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Welcome

The Association of Book Publishers of BC (ABPBC) is a provincial association of book publishing companies and is the largest regional affiliate of the Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP). Founded in 1974 by five book publishers, the ABPBC has expanded to a membership of over fifty. The ABPBC believes that a healthy BC-owned and -controlled book publishing industry is essential to the educational, social, cultural and economic life of the province. As an industry organization, the ABPBC's objectives are to encourage a healthy book publishing industry through liaison with government and industry-related organizations, professional development and cooperative business efforts.

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A Guide for Writers

The ABPBC receives many enquiries from writers about the publishing industry. The information in this directory introduces the public to our members and the kinds of publishing that they do. A directory of publishers, as well as more information on publishing, can also be found on our website at books.bc.ca.

Authors should make sure to send their manuscripts to an appropriate publisher. Publishers have specific areas that they publish in, which are noted in their listing. Check out their individual websites to ensure the manuscript is going to the right publisher. For further submission guidelines, please see individual publisher's websites.

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Allow at least eight to ten weeks for a publisher to respond to your submission.



What We Do

Advocacy on behalf of BC publishers

The ABPBC works with governments at the provincial and federal level to ensure the health of the book publishing industry through the development of comprehensive publishing policies.

Identification of issues, research and discussion lead to the development of policies designed to ensure that the cultural and industrial activities of our membership are addressed in enlightened public policy. Successful collaborations between the book industry through the ABPBC and government have resulted in the following initiatives:

Block and Project Funding Programs

BC Arts Council (BCAC) funding programs support the publication of culturally relevant titles from eligible BC publishers.

Book Publishing Tax Credit (BPTC)

The BPTC provides refundable credits to eligible BC book publishers through the tax system.

BC Film

BC Film initiated, in consultation with the ABPBC, two programs to encourage partnerships between the BC film and BC publishing industries. The Optioning Fund provides financing for the initial optioning of a work by a Canadian author published by an eligible BC publisher (www.bcfilm.bc.ca/optioning-fund.php <<http://www.bcfilm.bc.ca/optioning-fund.php>>) and the Multi-Platform Exploration Fund (www.bcfilm.bc.ca/multi-platform-fund.php <<http://www.bcfilm.bc.ca/multi-platform-fund.php>>)

provides financial support to proposals examining the multi-platform potential of a project or story concept.

BC Archives

The BC Archives ensures valuable cultural material is available to the public through book publication. Discounted prices for the reproduction of images from the BC Archives are available to ABPBC members.

BC Books on BC Ferries

The BC book section of the BC Ferries gift shops provides a venue for the sale and showcasing of BC-published and authored titles.

Currently, the ABPBC is working on the following policy objectives:

Increased Funding for the BC Arts Council

Recognizing that the current government has made some increases to the budget of the BCAC but recognizing also that funding for this important organization remains among the lowest per capita in Canada, the ABPBC continues to recommend increased funding for this crucial organization.

Renewal of the Book Publishing Tax Credit

The ABPBC believes the BPTC is the single most important program delivered to book publishers in BC ensuring, as it does, the industry's cultural and economic growth. The BPTC became effective in September 2002 and was renewed in the 2007 provincial budget. The ABPBC will conduct an evaluation of this program leading up to its renewal in 2012.

Health of School Libraries

All studies indicate student achievement is directly related to access to good school libraries. The ABPBC supports the BC Coalition for School

Libraries who are working to ensure that all school libraries are open across the province and throughout the school week with qualified teacher-librarians on staff and sufficient funds to replace outdated books.

Increased Funding for Writers

The ABPBC recommends a program of funding delivered through the BCAC to assist publishers to pay advances to writers. A program such as this will deliver much-needed support to writers to complete works and will enable publishers to compete with multi-nationals.

BC Ferries Showcase of BC Books

The ABPBC sits on an advisory committee to the BC Ferries to ensure that the BC books section of the gift shops continues to showcase BC books as well as generate the best possible returns.

Marketing, Promotion & Awareness

The ABPBC works to develop and expand markets for and to raise awareness of BC-published books through the following programs:

Best of BC Books Online

The ABPBC in a consortium consisting of the BC Electronic Library Network, the BC Library Association, the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium, and community partners the Irving K. Barber Centre and Simon Fraser University is currently compiling a digital library that will be available in the future through school, public and post-secondary libraries to all British Columbians.

