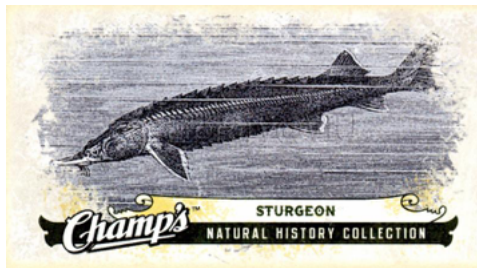# BCDL Communiqué

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"Balancing perfection with agility in both planning and development."

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Conference Season in the GLAM sector!

We are pleased to provide an overview of the conference sessions about the BCDL that will take place over the next few months. We hope to see you at one of these sessions!

Image: Champ's Natural History Collection : Sturgeon Colour Hockey Trading card from the VIUSpace (Gordon Edmondson Sturgeon Collection)

Museums on the Web, Vancouver April 18-21, 2018
Radical GLAM Collaboration in BC

Sharing collections data across Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAM) makes a lot of sense. Collectively it allows us to tell unified stories. Individually it allows us to display any number of extraordinary specimens, artifacts, volumes or records that might otherwise be tucked away unseen and unheard. A one-stop BC Digital Library that makes accessible the collective sum of British Columbia's scientific and cultural heritage has the transformative potential to show the complexity of people and places, amplify local collections, and to make our holdings available as never before to help shape social discourse.

But first this data hub must be built. And lots of thought should go into how it's built. There should also be a reasonable expectation that it can be maintained in the future. Expanding it as collections grow would be nice too. These simple goals allude to not-so-simple solutions that require many forms of expertise and resources. With no primary funding source to speak of, a growing group of like-minded GLAM institutions are finding ways to get it done through radical collaboration.

Join **Ben Hyman** , University Librarian from Vancouver Island University, and **David Stewart** , Digital Manager from the Royal BC Museum as they recount tales of rapid prototyping, job sharing across sectors, the looming question of metadata standards, and the results from a probing survey – a pulse check of who needs what, and most of all, how the GLAM sector can help each other.

Find out more about the conference at https://mw18.mwconf.org/ and their session at https://mw18.mwconf.org/proposal/glam-collaboration-mw18-sk/

GovInfoDay, April 20, 2018 at SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver

Caroline Daniels will update the crowd on the BCDL initiative, its inception and its progress to date. **Dan Sifton** will provide a demo of the infrastructure. This venue is the perfect environment for a discussion on future important collaboration possibilities!

Vancouver Island Library Staff Conference, April 27, 2018 University of Victoria

Surfacing collections across Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAM) allows us to tell stories and share otherwise obscure specimens, artifacts, or records. A BC Digital Library has transformative potential to show complexity of people and places to amplify local collections, and to make our past available to help shape social discourse.

But it must be built, and maintained into the future. A growing group of GLAM institutions are finding ways to get it done through radical collaboration.

Join panelists **Ben Hyman, Daniel Sifton** and **Dave Stewart** for tales of prototyping across sectors, looming questions of metadata, and results of a pulse check on how the GLAM sector can collaborate.

BC GLAM Summit, May 8, 2018 at Sheraton Vancouver Hotel, Richmond

Join **Dave Stewart** from the Royal BC Museum and the BCDL Steering Committee, as he showcases the power of collaboration across the gallery, library, archives and museum sector! This is BCs inaugural GLAM sector showcase and BCDL is pleased to be part of it!

BC Library Conference, May 9-11 Vancouver

BC Digital Library at the BC Library Conference Friday May 11, 1:15-2 pm, Meeting Room 4

In the past year, the BCDL developed a demonstration site to ignite interest, created a communications framework to reach stakeholders, and established an interim governance structure to provide direction to the project. In early 2018, a comprehensive Business Analysis was initiated, as a means to identify sustainability and service model considerations. Concurrently, technical infrastructure was further developed by the BCDL admin team, to demonstrate service possibilities within an evolving digitization and preservation ecosystem. We are eager to share our progress to date and hear from stakeholders!

Presenters and Panelists:
- **Ben Hyman:** University Librarian at Vancouver Island University, Ben is a technologist, cooperator, policy strategist and advocate for the use of open tools. He has held knowledge-sector, cooperative, government and private sector leadership positions relating to education transformation, community infrastructure technology, policy, sustainability, legislation and funding. Founding Executive Director of the B.C. Libraries Cooperative
- **Bronwen Sprout:** Head, Digital Programs and Services at the University of British Columbia (UBC) Library, Bronwen is responsible for several areas of activity, including digitization and digital repository services. Bronwen is interested in and contributes to a number of community-driven, collaborative digital preservation efforts. She currently leads the Irving K Barber Learning Centre's BC History Digitization Program, and has been involved with the program since its inception in 2007.
- **Dan Sifton** is a member of the PDL Admin team and the lead on the project platform/infrastructure. He is the Coordinator of Library Automation and Technical Services at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, where he works with technology (and people!).

Please join us!

We hope to see you at one or more of these conferences!