



The theme for the BC Library Conference 2011 is the "**Best of BC - 100 years of association**". The conference will take place at the Victoria Convention Centre from April 7-9, 2011. Imagine spring in Victoria!!

The British Columbia library community plays a critical role in supporting innovation, learning and the creation of knowledge. Libraries and Library Boards are excited about the great successes of British Columbia libraries over the last 100 years! The annual conference is a time to celebrate our successes and generate excitement and vision for our future.

The BC Library Conference 2011 Planning Committee aims to provide a range of sessions which compliment this year's theme. Sessions may be of general interest to the library community or directed towards the membership of the co-sponsoring organizations: the British Columbia Library Trustees' Association, the Health Libraries Association of BC and the British Columbia Library Association.

Proposals of interest to staff and trustees from libraries of all types and sizes are welcome, as well as proposals that are specific to a particular library type or size. Sessions are typically 75 minutes long.

In particular, we seek:

- Presentations - one or two people presenting on a topic;
- Panels - discussions among a small group of people, with each presenter offering a perspective on a topic, usually no more than 3 panellists coordinated by a convenor
- Research - one or two people presenting original contributions to the library research, theory or the practice of librarianship
- Pre-conference workshops - 1/2 day or full day

Please include with your proposal:

- the session title/proposed topic
- a brief abstract of your topic
- the target audience
- a brief summary of the speaker's experience with the topic
- any details concerning possible expenses for out of BC presenters

Please also share this call with colleagues in your organizations.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, October 12th, 2010. Program selection will be done by **October 18th, 2010** and speakers will be notified by the week of **October 22nd, 2010**.

We are looking for proposals that speak to the theme, and appeal to a *cross-section* of conference attendees. Proposals should be made by the prospective speaker(s).

For speakers from outside the BC library community only, please include a level of detail on travel, accommodation and per diem expense estimates and/or expectations.

Submissions can be made online at: www.bclibraryconference.ca/proposals2011

Speaker Reimbursement Guidelines

Specialty speakers including professional speakers, keynote/plenary speakers, authors, and invited speakers from outside of the British Columbia library community may receive compensation as follows:

- conference registration for the day they are speaking,
- speaker fee or honorarium (if expected),
- travel/accommodation costs.

Librarians, trustees, friends of the library, and career library workers in British Columbia shall not be eligible to receive expense or speaker reimbursements or honoraria.

Speakers from the BC library community will receive a single \$50 discount on either a partial or full conference registration. For panel presentations, a maximum of three speakers per panel will receive discounts.

All speakers MUST register for the conference (one day or full registration).

To promote learning and networking opportunities and availability of speakers to conference attendees we encourage speakers to register for the full conference to contribute to, and participate in, the overall conference experience.

Even if you are only coming the day on which you are speaking, you MUST REGISTER to ensure your badge is ready! Speaker registration will begin in late 2010. Thank You!

Changes will be considered with respect to the above guidelines at the discretion of the Conference Planning Committee Chair and the Conference Manager on a case-by-case basis.

Convenor Reimbursement Guidelines

Volunteer convenors for sessions will be supplied by BC Libraries Conference Planning committee. There will be a single convenor responsible for a room and who convenes sessions in this room for the day. Convenors will be working a 5-6 hour day, and are expected to attend the sessions they convene and will receive a *one-day complimentary conference registration as compensation*. A call for conference volunteers will be made separately.

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