



PRRLA 2026 Annual Meeting Program Schedule

All times are Pacific Time (PT)

Venue: Royal British Columbia Museum ([RBCM](#)), [675 Belleville Street](#), Victoria

Sunday, September 13, 2026	
	Hotel check-in downtown Victoria
17:00-19:00	Informal welcome reception with light refreshments Swans Hotel, 506 Pandora Avenue NOTE: Victoria's Chinatown is a National Historic Site and only one street away from Swan's Hotel for those who may want to visit it prior to the reception. Click on UVic Libraries' link here for more on the history of Chinatown.

Monday, September 14, 2026	
8:30-8:45	Group Photo (Royal BC Museum) <i>NOTE please arrive at the venue by 8:30am</i>
8:45-9:45	Registration and optional access to view the Museum Galleries
8:45-9:45	Coffee and tea available in meeting room (staff will be on-site to direct you there)
9:45-10:30	Opening Session Moderator: Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian, University of Victoria

	Traditional Territorial Welcome University of Victoria Indigenous Elder University Welcome University of Victoria Vice-President Research & Innovation, Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk PRRLA Member Host Welcome Jonathan Bengtson, University Librarian PRRLA Welcome Benjamin Meunier, PRRLA Secretariat Chair. University Librarian, Chinese University of Hong Kong
10:30-11:10	Keynote Presentation Research Libraries Stepping up to Be Bold in their Leadership and Innovation Leslie Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada Introduced by Jonathan Bengtson
	Session 1: Impacts and Opportunities of AI Moderator: Shahira Khair, Associate University Librarian, Advanced Research Services, University of Victoria Libraries
11:15-11:30	Mai Kato, Assistant Chief Librarian, Agricultural Library, Tohoku University Coding the Future Together: How Frontline Librarians Can Build AI Services
11:30-11:45	Mandy Tse, Research Support Librarian & Sheila Cheung, Senior Assistant Librarian, Lingnan University From Data Silos to Strategic Insights: Building Low-code Research Impact Dashboard via RIM Metadata
11:45-12:00	Yu Minjie, Deputy Director, Zhejiang University Library From Roles to Competencies: An AI Literacy Framework for Academic Librarians

12:00-12:20	Q&A Session with all presenters
12:20-13:15	Lunch at the Royal British Columbia Museum
	Session 2: Collections Moderator: Ying Liu, Humanities Librarian (Pacific and Asian Studies; Religious Studies), University of Victoria Libraries
13:15-13:30	Linda Lee, Head of the Chung Chi College and Architecture Libraries, The Chinese University of Hong Kong East-West Connection in Music: Journey of Rulan Chao Pian Digitized Collection at The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library
13:30-13:45	Rao Yibo, Director of Special Collections, Peking University Traces of Ink and Mind: Provenance Mystery and Authentication of Ming Manuscripts
13:45-14:00	Su Chen, Director of Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library, UCLA & Lei Wang, Associate University Librarian, Sun Yat-sen University Library A Cross Pacific Collaboration to Promote Chen Rong Collection of Poetry and Prose of Qing Dynasty
14:00-14:20	Q&A Session with all presenters
14:20-14:50	PRRLA Communities of Practice Updates

14:50-15:20 Coffee/Tea Break	
	Session 3: Digital Discovery Projects Moderator: Dale Askey, University Librarian, University of British Columbia
15:20-15:35	Qian Li, Head of Digital Scholarship and Communication, Information Technology Department, Tsinghua University Shared Discovery, Shared Future: Expanding Open Access Discovery for Pacific Rim Libraries
15:35-15:50	Caitlin Tillman, Associate Chief Librarian, University of Toronto Library Building AI-Ready Research Collections: What We're Learning
15:50-16:05	Du Ke, Assistant Librarian, Tsinghua University From Document to Memory: Governing Scholarly Moving Images as Qualitative Research Data in Academic Libraries
16:05-16:20	Lisa Goddard, Library Futures Librarian, University of Victoria Global Integration for Local Collections
16:20-16:40	Q&A Session with all presenters
Walk back to hotels / free time	
18:30-21:00	Dinner and cultural evening Wawaditla Mungo Martin House in Thunderbird Park (directly adjacent to the Royal British Columbia Museum) PLEASE NOTE: due to cultural protocols no alcohol will be served; dress is informal as we will be sitting around the perimeter of the space on benches without tables. Special thanks to Hereditary Chief David Mungo Knox of the Kwakiutl First Nation for welcoming us and opening the space to us.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026	
Coffee/Tea Available 8:30 -10:30	
8:45-10:15	Business Meeting for Primary Members Access to Museum Galleries for those not attending the business meeting
10:20-11:00	Keynote Presentation Truth, Reconciliation and Collective Healing: the importance of GLAM institutions Ry Moran, Associate University Librarian – Reconciliation University of Victoria Introduced by Jonathan Bengtson
	Session 4: Metadata, Digital Libraries, and Machine Learning Moderator: Lisa Goddard, Knowledge Futures Librarian, University of Victoria
11:00-11:15	Michael Radmacher, Transgender Archives Metadata & Outreach Librarian and Lara Wilson, Director, Cultural Collections & University Archivist, University of Victoria The Dangers of Being Found: Ethical and Practical Implications of Trans+ Metadata and Digital Collections
11:15-11:30	Monica Ghosh, South Asia Studies Librarian & Chair of the Asia Collection, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa From Dormant Donation to Digital Discovery: A Case Study in AI-Assisted Access for South Asian Cultural Heritage

