SESSION 1A | 10:00-10:50AM

**Solidarity, Consent, and Allyship: A discussion on the role of Library and Archival professionals in action**

**MODERATOR:**
Shailoo Bedi (UVic) Director of the Academic Commons and Strategic Assessment

**PANELISTS:**
Jessica Humphries (UVic) University of Washington MLIS student, Educational Designer at Technology Integrated Learning, and a mixed-race Indigenous woman. Jessica will be discussing her work on creating Indigenous Resource Guides for the University of Michigan and as a community organizer.

Pia Russell (UVic) University of Victoria Education & Children’s Literature Librarian and white ally. Pia will be discussing her work with UVic’s Indigenous Education program and working with students in the Indigenous Language Revitalization cohort.

Lara Wilson (UVic) Director of Special Collections and University Archives and University Archivist

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Panel discussion – each panelist will have a 5 min introduction, followed by 15 to 20 mins of facilitated questions posed by the moderator to highlight the work panelists have done to support diverse communities and 10-15 mins for open questions and discussion with conference attendees.

Archives and libraries are pervasive cultural institutions which preserve the recorded knowledge of the communities and places in which they exist. But what happens when the practices of these institutions perpetuate historical injustices or constructions of dominant and subjugated power relations? If we assume that equitable access to information is a core professional value of archivists and librarians how can outdated systems of knowledge organization be approached and challenged today? As mediators of recorded cultural capital, reflective archivists and librarians often struggle to negotiate this difficult cultural terrain within their evolving professional identities.

This panel will focus on the ways in which Librarians and Archivists have been working with marginalized communities as allies. The panelists will highlight how their work supports the needs of marginalized communities and how ally-work connects with the professional identities of librarians and archivists. As well, panelists’ will open up the dialogue on the ways in which we can be better allies in our work with diverse communities.
SESSION 1B | 10:00-10:50AM

**Innovation in Isolation: Developing strong partnerships and professional networks to support community engagement and library innovation**

**PANELISTS:**
Colleen Nelson (VIRL) Library Manager
Eileen Gillette (GVPL) District Coordinator
Maggie Hodge-Kwan (Creative Clarity Consulting) Principal Consultant
Kristen Rumohr (VIRL) Customer Services Librarian II

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
What does it take to innovate and engage our communities? How can librarians on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands build strong professional networks to promote creativity, information sharing, mentorship, partnership and innovation? Join this panel of Vancouver Island librarians as we explore the opportunities to develop new, Island based professional networks. We will also explore current barriers to professional development and brainstorm solutions. Bring your ideas, questions, and ideas as we explore innovation in isolation.

SESSION 1C | 10:00-10:50AM

**To Volunteer, or Not to Volunteer**

**PRESENTERS:**
Delia Filipescu (GVPL) Children’s and Family Literacy Librarian
Devon Tatton (GVPL) Teen Services Librarian
Rebecca Baugniet (GVPL) DigiLab Library Assistant
GVPL Teen Volunteers

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Last year GVPL had over 200 teen volunteers contributing more than 2900 hours to library programs and outreach activities. These volunteers participated in variety of programs such as Teen Council and the DigiLab, GVPL’s newest endeavor to provide teens with digital literacies to enhance community connections and engagement.

This presentation answers the question what keeps these teens coming to us, volunteering their precious and ever shrinking leisure time? We are including teen participants in our presentation to provide the delegates with a unique opportunity to hear directly from the source why the volunteer programs at GVPL are so popular.
SESSION 1D | 10:00-10:50AM

**Transforming Technical Services, Opening Knowledge for the Community: A VIU technical services sixer**

**PANELISTS:**
- Daniel Sifton (VIU) Coordinator, Library Automation & Technical Services
- Dana McFarland (VIU) eResources Librarian
- Sarah Ogden (VIU) Library Assistant, Technical Services
- Dalys Barney (VIU) eResources Licensing and Access Assistant

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Over the past few years VIU has been developing new work and skills in their technical services department, distributing new responsibilities among staff, and innovating and renovating our workflows to respond to what they’re seeing as the “new” technical services. Long gone are the days of backlogs in the tech services room. The space has long since been re-purposed, and the shelves replaced by a single book truck.

