**Library Workers Sector Meeting**

**Vancouver Convention Centre**

**Rooms 114-115**

**Sunday October 30, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

**AGENDA**

**Sector Meeting: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

The meeting will provide a forum to discuss several key issues, including privatization, that affect the provision of quality public library services across the country. The issues impacting the sector will be highlighted and discussed by way of provincial/regional reports and panel presentations.

**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Equality Statement, Introductions and Agenda

Regional/Provincial Reports:

* What’s happening with libraries in our communities?
* What library services are at risk?
* What are the impacts on service delivery and the community?

Discussion

**10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Panel Discussion

***Public Library Services under Attack in Toronto***

Maureen O’Reilly, President, CUPE 4948, Toronto Public Library Workers’ Union

***Violence and Harassment in the Workplace***

Rh’ena Oake, President, CUPE 1169, Calgary Public Library Workers’ Union

***Impacts of New Workplace Technologies***

Alexandra Youngberg, President, CUPE 391, Vancouver, Gibsons and Sechelt Public Library Workers

Discussion

**11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

Resolutions

Staying Connected

Adjournment

***Public Library Services under Attack in Toronto***

Maureen O’Reilly, President, CUPE 4948, Toronto Public Library Workers’ Union

Public library services in Toronto have been in the crosshairs as the City attempts to slay a projected $774 million deficit. Mayor Rob Ford has ordered city libraries to cut their budgets by 10%. In response, Local 4948 launched a multi-faceted campaign to save library services from potential closures, reduced hours, and privatization. The utilization of polling and an E-petition, which targeted individual city councilors, was pivotal in the campaign’s success. The public outcry to the proposed cuts and the Local’s campaign to save library services even prompted high-profile Canadian authors Margaret Atwood and Michael Ondaatje to step up in defense of public library services.

***Violence and Harassment in the Workplace***

Rh’ena Oake, President, CUPE 1169, Calgary Public Library Workers’ Union

A presentation to support locals in their efforts to develop a workplace specific violence prevention program, including guidelines for the development of policies and procedures.

***Impacts of New Workplace Technologies***

Alexandra Youngberg, President, CUPE 391, Vancouver, Gibsons and Sechelt Public Library Workers

At one time, libraries would experience the introduction of a new workplace technology once every several years. The influx of new technologies into our workplaces has since accelerated making work processes much more complex. Library workers are currently experiencing the challenges of implementing Radio Frequency Tagging, changing print resources and collections to electronic and digitized collections, and trying to cope with the resulting fall-out: from determining what should be in the collection and what percentage of print materials should be digitized to the introduction of E-books and E-readers, and issues of accessibility for the underserved, the elderly and persons with disabilities. So, the question is what is the impact on the provision of quality, public library services?

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