BC Bestseller List

Compiled by TBM BookManager, this weekly list is distributed to media outlets, bookstores and sales representatives and is posted weekly on the ABPBC website.

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BC Books for BC Schools

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The ABPBC works actively with the BC Ferry Corporation and its book supplier to promote members' books on the ferries through good signage, special promotions, seasonal posters and the brochure Book Passage.

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This catalogue features Canadian published titles by, for and about Aboriginal peoples and suitable for K-12 libraries. The books are selected and annotated by teacher-librarians.

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Displays

The ABPBC attends conferences throughout the year with information about BC publishing and displays of our members' books.

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Poetry in Transit

In partnership with TransLink and BC Transit, the ABPBC produces sixteen poetry cards annually featuring the work of BC-authored and Canadian-published poets. The cards are displayed on buses and SkyTrains throughout the transit systems in BC.

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The ABPBC works to raise the profile and visibility of the British Columbia book industry in the following ways:

Booksellers

The ABPBC through our customer relations committee works to promote BC books provincially and nationally.

Gray Campbell Distinguished Service Award

This annual award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the BC book publishing industry.

Jim Douglas Publisher of the Year Award

This award is presented at the discretion of the ABPBC board to recognize an active BC publisher that has earned the respect and applause of the community.

Media

The ABPBC responds to all requests from the media to discuss issues related to book publishers and writing.

Public Events

The Word On The Street, the BC Book Prizes and the former BC Book & Magazine Week all originated from the ABPBC. Our members and staff continue to serve on boards of or participate in these organizations.

UNESCO World City of Literature

Citing the excellence of writing and publishing in BC and the oral storytelling tradition in our First Nations, the ABPBC is currently working with Alma Lee, former Artistic Director of the Vancouver International Writers and Readers Festival, to have Vancouver designated a UNESCO World City of Literature.

Business Development

Professional Development

The ABPBC organizes three to four seminars a year on subjects determined by the membership. In 2009, the ABPBC will hold sessions on digital formats, distribution and opportunities; online marketing projects; promotional writing; and film contracts and opportunities in cooperation with BC Film and the BC Film and Television Producers Association. Open to ACP and ABPBC members. ABPBC Friends and non-members may attend where appropriate and as space allows.

Networking

Annual Retreat

The ABPBC annual retreat is an opportunity for Active members of the ABPBC to network, share information and meet with funders.

The ABPBC maintains contact with all industry-related organizations to foster relations and the promotion of Canadian books. These organizations include Access Copyright, Alliance for Arts and Culture, BookNet Canada, BC Film, BC Library Association, BC Teacher-Librarians' Association and the Federation of BC Writers.

Information

ABPBC E/FaxTotums

This weekly email circular provides information to all members and Friends on industry issues, ABPBC services, promotion and marketing opportunities, and the weekly bestseller list.

ABPBC Website

The ABPBC website provides information to the public on publishing and promotes members' books.

Environmentally Sound Paper Initiative

Since 2002, the ABPBC has promoted the use of environmentally sound paper in the production of our members' books. Partnering with Markets Initiative, the ABPBC spearheaded an initiative that now sees publishers across the country, in the US and Europe following our lead. The initiative would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of Canada's book printers. An EcoKit is available on the ABPBC website.



Membership Categories

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For companies with at least 7 titles in print and an annual production of 2 titles. Active members direct ABPBC policies and projects through their vote at the ABPBC Annual General Meeting and seats on the executive board and committees.

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For companies with 2 titles in print published in the previous 3 years.

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For companies with 1 title published within the previous 3 years.

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Friends are publishers with a head office in BC or are Canadian publishers and ACP members whose head offices are in another province, they may participate in certain specialty catalogues and Poetry in Transit at non-member rates. Publisher Friends also benefit from the lobbying activities and awareness campaigns undertaken by the ABPBC. If Friends are umbrella organizations representing a number of publishers or self-publishers, those publishers may not access ABPBC projects unless they become members.

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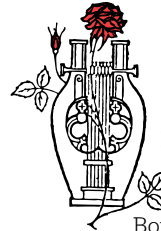
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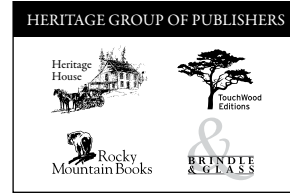
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