

Karen Sharkey

Below is my bio for the meeting. I am also sending Vivian Howard's bio as she wrote part of the presentation although she is not able to come. I will be reading her section at the meeting. Kirsten Andersen is presenting with me, but she is doing another session on gaming, so I am assuming that she has sent in her own bio already.

Karen's bio:

Karen Sharkey is a Teen Services Librarian at the Vancouver Public Library in Vancouver, Canada. Her interest in international libraries began while working at the International Labour Organization in Geneva and she is currently the membership secretary of the Canadian section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). She is working with youth on a variety of projects at the library, some of which incorporate using new technologies for communication.

Vivian's bio:

Vivian Howard teaches classes in services and resources for children and teens in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is also the editor of the YA Hotline, a publication devoted to public library services for teens. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of Aberystwyth, Wales, with a dissertation focusing on the role of reading for pleasure in the lives of young teens.