



AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Please consider nominating someone for the following:

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER-LIBRARIAN AWARD

Awarded to Teacher-Librarians who have gone beyond their school community to further the profession of Teacher-Librarianship.

ANNE MONK SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 towards a t-l related course, workshop, conference
<https://surreychapterofthebctla.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/anne-monk-memorial-scholarship.pdf> (See website for details)

**Nominations should be submitted to Linda Colassaco
by Wednesday, April 27**

**THE BCTLA ALSO HAS SEVERAL AWARDS AVAILABLE:
Including \$350 towards coursework & the conference
<http://bctf.ca/bctla/info/awards.html> (due June 1)**

APRIL 18 CURRICULUM DAY

We had a great turnout at N. Surrey Secondary. Thank you to Martha Cameron for hosting us! We took a “divide and conquer” approach to the new curriculum. Pairing up, we selected a grade and subject area then looked for newer resources on those topics. The results of our search were compiled and will be posted on the Chapter’s website.

ABORIGINAL RESOURCES

Nadine McSpadden, SD36 Aboriginal Dept, graciously attended our last chapter meeting. She encouraged t-ls to weed any resources that depict aboriginal people in a disrespectful, stereotypical or out-dated manner. She suggested the Strong Readers Set for elementary school libraries and she encouraged librarians to visit the FNESC website and the Aboriginal Resource Centre when selecting resources for their libraries. A handout she gave described Authentic First Peoples text as follows:

*present authentic First Peoples Voices (ie. created or have substantial contributions by First Peoples)

*depict themes and issues that are important within First Peoples cultures

*incorporate First Peoples story-telling techniques and features as applicable

RETIRING?? If you are planning to retire this year, please let us know so we can send you off in style

QUESTIONS-CONCERNS??

If you ever have any questions or concerns about what is happening in the Chapter, please contact co-presidents Emiline Downs & Kendall Brothers





BCTLA Spring Council Meeting Highlights

New Curriculum– a reminder that the new curriculum online is still considered a DRAFT. The final K-9 curric should be online in the next month or so and there have been changes made since the draft versions. Publishers have based their efforts on the drafts so there may be potential problems with the resources produced.

TEACH BC– replaces the former BCTF’s Lesson Aides. People are encouraged to add lesson ideas to it. There is a link on either the BCTF or the BCTLA websites.

BCTLA Constitution & Bylaws– major changes have been made to these, which were approved at the meeting

Conference Chairperson’s Report- “Thanks to the efforts of a small planning committee....[as well as amazing host school support](#) and a team of volunteers, we were able to run a successful, fun, conference.”

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE BCTLA:

April 27– Webinar “Reporting out with Infographics”

May 25– Webinar “Journey to Advocacy”

August 26– Summer Institute hosted by Nanaimo Ladysmith Teacher-Librarians. Cost \$40

Featuring:

- *Digital Story Telling in the Learning Commons (Cathy Fowler)
- *Creating Innovative Learning Environments through the Learning Commons (Dominique Sullivan)
- *Smashing Anxiety in Writers (Maureen La Fleche)
- *Getting the most from your ERAC bundle (Lisa Read)
- *Strong Nations Publishing (Aboriginal Resources) & Kidsbooks

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October 21– BCTLA Conference “Heroic Efforts”

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