



To support and represent trustees in advancing public libraries

Your Governance Forum

This day long forum is directed at public library trustees and library directors. This is your time for making connections across the province and for talking about your libraries, your communities, and governance.

- Saturday, May 12th
- 8:30am to 4pm
- Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel (7551 Westminster Hwy)
- The fee is \$150 and includes lunch and refreshment breaks.

The BCLTA 2018 AGM will be immediately following the Forum.

Agenda

8:15 am Forum Check-in

Come meet BCLTA staffers Babs and Jan at the desk, pick up your name tag, and start getting to know trustees and library directors from across the province.

Expect activities, door prizes, and coffee!

8:50 am President's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jerrilyn Schembri, BCLTA President 2017-2019 and the Board Chair of the Tumbler Ridge Public Library.

9:00 am Inclusion – Curiosity – Compassion: BC Centre for Diversity and Innovation

Guest speaker Mehroona Ghani

Hosted by Jenny Benedict, Director of Library Services, West Vancouver Memorial Library and David Carter, Chair, West Vancouver Memorial Library Board.

Mehroona Ghani holds a Master of Arts degree in Gender and International Development with a specialty in gender analysis and race theory from the University of Sussex, Institute of Development Studies. After a 20-year B.C. provincial government career (where she was once a library technician with her Library and Information Technology diploma at the BC Public Library Services Branch for 12 yrs), she launched M. Ghani Consulting as a Community Engagement and Diversity Specialist, Spoken Word Artist, and Educator; and then became the Manager of Community Connections and Diversity Services with the North Shore Multicultural Society. She is also a published writer working on her forthcoming book: "Letters to Rumi" – her autobiographical account about identity and belonging.

9:20 am Break

9:30 am Roundtable #1: Financial Oversight and Financial Management

Susan Koch, Board Chair of the Richmond Public Library and past Treasurer of the BCLTA will provide an overview of board financial responsibilities to get the conversations started!

10:30 am Break

10:40 am Roundtable #2: Advocacy 2018 - Your Issues and Your Influence

Melanie Wilke, Board Chair of the Terrace Public Library and BCLTA Director, and Mike Gagel, Board Chair of the Prince George Public Library and BCLTA Director, will share their thinking about, and experiences with, advocacy to inspire your roundtable discussions. We look forward to hearing advocacy stories and expertise from across the province.

11:45 am Morgane Oger Foundation: Equality + Justice

We diminish the gap between the federal and provincial law of Canada and its application through education, advocacy, and participation in legal interventions.

Guest Speaker Morgane Oger

Hosted by Kyla Epstein, Vancouver Public Library Board Chair and BCLTA Board Director.

Noon Lunch

1:00 pm BCLTA Update

Jerrilyn and the BCLTA Directors will provide an update of what BCLTA has accomplished in the past year and their shared vision for the future of the association.

1:15 pm Roundtable #3: Storytelling and Advocacy with Daphne Wood

Daphne Wood, Director of Communications & Development with the Greater Victoria Public Library, will lead the Forum through a highly participatory and engaging session of developing and delivering your library's stories. Be prepared to share your experiences, expertise, challenges, and creative ideas about advocacy, influence and telling your library's story. There will be refreshments during this session.

3:30 pm Closing Remarks

Check back here for conference updates and contact Babs at execdir@bclta.ca with any conference questions or comments.

Please let us know by April 31st if you require an ASL interpreter for the Forum.