The new projects we’ve been pursuing are increasingly *technical* in a different way, while still making use of the valuable knowledge and skills of our staff. These include:

- An eBook access verification tool
- Digital preservation workflows
- Recruitment and processing of local scholar content for the IR
- Assorted non-text digital endeavours

Join the technical services team as they share their perspectives and experiences with these projects, past, present, and future.

SESSION 2A | 11:10AM -12PM

**Books as Gifts: Managing Book Exchange and Donation Programs with Asian Partners**

(11:10-11:25am)

**PRESENTER:**
Ying Liu (UVic) Learning & Research Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
As the Asian Studies librarian, Ying has worked on several book exchange and donation programs at the University of Victoria Library. Through these programs, over 2,000 new titles were selected based on local research and study needs and were shipped for free to the UVic Libraries and added to our collection.

The presentation aims to introduce the application and coordination of two significant Asian book programs: the “Window of China” program and the Korean Foundation Library Support program. It will be useful for any university, college or public library to develop its collection on China and Korea with minimal acquisition costs and staff efforts.
SESSION 2A | 11:10AM -12PM

**Follow the Money: How academic publishers spend library dollars**
(11:25-11:40am)

**PRESENTERS:**
David Boudinot (UVic) Business Librarian
Meg Ecclestone (VIU) Learning Commons Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
During a time when libraries are facing major financial pressures and are being asked to trim budgets, the subscription fees charged by academic publishers for journals, databases, and e-books keeps going up. Where does the money go? We will share some tips and tricks on how to research companies (including the top 5 academic publishers) and illuminate the path your dollars travel, though the world of investors, charities, lobby groups, political campaigns, and record profits.

SESSION 2A | 11:10AM -12PM

**Skill Builders Adaptive Toy Kits: A ground breaking collection creates new community connections**
(11:40-11:55am)

**PRESENTERS:**
Sarah Harrison (GVPL) Children & Family Literacy Librarian
Sarah Isbister (GVPL) Children & Family Literacy Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
GVPL developed a collection of 74 unique toy kits during the course of a year. Toys were selected based on recommendations from health practitioners and staff research. The presenters will speak about the creation of the collection based on collection parameters, toy categories, meaningful resources to accompany the kits, processing protocol, staff training & management of the collection.

The presenters will review best practices and what has been learned through creating this collection in order to equip other library systems to develop their own adaptive toy collections.

The session will close with an opportunity for questions, and for the audience to interact with some of the toy kits.
SESSION 2B | 11:10AM-12:00PM

**Storytime Smackdown**

**MODERATOR:**
Nariel Davis (VIRL) Customer Services Librarian, Children and Youth Services, Cowichan and Chemainus Branches

**PANELISTS:**
Adrienne Wass (VIRL) Library Manager, Sooke and Port Renfrew Library Branches  
Sheila Hammond-Todd (VIRL) Customer Services Librarian - Children and Youth Services  
Devon Tatton (GVPL) Teen Services Librarian, Saanich Centennial Branch  
Deila Filipescu (GVPL) Children's and Family Literacy Librarian, Central Branch  
Lisa Hoskins (GVPL) Children’s and Family Literacy Librarian, Children’s Department Central Branch  
Emily Mathews (VIRL) Customer Services Librarian, Children & Youth Services, Campbell River | Cortes Island | Gold River | Quadra Island | Sayward | Tahsis

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
It is time for children's librarians to throw down the gauntlet. Six passionate, possibly obsessed, librarians from two different libraries will argue that their favourite storytime songs, stories, and activities are the BEST. Who will come out on top?