11:30-11:45	(Helen) Hong Xu, University Librarian, University of Macau "Regarding Books": A Library-Led, Faculty-Curated Museum Model for Rare Book Exhibitions, E-Publishing, and Virtual Heritage
11:45-12:00	Laura Doublet, Head, Metadata & Min He, Library Assistant, University of Victoria Libraries The Complexity of Entity Management : Why Human Judgement Still Matters
12:00-12:15	Juan Chen, Deputy University Librarian, Xiamen University From Collection to Intelligent Discovery: Building a Kulangsu Research Knowledge Service Platform through Open Science and AI
12:15-12:35	Q&A Session with all presenters
12:35-13:30	Lunch at Royal British Columbia Museum
	Session 5: Communities Moderator: Benjamin Meunier, University Librarian, Chinese University of Hong Kong
13:30-13:45	Liz Litting, Associate Director Cultural Collections, University of Sydney From intent to action: the University of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Protocols

13:45-14:00	Ying Zhang, Research Librarian for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine From Program to People: Strategic Vision and Human Impact of the Korea Foundation Internship at UC Irvine Libraries
14:00-14:15	Ying Liu, Humanities Librarian, Asian Studies & Religious Studies, University of Victoria Designing Meaningful Experiential Learning Contexts in Libraries: An Asian Studies Librarian's Reflection
14:15-14:30	Jun Maeda, Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, Library Lab Manager, Tohoku University Library Beyond the Pandemic: Long-term Trends and Structural Loss in University Library Attendance Post-Pandemic in Japan
14:30-14:45	Matt Huculak, Director, Kula: Library Futures Academy, University of Victoria Reimagining the Library: Futures Thinking, Cultural Stewardship, and Collaborative Knowledge
14:45-15:05	Q&A Session with all presenters
15:05-	Closing Session Benjamin Meunier, PRRLA Secretariat Chair. University Librarian, Chinese University of Hong Kong
17:30-20:00	PRRLA 2026 Meeting Dinner The Union Club of British Columbia, 805 Gordon Street (Please note the "smart casual" dress code required by the Club)

Wednesday, September 16, 2026	
8:45-17:00	Day Excursion 8:45am Meet at Royal BC Museum (RBCM) – bus will leave promptly at 8:45am Bus will travel along the seaside route from RBCM to University (8:45-9:15) 9:15-10:30am University of Victoria Libraries tours of Special Collections, Farallon Book Arts Lab, and Historic Computing Lab Bus travel to Sidney-by-the-Sea (10:30-11:00) 11:00-14:00pm Lunch, sightseeing, and shopping in Sidney-by-the-Sea Bus travel to world-famous Butchart Gardens (14:00-14:20) 14:20-16:30pm Butchart Gardens (entry ticket included for all participants) Bus travel to Royal BC Museum drop off point (16:30-17:00) 17:00pm Drop off at Royal BC Museum *The tour departs from and returns to the Royal BC Museum. *Lunch on own in Sidney (map and restaurant suggestions will be provided) <i>*NOTE: Once we have arrived in Sidney, we can arrange for the bus to schedule a drop-off at the Victoria airport (less than 10 minutes from downtown Sidney) sometime between 11:15-13:15 for PRRLA members who have departing flights Wednesday afternoon and will not be returning to their hotel. Please email ulo@uvic.ca if this is of interest.</i>