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## **BCLTA Encourages Boards to Schedule TOP Training in 2009**

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

Following the 2008 civic elections, many of you will be welcoming new members to your boards and introducing them to library operations and governance. Why not take this opportunity to schedule a BCLTA Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) workshop in 2009.

TOP workshops provide a comprehensive look at the roles and responsibilities of library board members in British Columbia and introduce trustees to the provincial context for public library leadership, including legislation and services, community advocacy, current issues and strategies for success. Developed by internationally recognized consultant and library expert, Ken Haycock, TOP has been a highly successful mainstay of BCLTA's trustee development and educational programming since 1990.

Best of all, TOP sessions are offered at no cost to BCLTA members thanks to generous funding from the provincial Public Library Services Branch. BCLTA makes all the arrangements for this full day session, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The format works best with a group of at least eight participants – although we'll do our best to suit your needs. 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 also welcome (and encourage) Library Directors to attend.

To arrange a local session, send an email to [admin@bclta.org](mailto:admin@bclta.org) or call Mandy Davies at 604-913-1424.