

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL 2011

Executive, Council, and Committee Meetings

- The new BCTLA program (goals, objectives, evaluation) was developed
- BCTLA Executive meetings were held on Saturday, September 17 (all day) and on Friday, October 21 after the BCTLA conference
- Chapter Councillors and the BCTLA Executive will meet for the Fall Council meeting on October 22; the meeting will include a visit from BCTF President Susan Lambert

National School Library Day (NSLD)

- The Ministry of Education's Libraries and Literacy Branch has released *The Learning Commons in BC*, a video featuring the UBC Chapman Learning Commons and teacher-librarians and school library-learning commons at Gladstone and John Oliver Secondary Schools and David Livingstone Elementary School in Vancouver
- For the fourth year, Canadian Library Month posters were sent to all public schools
- The fifth annual Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Challenge was coordinated and promoted:
 - Developed English- and French-language DEAR posters and bookmarks
 - Developed DEAR t-shirts available for order and for sale at the conference
 - Sent DEAR poster and information to all MLAs, BCTF locals, PD Chairs and news outlets
 - Worked with BCTF to have the DEAR poster included in *Teacher Newsmagazine*
- The Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Challenge went national this year! It was celebrated across the country, coordinated by the national Voices for School Libraries network.

Working and Learning Conditions

- BCTLA Executive members helped to staff the BCTF booth at "Word on the Street" on September 25 and distributed school library promotional materials
- The BCTLA President presented to BCTF Field Services about the role of the teacher-librarian on September 26
- The 30th annual Working and Learning Conditions survey gets underway this fall!

Professional Publications

- *The Points of Inquiry* posters were sent to all BC public schools thanks to a grant provided by the BCTF Executive
- Resources continue to be developed by BCTLA and by Chapters (e.g. Langley Inquiry Questions wiki) and are made available on the BCTLA website

Communication and Collaboration

- BCTLA members were invited to attend Washington Library Media Association webinars
- There was regular communication with Chapter Councilors and with BCTLA members through the BCTLA Forum, the BCTLA blogs and Twitter
- Chapters have developed groups on the Ning and websites (Delta, Surrey)

Professional Development

- With thanks to the Burnaby Teacher-Librarians' Association, the "Reaching Out" Conference and October Awards Ceremony was held!