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WebJunction BC - Sign up for your free account today!

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

If you haven't yet signed up for your free WebJunction BC account and begun taking advantage of the many resources now available to you (including free courses on library management, governance, budgeting, computer applications, etc.), please take a moment to do so.

You check it all out at: <http://bc.webjunction.org/home>; and to register for any of the WJBC courses - be sure to register as a BC affiliate.

There are also a couple of PLSB webinars coming up to give you a short tour of the site on May 21 and 26. See: <http://www.bclibrary.ca/workshops/Webjunction%20BC/index.php>.

Getting the full benefit from WJBC is a two-step process. First, you need to create an account and a profile (this can be very brief or quite detailed) at <http://bc.webjunction.org>. Then, you need to seek affiliation with WebJunction BC. This latter step allows you into the inner sanctum of WJBC where you can use the full site – including the free (for now) courses. When the free courses are gone, affiliation will give you a big discount on courses (\$20USD instead of \$40USD).

You are eligible to affiliate with WJBC if you are:

- a) an employee or volunteer at a public library in BC
- b) a member of the BC Library Trustees Association (all public library trustees belonging to BCLTA member library boards)
- c) a BC Teacher-Librarians' Association member
- d) a current personal member of BCLA (institutional members--only the named voting person is eligible to affiliate with WJBC.)

To affiliate:

- Sign in with your WJBC username and password.

- After signing in, click on **Edit Account** and then on the **My Affiliations** tab at the top left. You'll see all the other community partners listed and down the bottom of the page is the place to put a check in the **British Columbia** box and then click **Save.** This sends a message off to the humans on the WJBC team who personally look at each affiliation request to make sure you're eligible (see a, b, c and d above). If we can't tell, you'll get an email from one of us asking for some more information. This should take hours usually, a day at most.

- If you have bookmarks, RSS feeds, or discussion watches already set, you can still access these subscriptions in My WebJunction (<http://bc.webjunction.org/mywebjunction>).

- After you take a look around, we'd love to hear from you about your experiences in the member center (<http://bc.webjunction.org/membercenter>).

- Need help? Find help and support in the member center, or you can always contact us

(<http://bc.webjunction.org/contact>).

Come on in and join us!