

# ALPS Yodeler

By Danielle Winn.

## Annual December Meeting

ALPS held its annual business meeting on December 14, 2012 at Langara College. This year's theme focused on two of the hottest topics in academic librarianship: service reviews and assessment.

Scott Mackenzie and Janis McKenzie spoke to *Library Service Reviews: Trends, Implementation and Next Steps*. Their presentations were entertaining narratives of the Technical Services and Liaison Librarian Reviews currently underway at SFU.

Sarah Stang and Sierra Stephens spoke about UBC-Okanagan Library's Service Review. In order to effectively analyze changes that needed to be made, the library established a Public Service Desk Committee, a Service-Level Task Group and a Core Competencies Task Group.

Julie Mitchell and Gordon Yusko (UBC-Vancouver) spoke to UBC's multiple service reviews. They provided excellent tips on how to conduct a review, noted some challenges and highlighted the key findings.

Erin Fields reported on UBC-Vancouver's First Year Integrated Instruction Assessment project. Her talk focused on: project development and goals, a program overview, assessment practice, assessment development and outcomes and the needs of first year students.

ALPS would like to thank Langara College Library for hosting the event and for sponsoring the live webcast.

If you missed, the event you can view presentation recordings via cIRcle, UBC's Digital Repository at the following URL:  
<https://circle.ubc.ca/handle/2429/43866>

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## Getting Hired in Higher Education

By Nick Josten & Ebony Magnus

On Tuesday, October 23rd ALPS held its annual "Getting Hired in Higher Education" event at UBC. SLAIS students gathered to hear a panel of six academic librarians discuss making the transition from library student to working librarian. Jeremy Buhler (UBC), Andrea Cameron (SFU), Leanna Jantzi (Capilano), Trevor Smith (Capilano), Sarah Stang (UBC Okanagan), and Lindsay Tripp (Langara) spoke about their experiences as library students and offered advice to the 25 students in attendance.

During the hour-long discussion, topics ranged from when to start applying for jobs after graduation to ways of increasing your appeal to potential employers. Panelists gave advice on how to make the best of your past work experience, how to improve your chances in a job search, and how to make the best of your time as a library student.

ALPS would like to thank the panelists for their generosity in donating their time and sharing their experiences with SLAIS students. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and demonstrated the importance of such panels in our education as library students. Many thanks to UBC's Library Development Office for donating thank you gifts for the speakers. And, of course, thank you to SLAIS staff and members of the ALPS executive whose support was invaluable to the success of this event.

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## Upcoming Events

We are currently working on plans for an *innovative* professional development opportunity to be held this spring. We are also hoping to sponsor a job fair at SLAIS and are planning to host a pub night. Please watch the ALPS list-serv, blog, Facebook page and Twitter feed for details!

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