

BC Library Trustees Association

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ADVOCACY

BCLTA Resolution Makes UBCM Agenda

An important resolution concerning the elimination of the library line item in the recent provincial budget was brought forward by the Vancouver Island Regional Library and passed by our members at the BCLTA AGM on May 12, 2012.

Thanks to Peace River Regional District representative Jerrilyn Schembri of Tumbler Ridge, the resolution has been accepted into this year's UBCM voting package.

We encourage all library trustees to take every opportunity to inform and educate their municipal council and regional district representatives **about this resolution** to make sure they understand and will support it at the UBCM convention in September.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Renewal: The Year Ahead

A number of new initiatives to implement **our strategic plan** and better support our membership are underway. We have begun the process of revamping our educational programs, assembling an interdisciplinary committee to look at content, delivery and instructional components to make sure they are as meaningful and accessible as possible.

An Advocacy Committee has been set up to develop a blueprint for how best to represent our 77 member organizations to all levels of government. And we hope that the letters, calls and visits our board will be making to library boards around the province will begin a reinvigorated liaison process that will establish much closer ties between you and your Association.



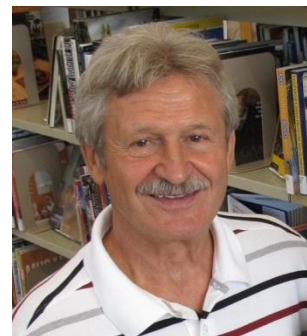
PEOPLE

Ted Bacigalupo

It is with sadness that the BCLTA learned about the passing of Okanagan library board chair Ted Bacigalupo on June 13. Ted represented the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District on the ORL Board since 2000, with a hiatus in 2007. He returned to the Board in 2008 and served as the Board Chair from 2008 to 2012.

Acting Chair Carol Zanon said of Bacigalupo: "Ted was a true leader and a strong advocate for public libraries in our province. Until he was stricken ill, he never missed a meeting, and was generous with his advice and wisdom on library issues. Those of us who knew him will recognize that his death is a great loss."

The BCLTA, on behalf of all BC public library trustees, extends its sincere condolences to Ted's family.



EDUCATION

Training for New and Aspiring Board Chairs

Taking the Lead is an advanced, full-day training program for new, existing and prospective library board chairs. The focus is on board and meeting effectiveness, as well as the unique role and responsibilities of the board chair. Please let us know if you are interested in attending a session by emailing us at admin@bclta.org



LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

The Library Connects Our Community

Good news for anyone who missed the inspiring and enthusiastically-received presentation given by Emma Dressler of Fernie Heritage Library and June Stockdale of Nelson Public Library at the BC Library Conference last month: the session 'The Library Connects Our Community' is **now available for viewing** on YouTube.

Emma and June present dozens of effective and unusual ways both Fernie and Nelson libraries are connecting with their communities – it's worth a look!



Fernie Heritage Library