SESSION 2C | 11:10AM-12:00PM

**Rethinking Screen Time: The role of librarians as mentors for digital literacy and early learning**

**PRESENTER:**
Colleen Nelson (VIRL) Library Manager & Chair of the Children's Services Committee

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Families are navigating a new digital landscape and trying to make the most of digital literacy opportunities; libraries are perfecting situated to help. It is the role of librarians to help users meet their information needs by finding, curating, and providing evidence-based recommendations; it is time for children's librarians to fully commit to translating this work to the digital world. As families try to make sense of screen time recommendations and research, librarians should be acting as digital mentors. This session will explore the research on screen time, early learning, privacy, platforms and how librarians can make sense of it all.
SESSION 3A | 12:30-1PM

Speed Dating for Libraries – Take a Risk, Connect with Someone!

PRESENTER:

Marisa Lousier (UVic) Senior Supervisor, Priestly Law library

Feeling lonely? Need a shoulder to lean on? Could you use some help to solve your problems? In this fast-paced, interactive workshop participants will come prepared to "speed-date", bringing forward a problem/issue/challenge/conundrum they are currently struggling to solve/address/remedy at their library. After a brief welcome and introduction to the activity participants will pair up and share their issues; their "date" will then direct them to any resources, contacts, people or insights they can think of to provide a catalyst for action. Participants will rotate amongst all "dates" and everyone will have a chance to access the great resources and brains on site. It may even change someone's life!

POSTER SESSION | 12:30-1PM

Bring It On! Special Libraries Do It All

PRESENTER:

Antje Helmuth (Ministry of Health) Health and Human Services Library
Heather-Ann Laird (Ministry of Health) Health and Human Services Library

POSTER DESCRIPTION:

For parent organizations such as BC Government ministries, their libraries are the "go to" spot for finding an in-house expert, an ISBN, or an exam proctor, and of course the more traditional library and KM services such as access to tacit and explicit knowledge, hosting internal websites, providing a gathering space, and anything else that can possibly be needed (i.e., screwdriver, puzzles, gingerbread house bakers).

Special library staff quickly become a Jack/Jill of all trades and it is exactly that which makes our daily work so interesting and rewarding.

Google, Public Libraries, and the Deep Web

PRESENTER:

Alieda Blandford (The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia) Members' Services, Research Librarian

POSTER DESCRIPTION:

A preliminary study reveals that many public libraries in Canada currently block their catalogues from Google's indexing robots. Since 91% of online adults use search engines to find information on the web (Purcell, Brenner, & Rainie, 2012), and while less than 1% of internet users begin their search on a library website (OCLC, 2010), this means that public library resources are effectively rendered invisible to the majority of internet searchers. This invisibility impairs public access to information, undermines the purpose of Online Public Access Catalogues (OPACs), and potentially contributes to libraries' perceived irrelevance in the digital age. This presentation will address the problem of dynamic web content for search engine robots, and suggest solutions, such as the creation of sitemaps and stable URLs.
POSTER SESSION | 12:30-1PM

OLiVe: GVPL's Outreach Vehicle

PRESENTER:
Kate Rutherford (GVPL) Library Assistant
GVPL Outreach Staff

POSTER DESCRIPTION:
Take a peek at OLiVe, GVPL’s new Outreach Literacy Vehicle. The Outreach vehicle was generously funded by the Victoria Foundation to support GVPL’s outreach and community presence.

POSTER SESSION | 12:30-1PM

Caring About Our Impact: Collaboratively Connecting and Assessing the Digital Dots and Fragments

PRESENTER:
Patricia McKenna, Information Professional, Director, Vancouver Island Chapter of SLA-WCC

POSTER DESCRIPTION:
Patricia’s poster demonstrates visually and at-a-glance a way to engage librarians, staff, and the community of library users in providing real-time feedback about a real-world library product, service, process, idea, or event.

Using social media such as Twitter and other online tools such as MoboSurvey, feedback is encouraged, shared, and assessed enabling valuable insights; food for thought; measures and metrics; and guidance to validate existing practices and directions or inform new initiatives.

This work advances adaptation of the work of creativity and innovation researchers¹ to library settings.


