

Getting Hired in Public Libraries Panel
Thursday, March 17, 2016, 1pm-2pm, Dodson Room, IKBLC
organized by BCLA/CLA Student Chapter

Panelists:

Inti Dewey, Auxiliary Youth Services Librarian, Surrey Public Library

Sarah Felkar, Digital Services Librarian, West Vancouver Memorial Library

Anna Ferri, Auxiliary Librarian at Vancouver Public Library, Surrey Public Library, and West Vancouver Memorial Library

Eileen Gillette, Core District Coordinator, Greater Victoria Public Library [unfortunately, Eileen had to cancel]

Tim McMillan, Head of Fraserview Branch, Vancouver Public Library

Questions: [PLEASE ADD YOUR QUESTIONS BELOW]

- What kinds of mentorship opportunities do you see, both in the profession generally, and within your institution? How can new professionals take advantage of these opportunities?
- Does the cultural/philosophical divide in libraries (sometimes imperfectly thought of as a generational divide) affect new librarians? How can new professionals navigate this issue in their institution? How does it affect the recruitment/hiring experience?
- Can you talk about being/working with auxiliary/on-call librarians in your library system?
- What skills/knowledge did you WISH you'd had, when you started in the public library?
- Can you speak a little bit about how the shifting roles of librarians versus paraprofessionals might be affecting the job hunt for new MLIS-holders?
- What qualities do you look for in a cover letter? Should we be emphasizing what knowledge we have gleaned from classes or our desire to serve the public?
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