

# UBC librarian recognized by SLA

By Leanna Jantzi.

Congratulations to Aleha McCauley, Community Engagement Librarian at UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre! Aleha was presented with the Achievement in Academic Business Librarianship Award at the SLA Conference held in Vancouver earlier this summer.



Aleha McCauley

This award, sponsored by Business Expert Press and administered through the College & University Business Libraries (CUBL) Section of the Business & Finance Division of SLA, is intended to recognize the accomplishments of librarians who are relatively new to the field and who demonstrate evidence of exemplary librarianship which includes innovative services at their institutions.

For those who haven't met her yet, the "innovative service" most associated with Aleha is undoubtedly the Small Business Accelerator ([www.sba-bc.ca](http://www.sba-bc.ca)), a service that she has championed as it has grown into

the go-to place for BC's entrepreneurs and those who support them.

Aleha is quick to point out that her success, and that of the Small Business Accelerator, is based on collaboration: "We're thrilled that this award provides us with an opportunity to recognize YOU as well - our audience, partners, collaborators and friends for your involvement and support over the years. We're grateful for this recognition and excited that it showcases that there is plenty of space for information professionals and institutions in the business ecosystem, especially when we take a community-focused approach and work together."

Aleha also noted that the SBA is a work in progress with many opportunities to pitch in, "Partnerships and testimonials are what make the program valuable to the BC business community, so I'd urge anyone to contact us ([lib.sba@ubc.ca](mailto:lib.sba@ubc.ca)) with their success stories or ideas for new innovative partnerships."

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