BOOKSMACK | 1:00-1:30PM

PRESENTERS:
Jennifer Rowan (GVPL) Adult Services & Programs Coordinator
Karen Dykes (UVic) Supervisor, Curriculum Library
Ally Flynn (Camosun) Librarian
Ann-Bernice Thomas, Victoria Youth Poet Laureate

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:
Catch up on great book and film recommendations with staff from Camosun, GVPL and UVic as they present speed-reviews of their favourite titles with special guest, Ann-Bernice Thomas, Victoria’s Youth Poet Laureate.
SESSION 4A | 1:40-2:30PM

**Playful Communities: Building literacies and resilience through community partnership**
*(1:40-1:55pm)*

**PRESENTERS:**
Colleen Nelson (VIRL) Library Manager  
Kristen Rumohr (VIRL) Customer Services Librarian II

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Play is the work of childhood - through play children develop motor and social skills and practice emotional regulation. Play is also a key practice for developing a multitude of literacies - not only reading and writing, but also physical, functional, and health literacies among others. Increasing play in children's lives not only improves literacy, it can also improve early development instrument (EDI) results, and increase resilience.

This presentation will explore how libraries can partner with community groups and stakeholders to create more opportunities for play and support the development of playful communities that foster physical and emotional well-being for all families.

SESSION 4A | 1:40-2:30PM

**Giving Them the Full Meal Deal: Communicating, Collaborating and Connecting**
*(1:55-2:10pm)*

**PRESENTER:**
Sarah McLeod (St. Margaret’s School) Teacher-Librarian and Literacy Leader

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
As we venture forth into the 21st Century, communicating, connecting and collaborating with our communities is key. Having recently transformed a traditional school library to a Learning Commons, Sarah believes that creating a non-siloed, collaborative learning hub provides a global communication centre for a school community. Where do the public, college and university libraries fit into this model? What possibilities do we have as librarians to share resources, ideas and maximize our expertise? Further, could this engagement increase a students’ resilience and resourcefulness as well as their life-long library usage? Let’s build capacity, catch them early and show them what libraries have to offer. Let’s provide ‘the full meal deal’!

Sarah will discuss what they have done at St. Margaret’s as a model for increasing their student’s knowledge of the libraries in their community and pose questions on how as a collective we as librarians could further build capacity.

**Connected and Caring: Improving Heart Health with a Librarian Collaborative**
*(2:10-2:25pm)*

**PRESENTERS:**
Rebecca Raworth (UVic) Medical Librarian  
Carl Cavanagh (GVPL) Outreach Librarian  
Patsy Scott (Camosun) Health & Human Services Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
What happens when a retired UVic librarian asks librarians from 4 different sectors to work together? An evening of workshops to help heart patients navigate medical information on the Internet.
SESSION 4B | 1:40-2:30PM

Digital Preservation: A call to arms for libraries
(1:40-1:55pm)

PRESENTER:
Corey Davis (UVic/Council of Prairie & Pacific University Libraries) Systems Librarian/Digital Preservation Network Manager

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:
As more and more of our world moves online, what role can libraries play in making sure the human record survives into the future? This presentation will provide an overview of what digital preservation is, why it can be so challenging, and why libraries of all kinds play a critical role in preventing a digital dark age.

SESSION 4B | 1:40-2:30PM

Preserving Our Print Heritage for Future Access: A “Last Copy” Retention Initiative for the Canadian West
(1:55-2:10pm)

PRESENTERS:
Jean Blackburn (VIU) Collections Librarian
Lisa Petrachenko (UVic) Acquisitions & Electronic Resources Librarian

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:
In academic libraries, we are seeing a steady decline in print circulation and a shift toward digital resources. At the same time, rarely-used print materials are being relocated or deaccessioned to make way for technology-enabled study spaces. As we adapt to a changing library world, how do we ensure we retain and preserve enough copies of print materials – especially rare or local-interest titles – for future access?

The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries’ (COPPUL) has launched a collaborative project to identify, manage and share scarcely-held print monographs within the COPPUL region. The Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) Monograph Project brings together twelve participating university libraries and OCLC’s Sustainable Collection Services team to gather, compare and analyze our collective holdings and circulation data. Based on these data, we will set retention standards and commitments among the project participants to ensure future access to, and preservation of, print monographs within the region.

