

Mentorship Committee: Annual Report: 2012-13

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The BCLA Mentorship Program launched in May 2012. The inaugural 8-week mentorship session, which ran from June 4 to July 30, had a total of 44 participants, representing diverse areas of library work across British Columbia. A second session ran from October 15 to December 10, with an additional 34 people taking part. Feedback on both 2012 sessions was almost entirely positive, with all participants in both sessions indicating that they would likely consider participating in the program again and/or recommending it to colleagues. The Mentorship Committee has worked to be responsive to participants' needs, and has incorporated a number

of changes based on feedback from those who have taken part in the program, such as developing a "Mentorship Tips and Tricks" document, including mentorship guidelines and suggested topics of conversation.

The Mentorship Program has completed our Spring 2013 session, which ran from April 1 to May 27, with 38 participants. We plan to host a second session in the fall of 2013, and hope to be able to organize a social event for current and past participants at some point in the future.