

# **BCLTA Convictions**

Since 1977, BCLTA has been convening, supporting, and representing trustees who govern public libraries of all shapes and sizes around BC. We have morphed and evolved as the needs of trustees and the resources of BCLTA have changed.

## **What are our ambitions?**

A world where trustees of BC public libraries are supported in their role as governors and stewards of strong library systems. A world where BC library trustees have connections to each other and between their boards.

## **Where is our world going?**

Our world is changing, constantly. The social, technological, political, economic, and funding climates affect public libraries every day. Our ability to be agile, proactive and responsive, and adaptable is key for trustees and public libraries around BC.

## **What is the tension we resolve?**

We are part of a BC library community that includes many individuals and organizations. BCLTA seeks to meet BC trustees and our provincial partners in the spaces of similarities and differences. We seek to develop a unique mix of offerings that allow us to work collectively as distinct individuals and groups who are committed to strong public libraries even while we come from communities of all shapes and sizes.

## **Who are we most important to?**

We are here for the over 700 library trustees in BC who serve their library communities by working to build and maintain strong, sustainable public libraries.

## What experience do we enable?

We offer a connected, resource sharing, supportive, educational, empowering, advocating, and value-based experience. We offer the opportunity for trustees to work together towards a coordinated approach to governance of public libraries and their issues.

## What are we like?

We are leaders driven by the values of public libraries. We believe in the transformative role of libraries and library trustees in our communities.

## What makes us remarkable?

We are an association of governors related to, and serving, a public that provides our communities with free, safe(r), and welcoming public spaces and content. We have proven our commitment and resilience, through thick and thin, since 1977.

## What do we fight for?

We fight for the values of public libraries including access, privacy, democracy, diversity, education & lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, the public good, preservation, service, and social responsibility. We fight for the resources, support, and funding needed for communities in BC to govern their libraries and offer robust programming and services to their users. We fight for truth and for reconciliation.