



# CHAPTER CHATTER

April 2017

## BCTLA Spring Council Meeting

BCTF President, Glen Hansman, spoke about his meeting with Christie Clark and how the BCTF will continue to monitor the government funding for education. He also said that it will be challenging to provide enough trained/qualified teachers for the specialty positions. The BCTLA has asked that teacher-librarians encourage their colleagues to consider becoming t-ls and they will be talking to the universities about providing the necessary courses and potentially increasing the number of courses offered.

The provincial ratio for teacher-librarians is 1:702. For many districts, this means the reinstatement of teacher-librarian positions that were cut (yay!) Surrey had superior language in its local agreement. The STA is in negotiations to determine precisely what the ratios will be since there are two different ones (1:649 & 1:500).

Please remember to report your numbers for Drop Everything and Read each year as the BCTLA tracks participation from year-to-year. Also it is very important to submit the Working and Learning Conditions survey each year so the BCTLA can get an accurate picture of what is happening in school libraries in the province. The latest WLC survey results are posted on the BCTLA website.

## Award and Grants:

Please submit your nominations for the Anne Monk scholarship and the Distinguished Teacher-Librarian award to Linda Colasacco **by April 28, 2017**. For more information, go to the Chapter's website: <https://surreychapterofthebctla.com/awards/>

**Retiring?** Please let Emiline know so the Chapter can show its appreciation for you and all you have done during your career.

### Upcoming Dates:

- April 28– award nominations due
- May 1– Chapter Exec meeting
- May 5– STA convention
- May 15– Teen Reads votes due
- May 15– LRS order deadline
- May 22– Victoria Day
- May 26– SSPBOY votes due
- May 29– Non-instructional day
- June– TBA Chapter meeting
- June 30– Last day of school
- Aug 27-28 BCTLA Summer Institute: Transformational Storytelling (Kamloops)

<http://bctf.ca/bctla/pub/pdf/>

[SummerInstituteFlyer.pdf](#)



2017 PSA Superconference  
October 20-21, 2017  
Vancouver, BC

<https://www.psasuperconference.ca/>



Representing our Surrey Chapter at the BCTLA Spring Council meeting

### New BCTLA Executive (starting July 1)

- President: Jessica Bonin (SD57)
- Past-President: Heather Daly (SD43)
- Vice-President: Emiline Downs (SD36)
- Treasurer: Grahame Rainey (SD43)
- Secretary: Patrici Baisi (SD36-retired)
- Coordinators of...*
- Membership: Leisbet Beaudry (SD57)
- Chapters: Marilyn Lunde (SD20)
- Advocacy: Rhea Woolgar (SD57)
- Pro-D: Doni Gratton (SD45)
- Conference: vacant
- Social Media: Susan Henderson (SD43)
- Websites: Devika Chudy (SD42)
- Special Projects: Keely Thornton (SD61)