



Editor's Column

"The Quarterly should provide encouragement and opportunity for the younger members of the association to "break into print.""

from "Functions of the PNLA Quarterly: The Victoria Public Library Staff Expresses Its Opinion" PQ 2:2 (January 1938), p. 72

Sometimes when we look back at the long history of PNLA Quarterly we see a great reflection through time. It is not that we are forced to repeat ourselves, necessarily, but that by looking back at the record of other's thoughts, decisions and hopes we can better shape our current endeavors. 80 years ago the Victoria Public Library staff knew that it was both important to give a voice to our newest colleagues and to listen to them. This issue celebrates some of the new voices in the Pacific Northwest. The technology we use may be new, but the issues, our resolve and the communities we have to help us through are hopefully familiar. We are encouraged to look at problems from all perspectives, work together through ever changing technologies, connect to our communities, and develop expertise in emerging practices. While the medium may look a bit different, the message remains.

We are very excited to announce that we have three new columns in this issue-- "The Author", "The Mentor" and "Beyond the Region". These voices enrich this issue with advice on new career journeys, travel writing and thoughts on storytelling that transport us to new places-- places where we, however old we feel, have the opportunity to be new voices.

Hope to see you at our annual conference in Calgary this August to share our collective knowledge and experiences.

Happy reading!
Jan and Leila, editors