

ALPS Yodeler

By Danielle Winn.

Introducing your 2013-2014 ALPS Executive

The incoming ALPS Executive for 2013/2014 are:

- *Chair:* Sarah Stang (UBC-O)
- *Chair-Elect:* Danielle Winn (UBC)
- *Continuing Education Coordinator -2nd year:* Aleha McCauley (UBC)
- *Continuing Education Coordinator- 1st year:* Andrea Cameron (SFU)
- *Recording Secretary:* Caitlin Bakker (UNBC)
- *SLAIS Student Representatives:* Ariel Deardorff & Amber Saundry (SLAIS)

Many thanks to the following outgoing members for all of their hard work over the past year:

- *Chair:* Tara Stephens(UBC)
- *Continuing Education Coordinator -2nd year:* Rebecca Dowson (SFU)
- *Recording Secretary:* Danielle Winn (UBC)
- *SLAIS Student Representatives:* Ebony Magnus & Nick Josten(SLAIS)

Innovation Boot Camp: A Quick Summary

On Wednesday, April 10th, 2013, a number of librarians, library assistants, and SLAIS students from UBC, SFU and various public libraries gathered at UBC to participate in Innovation Boot Camp. Innovation Boot Camp is a unique program created by M.J. D'Elia and Robin Bergart, librarians at the University of Guelph who were curious about, and decided to investigate the nature of innovation. They sought to answer the following questions:

- Can innovation be intentionally learned?
- Can innovation be cultivated?
- Can anyone learn to be innovative in a supportive environment?

M.J. did an outstanding job of introducing the program, its history and our goals for the day. He acknowledged that some people may be feeling nervous or shy and encouraged us to be open to the experiences we'd share throughout the day. From the very first activity to the very last, we were actively engaged in the ideas and processes of innovation

and creative thinking. Participants were exposed to stimulating and inventive instructional activities that encouraged them to: collaborate, take risks, identify problems, frame problems, generate ideas by thinking laterally, challenge their assumptions, evaluate the quality of ideas and improve ideas.

The workshop was an overwhelming success, partly because the participants were enthusiastic and optimistic about their learning goals, and partly because M.J. is an outstanding facilitator who helped us stay committed to thinking outside the box!

Thank you to ALPS, IKBLC, UBC HR and UBC FA-LAC for co-sponsoring the event.

2013 ALPS Award for Outstanding Service

This annual Award is presented to a librarian whose exceptional service has had a positive impact on students and faculty. It is our pleasure to announce that Jean Blackburn and Dan Sifton from Vancouver Island University Library won the 2013 ALPS Award for Outstanding Service.

Jean and Dan demonstrated innovation by asking the following question "why do we continue to have overdue fines at our library?" After reviewing the Library's systems and procedures related to loans and overdue fines, Dan and Jean successfully advocated for the removal of fines for most materials for students and faculty (inter-library loans and course reserves are excluded); making VIU the first academic library in Canada to officially cancel fines.

Congratulations Jean and Dan!

The ALPS Executive Committee would like to thank Lindsay Tripp (Langara) and Larissa Ringham (UBC-V) for serving on the Awards Committee.

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