



## BC Library Conference 2012 Call for Proposals

Dates: **May 10 to 12, 2012**

Location: **Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC**

Theme: ***Licence to Read***

*The 2012 BC Library Conference theme, “Licence to Read” means many things in our current context. Most obviously, it refers to libraries’ roles in providing our constituents with access to electronic materials, both by paying for that privilege and by advocating for open access. But it also has more subtle dimensions – libraries have an important role in supporting the learning of reading, both text and the new electronic environment – and in acting as a force for change in ensuring that information is not hidden from public view. It encompasses the provision of the technology and tools needed for access to information. The 2012 theme thus encourages us to engage enthusiastically with our community and commit to better the world through librarianship.*

**Here is your chance to share your knowledge and experience, engage in meaningful discussions and support the professional development of your colleagues!**

The BC Library Conference 2012 Planning Sub-Committee aims to provide a range of sessions which complement the year's theme. Sessions may be of general interest to the library community or directed towards the membership of the co-sponsoring organizations: the British Columbia Library Trustees Association, the Health Libraries Association of BC and the British Columbia Library Association. We encourage session proposals that are dynamic and interactive, showcase partnerships and collaboration, demonstrate a force for change and/or appeal to a cross section of attendees. To ensure that different perspectives and views are shared **we encourage contributions from staff and trustees from libraries and other organizations of all types and sizes.**

**Proposals should be made by the prospective speaker(s). Sessions are typically 75 minutes long.**

In particular, we seek:

- Presentations - one or two people presenting on a topic.
- Panels - discussions among a small group of people, with each presenter offering a perspective on a topic, usually no more than 3 panelists coordinated by a convenor.
- Research - one or two people presenting original contributions to the library research, theory or the practice of librarianship/information services.

Please include with your proposal:

- the session title/proposed topic,
- a brief abstract,
- the target audience,



- a brief summary of the speaker's experience with the topic, and
- any details concerning possible expenses for out of BC presenters.

*For speakers from outside the BC library community only, please include a level of detail on travel, accommodation and per diem expense estimates and/or expectations.*

### **The Details!**

**The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2011.** Program selection will be done by **mid-December 2011** and speakers will be notified by the **end of the year**.

Submissions can be made online at: [www.bclibraryconference.ca/proposals2012](http://www.bclibraryconference.ca/proposals2012)

### **Speaker Reimbursement Guidelines**

Specialty speakers including professional speakers, keynote/plenary speakers, authors, and invited speakers from outside of the British Columbia library community may receive compensation as follows:

- conference registration for the day they are speaking,
- speaker fee or honorarium (negotiated), and
- travel/accommodation costs.

Librarians, trustees, friends of the library, and career library workers in British Columbia shall not be eligible to receive expense or speaker reimbursements or honoraria. Speakers from the BC library community will receive a single \$50 discount on either a partial or full conference registration. For panel presentations, a maximum of three speakers per panel will receive discounts.

### **All speakers must register for the conference (one day or full registration).**

To promote learning and networking opportunities amongst speakers and conference attendees, we encourage speakers to register for the full conference to contribute to, and participate in, the overall conference experience. Even if you are only coming the day on which you are speaking, you **MUST REGISTER**. Speaker registration will begin in early 2012.

Changes will be considered with respect to the above guidelines at the discretion of the Conference Chair and the Conference Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

### **Convenors**

Full day volunteer session convenors will be supplied by BC Library Conference Planning Committee. A call for conference volunteers will be made separately.

### **More Information:**

If you have questions, please contact Pat Cumming, Chair of the Conference Program Sub-Committee, at [pcumming@bcit.ca](mailto:pcumming@bcit.ca) or 604-453-4064.

### **BC Library Conference Program Sub-Committee members:**

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