

BCLTA

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Subject: BCLTA and the 2008 BC Library Conference

The 2008 BC Library Conference will be held in partnership with the BC Library Trustees' Association and the Health Libraries Association of BC. The conference will take place at the ****Best Western Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre** in Richmond, BC, from April 17 -19, 2008.

The theme is "*Off the Shelf and Out of the Box: Creativity and Libraries*"

**BCLTA sessions will take place at the Marriot Hotel 7571 Westminster Highway Richmond (next door to the Best Western)

Please remind your board of this important conference and encourage them to check out all the conference sessions available online at www.bcla.bc.ca.

Printed programs and online registration/hotel information will be available in early February

BCLTA Program/Events include:

Thursday, April 17th

- 9:00 - 4:30 pm. Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) Pre-conference (no charge, breakfast, lunch and materials included)

Friday, April 18th

- BCLTA Breakfast - Network with your fellow library trustees at a breakfast of coffee and muffins
- **Library2020: The future of Library Collaboration in British Columbia**
Leaders from the public, academic and school library communities came together in October 2007 at the Library2020 symposium for a day of visioning and celebration for the BC library community. Come and hear about these discussions, steps taken and next steps as we move towards Library2020.
- **Trustee Round Table**
Join us for open dialogue with the BCLTA board members on issues that concern you as trustees. The BCLTA has initiated measures such as regional representatives to keep the Board in touch with your issues. This round table will build on this initiative and provide the BCLTA with more direction to other issues and priorities.
- **Community and School District Literacy Planning processes- how should libraries get involved ?**
There are currently numerous initiatives that are being funded through provincial, federal and other sources dealing with Literacy. There are two key processes currently underway- Community and School District Literacy Plans. This discussion will focus on how libraries can become more engaged in this initiative and the new directions to School Districts on literacy planning.
- **BCLTA Awards Reception** - Join your fellow library trustees at the **Richmond Public**

Library - Brighthouse Branch for drinks and appetizers at an evening reception and awards ceremony honouring exceptional individuals from around the province for their service and commitment to libraries.

Saturday, April 19th

- **BCLTA Annual General Meeting** 8:30-10:15 am
- **Lonely at the Top? The Board Chair as Community and Board Leader**
What is the role of the Board Chair? How does the Chair leverage this role to ensure vision, voice and visibility? The Chair bears responsibility for productive meetings, effective relationships and profile for the Library and its Board. The Chair also positions the Library for improved quality of life for all residents. The question is: how?... Join BCLTA facilitator to explore a critical role that is too often undervalued
- **Infrastructure Challenges and Possible Solutions**
This session will focus on the current challenges faced by libraries across the province with respect to improving or creating new infrastructure. What funding sources are out there and what options can the province look at for more funding to deal with this issue.