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British Columbia goes GLAM

Galleries, libraries, archives and museums gather to share practical ideas and local solutions

VICTORIA, BC – British Columbia’s GLAM (gallery, library, archives and museums) sector partners – BC Museums Association, BC Library Association and Archives Association of BC – proudly present the second annual GLAM symposium in Surrey on May 8, 2019.

Here and Now: Practical Ideas, Local Solutions for Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums will showcase the power of collaboration in the GLAM sector and set the agenda for future innovation and partnership. Participants from across the province will come together for a day of learning and discovery as they listen to their colleagues’ achievements and aspirations for the sector.

“Museums are hubs for history, culture and art in their communities, as well as partners for other memory institutions like libraries and archives,” says Erica Mattson, Executive Director, BC Museums Association. “We are excited to see what big ideas emerge as leaders from all corners of BC come together to think, listen and envision the collective future of our dynamic GLAM sector.”

Dr. Andrea Walsh, Associate Professor at University of the Victoria and a visual anthropologist, will deliver the keynote address and discuss her experiences repatriating residential school artwork and returning these pieces to survivors. Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer at Fraser Valley Regional Library, will deliver the technology keynote address. The day will also include a community leaders panel discussion on innovative models and community impacts, and a GLAM SLAM with short 5-minute talks from sector professionals.

Event Details

- Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Tynehead Room, Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC
- View the [full program schedule](#) or join the conversation on social media by following #bcglam

In 2017, British Columbia was the first province in Canada to formalize cooperation amongst the GLAM sector. The BC Museums Association, BC Library Association and Archives Association of BC signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) outlining the organizations willingness to share expertise, embark on collaborative research projects, explore public outreach opportunities and identify joint funding ventures to strengthen the sector.

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About the BC Museums Association:

Founded in 1957, the British Columbia Museums Association (BCMA) creates a bright future for British Columbia’s museum, gallery, and related heritage communities through networking, advocacy, innovation, and professional development. It delivers programs and services to the benefit of its members and the sector at large, acting as the cultural and heritage information hub for British Columbia while providing a unified voice for the institutions, trustees, professional staff and volunteers.



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