

2015 LILi Conference

Introduction: Katherine R. Gould, keynote; Michael Barb, additional remarks

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Hello, everyone! I'm Esther Grassian, retired UCLA Information Literacy Librarian, & now greatly enjoying part-time work as an Adjunct Librarian at Pierce College, 1 of the 9 LA Community Colleges. It is my great pleasure to introduce Kathy Gould, our keynote speaker, Director of the Palos Verdes Library District & Michael Barb, also at the PV Library, who will add some remarks to Kathy's. The title of Kathy's talk is "Collaborating To Support Student Learning: Lessons From the Palos Verdes Library District."

Kathy was born & spent her early childhood in Santa Barbara, California before moving to Manitoba, Canada where she attended high school & college. After graduating from Brandon University, she received her Master of Science in Library & Information Management from USC. She worked briefly as a public librarian & a corporate librarian, & then spent 15 years in a variety of management & executive positions in the mining & manufacturing industries in New Zealand, Australia, & Kentucky.

She returned to her public service & library roots when she became Director of the Palos Verdes Library District in 2004. Kathy is responsible for all aspects of operating three busy public libraries & a Teen Annex, including financial management, human resources & labor relations, fundraising, facilities & technology management, & oversees 90 employees & over 200 volunteers.

Kathy is active in community & professional organizations, serving as Chair of the Infopeople Advisory Board, Director & Chair of the Southern California Library Cooperative, & as a member of the CLA Board of Directors. She has received numerous awards, including CLA's Member of the Year Award in 2011.

Kathy's husband, Don, is a Community Library Manager for the County of Los Angeles Public Library. Outside of work, Kathy enjoys swimming, spending time at the beach, travelling, watching sunsets, reading (of course), & just hanging out at home with her two dogs.

Michael Barb comes to librarianship after a 25-year career in corporate & marketing communications. He received his MLIS from UCLA in 2008 & began work that same year as a children's librarian at the Palos Verdes Library District (PVLDD). While a Eureka! Institute fellow in 2011, he began to take an especially keen interest in the information literacy needs of upper elementary & secondary school students. In 2014 he was appointed School & Student Services Librarian at PVLDD.

It's also my pleasure to introduce our two librarian panelists, Susie Chin, Instruction Librarian at Glendale College, & Sarah Clark, Research Librarian at Windward School, a grade 7-12 co-ed college prep private school. Following the keynote they will each spend 5 minutes offering comments & suggestions regarding increasing collaboration for information literacy instruction among all types of libraries.

Please join me in welcoming Kathy Gould, Michael Barb, Susie Chin & Sarah Clark!