



Chapter Chatter



November 2015

SAVE THE DATE

- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12 Curriculum Day
- Nov. 13 Pro-d Day
- Nov. 23 Café @ Semiahmoo
- Dec. 3 Social @ Cambridge
- Jan. 14 Executive Meeting
- Jan. 19 Café @ Eaglequest
- Feb. 19 Ed Camp @ TBA
- Feb. 22 Café @ N. Surrey Sec
- Mar. 3 Chapter Meeting @TBA
- April 19 Café @ Woodward Hill

YOUR EXECUTIVE

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Lest We Forget.

BCTLA Fall Council Meeting Report

The conference went very well. Thank you to Angela Monk for hosting and to all those who put on workshops.

Many of the presentations have been made available online :

<http://bctf.ca/bctla/conference/2015.html>

Please submit your D.E.A.R. numbers on the BCTLA site.

Be on the lookout for the Working & Learning Conditions survey (Jotform) this month. It only takes about 5 minutes to fill out and the information is invaluable for tracking trends throughout the province.

There will be a Webinar series offered again this year. Details coming soon. There are also archived webinars available on the BCTLA site.

The deadline for BCTLA award nominations and grants has been extended to May 31.

<http://bctf.ca/bctla/info/awards.html>



Congratulations to Bonnie Chapman, recipient of the BCTLA's Val Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award. Bonnie has contributed in so many ways, including starting the D.E.A.R. day in October, which has now spread nationally. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and wonderful ideas!

New Curriculum

The Chapter Executive is recommending that teacher-librarians spend the Nov. 12 Curriculum Day at their school, supporting their staff. Once the date for the second Curriculum day is made known, the Chapter will organize elementary and secondary sites for t-ls to get together to discuss the implications of the new curriculum on school libraries.

Curriculum design teams are concerned that they are supposed to develop the new curriculum without knowing how it will be assessed or what the graduation requirements are.

My EdBC is unable to handle some of the suggested reporting structures.

Publishers have indicated that because so much new curriculum is being released at once, their focus will initially be on Literacy, Numeracy, and Science. At this point ERAC has not been approached to review resources for the new IRPS.



Our next café is Monday, Nov. 23 at Semiahmoo Secondary 3:30-5:00. Join us for some great company and stimulating conversation.



We hope you can join us on Thursday, Dec. 3 for our Christmas Social at Cambridge Elementary 3:30-5:00

The new curriculum site: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

Click on "Search Curriculum." Type "inquiry" in the search box then click the "search" button to see how inquiry has been embedded into each area.

