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**From:** BCLTA [admin@bclta.org]  
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**Subject:** BCLTA Launches a "Forum" on its website

**To: Library Board Chairs and BCLTA Liaisons**

### **New "Forum" feature added to BCLTA's Website**

Have you ever wanted to discuss library board issues with other trustees in BC without having to travel? Would you like to canvas your trustee colleagues to learn how they've handled a particular situation? Would you like to be able to share ideas with other trustees?

BCLTA has launched a new feature on our website that is called a "Forum" to facilitate these types of exchanges. Basically the forum is an online message board that allows trustees to participate in discussions and conversations with their colleagues.

If you go to BCLTA's website [www.bclta.org](http://www.bclta.org) you will see two new buttons on the homepage. The "How To" button is the place to start if this is the first time you're using the Forum. It describes the features of the forum and allows you to register to use the Forum.

Once you're familiar with the forum, you can skip the "How To" button and go directly to the "Forum" button.

Initially we've set up six areas for discussion:

- Advocacy
- Facilities
- Fundraising
- General
- Governance and Policy
- Library Act Review

If necessary we can add to this list if other specific areas of conversation become popular and warrant their own 'space'.

We've decided to give this service a six month trial - to see if it is useful to our members. Degree of use will determine its success and we hope that it will facilitate conversations between members.

We encourage you to give it a try. Post a question, post a comment and check back for responses.

And, as with every service we provide through BCLTA, we welcome your feedback and comments.

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