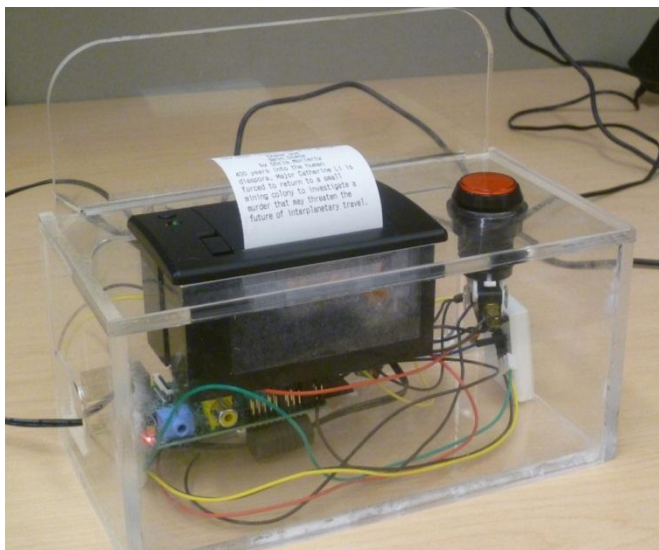


RA in Half a Day

By Jenny Fry.

Are you new to RA? Do you feel rusty or tentative when someone asks you for a great book to read? Especially in a genre (like Steampunk?), topic (Popular Science, perhaps?), or format (how about Audiobooks?) that you aren't personally interested in? How about a strategy to approach Literary Fiction when you've no idea what to suggest because you don't read that kind of thing?

RA in a Half Day is the workshop for you! It's about boosting confidence, showing you how much you do know, exploring ways to better serve your patrons through reading, and having lots of fun at the same time.



The Readers' Advisory Device (RAD): powered by Raspberry Pi, and built by BCLA Readers' Advisory Interest Group's SLAIS co-reps Matthew Murray and Anna Ferri and the student chapter of ASIS&T at UBC for the 2014 Vancouver Maker Faire. Press the button and a randomly selected book (from a curated list of 50 titles) suggestion will be printed just for you! Also used at ALA with 50 graphic novel titles. UBC's Koerner Library wants to display it this fall, and it will be on hand for you to try at RA in a Half Day on October 20th in Richmond. Photo by Matthew Murray.

SAVE THE DATE! for the 3rd Annual **RA in a Half Day**

**Monday, October 20, 2014,
9:30am-1:30pm**

**Cultural Centre Performance Hall,
Richmond Cultural Centre
(7700 Minoru Gate, next to the Brighthouse branch
of Richmond Public Library)**

**Presented by the BCLA
Readers' Advisory Interest Group**

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Following our wildly successful first year, held at City Centre Library in Surrey, with more than 100 participants and last year's workshop at the Central branch of VPL, with about 70 participants - this year we are in Richmond with two keynote speakers. Dr. Keren Dali from the University of Western Ontario who will discuss the impact of pleasure reading for immigrants, and Stephanie Chase from Bibliocommons who will introduce RA tools we can use in Bibliocommons. (Dr. Dali will also be doing a colloquium at UBC SLAIS on Oct. 21 at noon in the I.K. Barber Learning Centre. Contact h.obrien@ubc.ca for more information/updates). Plus, there will be more Speed-Dating Through the Genres!

Registration for RA in Half a Day will be through the BCLA website, starting September 3rd at 10am. Registration closes on October 9th. Maximum registration is 110: \$20 students, \$30 BCLA members, \$40 non-members.

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