# MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**June 11-12, 2008**

**SIAST Wascana — Room 1130**

**Regina**

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Present: Zenon Zuzak (Chair); Julie McKenna (vice-Chair); Isabelle Butters (Thursday); Joanne Beltramini (Thursday PM and Friday); Mary Chipanshi; Charlene Sorensen (Thursday PM and Friday); Bev Siebert; Heather West; Joylene Campbell; (Jack Ma; Elgin Bunston, Brett Waytuck (Thursday and Friday PM), Provincial Library Support Staff)

Regrets: Mark Vajčner; Joan Martin; Wendy Sinclair-Sparvier; Bryan Wilson

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<td>Welcome &amp; Introductions - Approval of agenda - Approval of minutes</td>
<td>The meeting summary was approved as distributed. The business arising section of the agenda was tabled until the following day. Mark will report on “Archives and You” at a future meeting as he could not attend this meeting.</td>
<td>Publish meeting summary on the Saskatchewan Libraries website (Multitype Unit).</td>
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<td><strong>Correspondence</strong></td>
<td>The Saskatchewan Library Association recently provided the Board with the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary Report. This year’s recipient, Kendra Bender, is from Melville and she’s attending the University of Alberta. All previous recipients have accepted library jobs in Saskatchewan and all but one remain here. Provincial Library has provided the last of the foundation grants to the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary. It is expected to be self-sustaining from this point forward and the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) has made plans to ensure long-term viability. SLA will also begin seeking donations from recipients of the former bursary once they complete their contact list.</td>
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<td><strong>Saskatchewan Digital Alliance Report</strong></td>
<td>This year the pilot project grant has been held up due to some unresolved questions regarding the proposal received. The Saskatchewan Digital Alliance has committed to working with the organizations involved to ensure that the proposal contains all the required information for the Board to consider. Provincial Library has purchased scanners for books and loose papers that could potentially be used by digitization projects in the future. Provincial Library will not become a digitization centre; but, its facilities might be available for use after Provincial Library has been moved to its new location. On the invitation of</td>
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the Saskatchewan Digital Alliance, Walter Lewis, lead programmer for the VITA software used by OurOntario and AlouetteCanada conducted a pre-conference digitization session at the Prairie Partnerships conference co-hosted by SLA and the Manitoba Library Association. Walter’s presentation gave the attendees a solid foundation in image scanning and highlighted the many choices an institution must make regarding archival copies and Web presentation.

| Library Directors Survey | The Board discussed appropriate changes to clarify a few of the questions in this survey, such as:  
- Listing competencies from the Public Service Commission’s competency profile for participants to select when asked what skills directors look for when hiring entry-level staff.  
- The question about internships should also include co-op programs.  
Some wording changes were also recommended. | The Multitype Library Development Unit will send out the survey next week and expect it back in 21 days. |
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<td>Annual report</td>
<td>The Board reviewed the 2007/08 Annual Report to ensure its accuracy and performed some editing. It will be sent to the Deputy Minister and the Minister’s office for approval in June and tabled in the Legislature in July.</td>
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| Board Appointments | Five Board members’ terms will be completed in August. Isabelle Butters is finishing her second term representing the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA); Julie McKenna, who represents SLA on the Board and Joan Martin, who represents special libraries in the capacity of a director of a special library are both unavailable to sit for a second term. Bev Siebert, who was appointed to represent the public, is also at the end of her term.  
The Minister sent a letter to the SLTA asking for nominations and a letter will be sent to SLA this month. Zenon and Joylene will be contacting a director of a post-secondary library regarding a potential nomination. | |
| Business Arising (Friday) | **Provincial Panel on Student Achievement Report (Joanne)**  
The Panel was created to provide the Minister with 10-20 recommendations on improving student achievement from pre-kindergarten through grade12. A sub-committee has created a draft *Terms of Reference*.  
The first two meetings focused on clarifying terminology, reviewing current literature and identifying perceived challenges and opportunities. Each meeting included a presentation by a Ministry representative: (1) Core Curriculum Renewal and (2) Overview of Assessment for Learning Program. | |
Two questions have been explored at length:
1. **What is student achievement?**
The Panel is looking at “achievement” which signifies a desired outcome sought within a particular time frame. “Learning” focuses on processes. Student achievement is the realized or fully actualized state for the educational broad areas of learning found in revitalized Saskatchewan Core curricula. The broad areas of learning include: building a disposition for lifelong learning; building a sense of self and community; and, building engaged global citizens.
2. **Why are our students performing poorly on assessments?**
International test results from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) indicate that Saskatchewan students are as good as or better than their international counterparts in key subject areas. However, they are performing below most of their Canadian peers in science, reading and math. This appears to be a trend and not a one-time event. Learners perform within a socio-economic context. The composition of Saskatchewan’s student population is impacted by this fact. Saskatchewan has a high retention rate for students. Regardless of the factors impacting achievement, there is an agreement that students need to be able to read and write with a level of proficiency.

Libraries have been included in the discussion at the table. It has been noted that the MDLP resources can also benefit distance education.

**Strategic Planning**

ADM, Darren McKee, spoke about the Ministry’s objectives, followed by Marilyn Jenkins, Director of Public Library Planning at Provincial Library.

The Ministry’s strategic directions focus on growth and development. Libraries need to determine where they fit. Meeting the needs of Saskatchewan residents includes providing access to information. What roles do and can libraries play related to business services? The Board noted that Regina Public Library has offered business services for years, as do may other libraries. A project like the Single Integrated Library System (SILS) needs to show how it contributes to overall growth in the province and it collaborative roles need to be clear. Outcomes, accountability, and responsiveness to the overall government goals must always be considered. The Ministry’s new strategic plan and performance plans were developed with librarians at the table. Libraries need to present a clear picture of future so that the
Ministry knows what supports are required for their work.

The Board is part of a larger structure that includes the Ministry and the Government of Saskatchewan. Libraries fit clearly into at least three of the Ministry’s goals:
- Higher literacy and achievement;
- Equitable opportunities and access;
- System accountability and governance.

The provincial government’s priorities are: retaining young people; infrastructure; health care and families and education and literacy.

**Public Library Directors’ Retreat**
The theme was “What will we do together?”
The planning process included developing statements about the likelihood and impact of key actions. Seven key actions were identified that the group felt are highly likely and will have significant impact. The highest priority is the SILS. The second priority is managing the interim until SILS is implemented.

The Board drafted three new strategic directions and began working on performance indicators, goals and objectives under each direction. The strategic planning process will continue over the summer and at the September meeting.

### Round Table Report

**Special Libraries (Mary Chipanshi)**

Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership (SHIRP) received the 2008 CLA/OCLC Award for Resource Sharing Achievement.

Susan Powelson is leaving the RQHR library to take a position in Alberta.

### Communiqué

- Announcements (above)
- Directors survey
- Appointments
- SDA report
- Bursary—donations gratefully received
- Date for 2009 SLA Conference

**Draft and distribute communiqué. (Elgin)**

### Next Meetings

- Sept general meeting will be Sept 24 in Saskatoon and the Board will meet Sept. 25th. Location: TBA.

**Board members in Saskatoon volunteered to provide the Multitype Library Development Unit with recommendations for meeting locations.**

### Adjourn