Planning and organizing for the 2012 BC Library Conference has begun! Be sure to mark May 10-12 in your calendar and plan to join us in Richmond for what is sure to be a spectacular event.

**Conference Theme**

The 2012 BC Library Conference theme, “Licence to Read” means many things in our current context. Most obviously, it refers to libraries’ roles in providing our constituents with access to electronic materials, both by paying for that privilege and by advocating for open access. But it also has more subtle dimensions – libraries have an important role in supporting the learning of reading, both text and the new electronic environment – and in acting as a force for change in ensuring that information is not hidden from public view. It encompasses the provision of the technology and tools needed for access to information. The 2012 theme thus encourages us to engage enthusiastically with our community and commit to better the world through librarianship.

**Dates/Location**

As in years past, the 2012 Conference will be jointly hosted by the BC Library Association, the BC Library Trustees Association and the Health Libraries Association of BC. It will be held May 10-12, 2012 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, B.C.

**Call for Proposals**

The Call for Proposals has gone out and the deadline for session submissions is November 15, 2011. Submissions can be made online at: www.bclibraryconference.ca/proposals2012

**Conference Logo**

Many thanks to Dan Campbell for his generous donation of time and expertise in developing the 2012 BC Library Conference logo.

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