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Join Your Fellow Trustees at the 2009 BC Library Conference!

Attention Library Board Chairs/Liaisons:

Upwards of 75 library trustees have registered to attend the upcoming BC Library Conference – to be held April 16-18 in Burnaby at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel. This is already a great turnout, but we hope that even more of you will consider joining us for what promises to be one of our best conferences yet. Below are the highlights of the BCLTA program:

Thursday Full-day Pre-conference Workshops

- Trustee Orientation Program (T3)
- Chairing the Board (T9)

Friday Conference Sessions:

- What's that doing in my library? Intellectual Freedom Stories and Advice (F9)
- Trustee Fundraising Dialogue (F18)
- Library Performance Measurements: From Terms of Confusion to Terms of Enjoyment (F27)

Saturday Conference Sessions:

- Strategic Planning: Charting the Future of your Library (S9)
- Marketing your Library (S18)
- Trustee Roundtable (S27)

BCLTA Banquet and Awards Ceremony – Friday, 6:00-9:00 pm (E7)

Join your fellow trustees, BCLTA Board members and special guests for a night of good food, good wine, and good company! The evening begins with a cash bar reception, followed by greetings from our special guests (Iqbal Dhanani, Burnaby Public Library Board Chair; Diana Mumford, BC School Trustees Association Board Member; and Jan Harder, Canadian Library Trustees Association President). Next on the agenda is a delicious buffet dinner topped off with dessert, coffee and tea. And we end the evening on a high note with a ceremony to honour BCLTA's 2009 award winners. At 9:00 pm we will make our collective way to the all-delegates reception and dance, which features a live band, silent auction, and cash bar.

BCLTA Trustee Breakfast and Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 7:30-10:15 am

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Burnaby Public Library Board, we will be holding a full, hot breakfast for trustees prior to the start of our annual business sessions at this year's AGM. Even if you can't make the rest of the conference, please consider stopping by to join the debate and cast your vote

on proposed BCLTA Constitutional and Bylaw amendments. There is no charge to attend the Trustee Breakfast and AGM.

Trustee Lounge – Duration of the Conference

BCLTA is trying something new this year. In order to provide trustees with an informal gathering place to escape the conference fray and network with their peers, we've rented a special suite at the Hilton for the duration of the conference. Please stop by to enjoy complimentary refreshments and to meet your BCLTA Board members and staff, as well as fellow trustees from around the province. (A special thank you to the law firm of Burke Tomchenko Morrison for its generous sponsorship of the Trustee Lounge.)

Can't make the full conference? Consider attending just one day, or purchasing a ticket to the banquet only, or getting up early on Saturday to join us for breakfast and the Annual General Meeting at no charge.

To register for one event or for the full conference, go to the BC Library Conference website at www.bclibraryconference.ca and click on the "Register Now" link. **Online registration is open until April 9** – after that you must register onsite.

Your BCLTA Board looks forward to seeing you there...