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Tracey Therrien, Director Gibsons & District Public Library.

As a Public Library Director since 2006, I have had the opportunity to work in three diverse regions in British Columbia: the Kootenays, the North West and on the Sunshine Coast. My experiences serving rural public libraries in these regions give me a unique perspective of their needs, challenges and opportunities.

My history with the Cooperative began in 2009 when migrating to SITKA. Shortly afterwards I became a member of the Cooperative's Cataloguing Working Group from 2009 – 2011. Thereafter, in each library I have worked in, SITKA has been the integrated library system. Additionally, I have benefited from a range of services, support and training offered by the Cooperative, such as IT assessments, database licensing, LibPress (website service), webmail hosting, and most recently the implementation of the SITKA acquisition module.

I believe in the value of building partnerships and collaborating to create opportunities to share expertise and resources; ultimately helping libraries offer relevant services to its members and operating more efficiently and economically. The BC Libraries Cooperative has helped many libraries achieve these goals and if elected I look forward to using my knowledge and experience in serving smaller libraries, to assist the directors and staff of the Cooperative to maintain services and accomplish its future goals.

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