

SUBJECT LINE

BC Library Reception at UBCM

BULLETIN TEXT

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

Library trustees are hereby invited to attend the BC Libraries Reception at this year's Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver. This year's theme is *BC Libraries: Champions of Literacy and Learning* and the event will feature a brief keynote speech by Dr. Ike Barber of UBC's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre on the economic contribution that libraries make to their communities. **There is no cost to attend the reception, and you need not be a registered UBCM delegate** – simply arrive at the appointed time and place and you will be granted entry. We are also encouraging you to make sure your elected officials are aware of the reception. Please convey the attached invitation to your council or regional district board and help us spread the word!

BC Libraries Reception @ UBCM

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Room #1, Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre

The BC Libraries Reception is an annual event jointly hosted by BCLTA with the BC Library Association and the Association of BC Public Library Directors. It is a chance to thank local elected officials and staff for their support of public libraries and to provide a time and place for community leaders to connect with representatives from the library sector. Public libraries in BC receive over 80% of their funding from local governments – an amount totalling more than \$170 million annually. This is a significant investment in literacy, lifelong learning and equitable access to information and we are pleased to be able to acknowledge this generous support each year at UBCM.

Please note: The organizers of the reception are sensitive to reductions in library (and library association) funding in the 2009 provincial budget. Several cost-saving measures have been implemented to make this year's reception more affordable for the host associations, while still taking advantage of this unique opportunity to keep public libraries top of mind with local elected officials.