiled by Leanna Jantzi.

## What's "App"ening? (F5)

Francesca de Freitas, Children's Librarian at Vancouver Public Library, presented what applications for kids are, what makes them good, and where to find them. Using an iPad and iPhone, Francesca walked the attendees through several applications to demonstrate how different apps work and what to consider when choosing them for your own children, grandchildren or library, all while offering useful anecdotes about her own child's likes and experience.

*Submitted by Kate Sloan*

## Top Notch Support for eBooks (F9)

Sara Amon, an Electronic Resources Librarian at the Vancouver Public Library and Tami Setala, Licensing and Business Development Manager at the BC Libraries Cooperative worked together on VPL's team for eBooks and have been refining the art of patron support for eBooks for over two years. Sara and Tami offered thoughtful practical advice for the many issues that arise with eBook platforms and devices.

*Submitted by Kate Sloan*

## License to Know What Lurks in the Minds of Students (S4)

This was a session on in-class feedback tools, designed to get feedback from the participants in your programming. Kristina Oldenburg, Jay Peters and Danielle Winn took the session participants through demonstrations of how different methods worked and how they might be used in academic or public library environments. People got to try the cheap low-tech paper-response option, specialized voting clickers that are often owned by academic institutions and PollEverywhere, which allowed for texting in answers that get embedded live into websites.

*Submitted by Justin Unrau*

## Choosing our Plan B (S14)

Phil Hall's talk "Choosing our Plan B" was about how librarians deal with a possible future where the model of libraries being places with information resources makes no sense. He had interesting things to say about technology trends historically, e-books, 3D printing and the ways we can adapt in our lifetimes. The takeaways were that we have to be thinking about the future and being conscious of the choices we make as we defend our positions or reposition our services, without being scared that libraries will be gone in our lifetimes.

*Submitted by Justin Unrau*

## RBC shows support for Summer Reading Club



Els Kushner of Vancouver Public Library receives a cheque for the Summer Reading Club from RBC's Danny Tseng at the conference's BCLA/BCLTA Awards Recognition Luncheon. The Summer Reading Club is a provincial program sponsored by the Ministry of Education and RBC, in partnership with the B.C. Library Association.