Join Jean and Lisa to find out how the project works and what it means for Vancouver Island.
SESSION 4B | 1:40-2:30PM

**Digitizing Trans* History Forward: The Transgender Archives at the University of Victoria**
(2:10-2:25pm)

**PRESENTER:**
Michael Radmacher (UVic) Assistant to the Chair in Transgender Studies

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Since 2005, the Transgender Archives (TGA) at the University of Victoria has been actively acquiring documents, rare publications, and memorabilia of persons and organizations associated with transgender activism. The focus of the TGA is on the contributions of activists and researchers working for the betterment of transgender people. This session will briefly showcase the TGA and will highlight my experience digitizing a portion of the Rikki Swin collection.

SESSION 4C | 1:40-2:30PM

**Let’s Talk Cataloging: How is RDA affecting your work?**
(1:40-2:05pm)

**PRESENTER:**
Marion Davidson (Camosun College) Cataloguing Technician

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Let’s talk about how RDA is working in our libraries. Does your library use RDA yet? Have you opted out for now? Do you partially use it? How has the transition gone? I’m interested in what others are doing in this and other cataloguing tasks. Let’s get together so we can meet one another and talk.

SESSION 4C | 1:40-2:30PM

**Making Connections with Linked Data: Identities and Identifiers at University of Victoria Libraries**
(2:05-2:30pm)

**PRESENTERS:**
Dean Seeman (UVic) Head of Resource Description and Discovery
Robbyn Gordon Lanning, Master of Library Information Science student, University of Washington Information School

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Linked data enables libraries and archives to connect rich stores of local data to global audiences through the use of common identifiers and standards. In order to participate in the semantic web, libraries and archives must prepare their metadata, transitioning from textual representations of people, places, and subjects to globally accessible Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs). In this talk Dean and Robbyn discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of their pilot study investigating means of reconciling UVic Libraries’ identities from various systems to linked data identifiers. Dean and Robbyn will discuss the methodology behind the project, its development, as well as share preliminary findings.
SESSION 4C | 1:40-2:30PM

**GVPL is ... Out There**
*(1:40-1:55pm)*

**PRESENTER:**
Carl Cavanagh (GVPL) Public Service Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
GVPL outreach initiatives for adults, highlighting: Our Place, My Place, Mustard Seed, Wilkinson Jail, and Mt. Edwards.

**The Prison Library**
*(1:55-2:10pm)*

**PRESENTER:**
Kim Rempel (William Head Prison Library) Retired Librarian

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
The library community has for many years and in many ways supported the Prison Library at William Head. This talk will cover some of this history and invite the participants to offer their perspectives on this subject.

**GVPL’s Services to Refugees and Newcomers**
*(2:10-2:25pm)*

**PRESENTERS:**
Jennifer Rowan (GVPL) Adult Services & Programs Coordinator
Tracy Kendrick (GVPL) Children’s and Teen Services Coordinator

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:**
Learn about GVPL’s services to refugees and newcomers including ideas for building relationships with partners, newcomer programs and world language collections.

**CONVERSATION WITH LIBRARY DIRECTORS | 2:45-3:30PM**

**MODERATOR:**
Dave Obee - Editor-in-Chief of the Times Colonist. Dave is also the author of *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*, as well as *Fifty! With a Fabulous Future: A History of the North Vancouver District Public Library*. In 2011 he received the B.C. Library Association’s Keith Sacre Library Champion Award.

**PANELISTS:**
Sybil Harrison (Camosun) Director of Learning Services
Maureen Sawa (GVPL) Chief Executive Officer
Jonathan Bengtson (UVic) University Librarian

**PANEL DESCRIPTION:**
Join us for an engaging and thoughtful conversation with Maureen Sawa, Sybil Harrison and Jonathan Bengtson and come find out more about what’s happening within and among our libraries.
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