

# Multi-type Collaboration: Providing Library Services Across the Life Span

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**Sharing a Vision**  
The Power of Collaboration



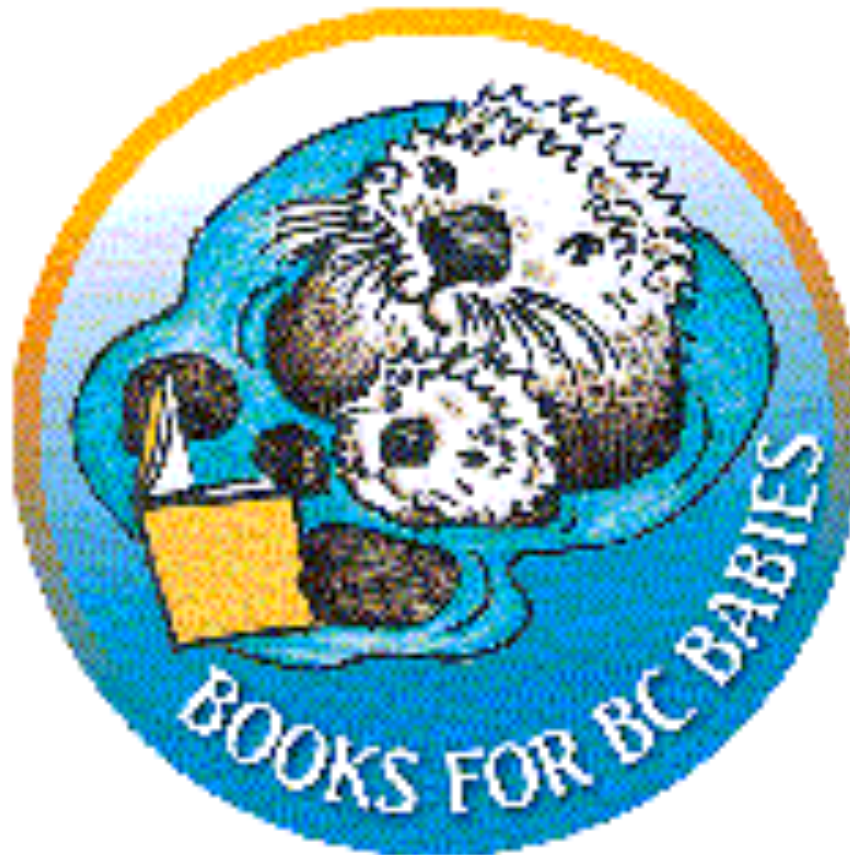
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## Panel Speakers:

Patti Barnes, Northwest Community College  
Johanne Belkin, BC Courthouse Library Society  
Anita Cocchia, BC Electronic Library Network  
Ed Curell, Terrace Public Library  
Lisa Martin, Ministry of Children & Family  
Development  
Rhian Piprell, Coquitlam Public Library

# Books for BC Babies

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# Books for Babies:

## *Conception*

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- October 2004: Premier's Summit
  - Development of a working group:
    - Informal
    - Inclusive
    - Results-oriented
  - Successful collaboration:
    - Maintain shared focus
    - "Champions"
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# Books for BC Babies: Collaboration between.....

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- ❑ Public Libraries and Librarians
  - ❑ Government
    - Public Libraries Services Branch
    - Early Childhood Development Branch
  - ❑ British Columbia Library Association
  - ❑ "Raise-A-Reader" - Vancouver Sun
  - ❑ *And, Critical Input from:*
    - Aboriginal Infant Development Program
    - Parent Child Mother Goose
    - Public Health Nurses
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# What is “Books for BC Babies?”

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- Packaged in an attractive, durable cloth bag that includes:
    - Baby’s first board book
    - Welcome to the local library
    - ‘Babies Love Books: A Guide for Grown-ups’
    - Local relevant community information
    - Music CD
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# Books for Babies: WHY?

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“ The developmental biology of language development teaches us that children's vocabularies grow in direct proportion to the amount of language they hear growing up, and the richness, complexity and range of uses to which language is put in their immediate environment. /2

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## *...Dr. Clyde Hertzman:*

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“ Reading to children, for example, is not just an act of literacy, but also an act, when done in an intimate way, that can link the learning of language, numbers and ideas to feelings of support and security....”

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# Books for Babies: Other Jurisdictions

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- A model that has been successfully implemented on provincial, national scales elsewhere
    - United Kingdom: Bookstart
    - Nova Scotia, New Brunswick
    - USA – Florida and other States
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# Books for Babies: The BC Story

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- Many local, community-based initiatives existed throughout BC
    - Based on partnerships at the community level
    - Sustainability is an ongoing challenge
    - Limited number of communities
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# Provincial Expansion:

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## A Partnership Model at all Levels:

### ■ Planning:

- Provincial-level

### ■ Implementation:

- Community Level

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# Website

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[www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/books4babies](http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/books4babies)

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# Multitype Library Federations

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- History of North Coast collaboration
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# Information Collaborations To Date

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- ❑ North Coast Association meetings and workshops
  - ❑ NorthWords summer creative writing camp
  - ❑ Author's readings
  - ❑ Shared staff training – eg. Health and Legal databases; problem patrons.
  - ❑ Library Scavenger Hunt – Houston
  - ❑ Food for Fines – Terrace
  - ❑ Material delivery between Kitimat and Terrace
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# Long Term Plans

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- Shared ILS (integrated library system)
  - One-card
  - Regional materials delivery service
  - Collection development
  - Programming
  - Professional Development for Boards and Staff
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# Long Term Plans

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- Advocacy
  - Promotion and Marketing
  - Problem Patrons
  - FUN projects
  - Coordinate local delivery of provincial training opportunities
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# Multi-type Database Licensing

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- ❑ BC ELN - consortium of publicly funded post-secondary libraries
  - ❑ in partnership with post-secondary libraries
    - ❑ provide equitable, expanded and cost-effective access to information
    - ❑ for learners and researchers throughout BC
  - ❑ together we are stronger
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# Benefits of joint licensing

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- ❑ higher volume discounts (cost efficiencies)
  - ❑ reduced duplication through centralized administration
  - ❑ access to a broader range of products
  - ❑ greater influence on vendor practices and product development
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# Working with PLSB

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- ❑ Outlook OnLine - provincial union database
  - ❑ ILL Management Software
  - ❑ Database licensing - economies of scale
  - ❑ Virtual Reference Committees
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# ERAC

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- ❑ Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium
  - ❑ 2005 - district-led model
  - ❑ working with BC school districts on the acquisition of software, video and electronic information resources
  - ❑ multi-sector license for Encyclopedia of BC Online
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# Electronic Health Library of BC

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- E-HLbc
  - connecting BC healthcare providers, researchers, students and academic faculty with a core of full text resources and comprehensive databases
  - core suite of electronic resources launched April 1, 2006
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# Making Legal Info Accessible

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Over to Johanne...

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