

Public Librarians Interest Group: Annual Report: 2012-13

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The goals of the Public Librarians Interest Group (PLIG) include: advocating for public librarians; providing leadership in developing professional, public librarianship; and promoting the interests of professional librarians in British Columbia. The group was formed in 2007 by members from the following public libraries: Burnaby, Fraser Valley, Richmond, and Vancouver. Since that time, the membership numbers have increased each year. As of April 10, 2013, the number of members stands at a robust 231 members!

In the past year, PLIG held two meetings, one in October and another in November of 2012, to network and generated ideas for future consideration. On November 28, 2012, the co-conveners represented PLIG at a BCLA Strategic Planning meeting. With the ever-growing number of members, staying in touch by email via the listserv has become the best way to reach everyone. All

members are encouraged to post to the listserv, to generate dialogue, and to help other members keep current with topics of interest. Special thanks go out to the efforts of Anita Galanopoulos and Deb Thomas, both former PLIG conveners, for their frequent contributions to the listserv. PLIG promotes professional development and continuing education for public librarians. PLIG submitted a conference proposal suggesting Toni Samek, from the University of Alberta, <http://www.ualberta.ca/~asamek/toni.htm> to speak at the 2013 BC Library Conference. Going forward, we continue to be encouraged by the very steady growth of PLIG member numbers. PLIG plans to hold its AGM during the 2013 BC Library Conference, to set plans in motion for the coming year.