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Library 2020 Update

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

As a follow-up to the 2007 Library2020 Symposium, the Library2020 Interim Steering Committee has been working to identify new models for collaboration among BC's libraries.

A first step in this process was to contract the services of Marleen Morris & Associates (MM&A) to develop a business plan, with financial support from a number of BC libraries and library organizations. The process involved exploring two successful collaborative models elsewhere; surveying stakeholders about the collaborative environment in BC, including past achievements and current initiatives; and developing from these a small number of potential models for managing future collaborative initiatives in BC.

MM&A began this work last fall by interviewing approximately 70 stakeholders from library, education and government sectors about these issues. A summary report of these consultations was completed in December and is attached (PDF file size=767 KB).

We invite you to review the report and to provide BCLTA Executive Director Errin Morrison (execdirector@bclta.org) with any feedback you may have by February 6, 2009. Your comments and concerns will be relayed to the Interim Steering Committee and to MM&A as work continues on the Library 2020 initiative.