

Cataloguing and Technical Services: Annual Report: 2012-13

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BCCATS, which has been in existence since 1978, became a formal Interest Group of BCLA in June, 2004. Membership currently stands at 153 - a 51% increase from last year! Our group is open to anyone with an interest in Technical Services issues. If you are new to TS and are looking for support BCCATS offers a forum for both casual questions and formal learning.

BCCATS meets twice per year to discuss issues of mutual interest amongst Technical Services people. Our discussions range from cataloguing standards, to managing MARC records for electronic resources to Technical Services workflows.

Workshops and professional development

The long-awaited release of RDA, the new cataloguing standard that replaces AACR2, has finally happened! The Library of Congress announced full implementation of RDA: Resource Description and Access for March 31, 2013. It has been a busy year for our members as they prepare to implement RDA in their libraries/institutions.

To meet training needs BCCATS held a series of "Cataloguing in RDA" workshops. Two 2-day workshops were held in Vancouver and Victoria in the Fall 2012. They sold out quickly and four more

sessions were scheduled for 2013 in Vancouver, Surrey, and Kelowna. So far there have been 131 registrations representing 53 institutions/organizations. Another session is planned for Northern BC for July 8-9, 2013.

The workshop introduced Cataloguers to RDA, FRBR, the RDA Toolkit, and oriented them to the new content standard. Through exercises and hands-on cataloguing experiences, participants received a thorough grounding in RDA. Workshop trainers were Linda Woodcock (Kwantlen), Susan Andrews (UBC), Penny Swanson (SFU), Nancy Stuart (U. Vic) and May Chan (BPL) (Vancouver workshop only). Thanks to everyone for all their hard work!

Appreciation

Thanks to Karen Nelson (Capilano University) for serving as secretary and to May Chan (Burnaby Public Library) for serving as the Continuing Education representative and doing the organizing for the RDA workshops. Karen and May have both volunteered to continue to serve for yet another year. Janette McConville (SFU) stepped up to chair the committee for 2012-13.