



To develop and support library trustees to advance public library service in British Columbia

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To: Library Board Chairs, BCLTA Liaisons and Library Directors

BCLTA Trustee Training Available Throughout BC

As you know BCLTA is committed to providing high quality education and training programs for library trustees in BC. We have offered the Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) for many years and have received very positive feedback on this program.

This year we hope to make this program more accessible than ever to trustees around the province in two important ways. First of all, working with Consultant Ken Haycock, we have trained our own team of **eight regional trainers** who will be available to deliver the TOP program in your area of the province. Secondly, through the generous support of Public Library Services Branch, Ministry of Education, and their commitment to promoting education programs for trustees, we are able to offer TOP with **no registration fee** for 2006. (The previous registration fee was \$150/participant.)

We have a very strong training team with a wealth of experience as library board members. The team includes:

Colleen Chambers, Richmond
Don Hamilton, Victoria
Andy Ackerman, Fort St. John
Lois Taylor, City of North Vancouver
Ted Bacigalupo, Okanagan
Dave Sherwood, Prince George
Christine Rinaldi, Kimberley
Judy Chrysler, Terrace

The broad content of this workshop makes it ideally suited to new trustees. However, we have had a number of long-serving trustees take this course as a refresher and they have found it a great energizer. It can be a great group activity if the entire board participates. Further details regarding course content, can be found on our website at www.bclta.org, under "Trustee Development."

BCLTA makes all the arrangements for this full day session and we'll even include a continental breakfast and lunch. The format works best with a group of at least eight participants however we'll do our best to suit your needs. And, if your board is small you might consider teaming up with another nearby board as it creates a great opportunity to share ideas and network.

We're anxious to put our new training team to work so please get in touch with BCLTA to arrange a local session - send an email to admin@bclta.org or call Mandy Davies at 604-913-1424.

If you are in the Lower Mainland or traveling to the BCLA/BCLTA conference in April, a TOP workshop lead by two of our new trainers will be offered on **Thursday April 20th as a pre-conference session**. Please see the conference website for details: www.bcla.bc.ca/conference.

Yours truly,

Lawrence Lavender
President - BCLTA

Have you Heard?