## MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday January 26, 2010**

Present: Bryan Wilson (Chair), Joanne Beltramini (vice-Chair), Wendy Sinclair, Pat Kolesar, Joylene Campbell, Charlene Sorensen (a.m.), Jeff O’Brien, John Murray, Karen Basky, Gohar Ashoughian, Brad Doerksen; Jack Ma, Elgin Bunston (Provincial Library Support Staff)

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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introductions</strong></td>
<td>The meeting began with a round table of introductions. 1) In order to accommodate SILS training, the Board recommended moving the AGM to April 7, with a MBL meeting the following day. 2) Bryan Wilson was selected as Chair and Joanne Beltramini was selected as the vice-Chair. 3) The agenda was approved as distributed. 4) The October Meeting Summary was approved with some clarifications to the sector reports and General Meeting debriefing.</td>
<td>Publish October 2009 Meeting Summary on the Saskatchewan Libraries website (Multitype Unit).</td>
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<td><strong>Approval of agenda Approval of September Meeting Summary</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Business Arising</strong></td>
<td>AMICUS Library and Archives Canada is in the process of reviewing its current programs and services and the library community was informed that AMICUS was one of the services under review. The Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council initiated a letter writing campaign emphasizing the crucial roles AMICUS plays to support most Canadian libraries, especially its unique functions for cataloguing and interlibrary loans. The National Librarian and Archivist has since assured the library community that AMICUS is not at risk.</td>
<td>Provide copies of all the AMICUS letters to the Board (Elgin).</td>
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<td><strong>Provincial Panel on Student Achievement</strong></td>
<td>The Panel has created 15 draft recommendations to the minister to improve results and a 16th recommendation on how to implement the others. The recommendations are centred on the 6 foundational components for developing a culture of learning; First Nations and Métis education, community engagement, early learning and child care, sustainable learning organizations, effective practices and equity for all students. Differences in achievement based on geography, cultural background, poverty and gender will be examined in detail in order to help find solutions. Another</td>
<td>The Board will review the recommendations and determine how to that libraries are recognized for their contributions to student achievement. *Note: if Board members receive the recommendations ahead of the minister’s announcement, that</td>
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important theme discussed is the professional development for educators. The final report is expected to be completed in the first week of February and the minister will make his announcement on February 15.

**Library Book Rate (LBR)**

This issue affects all sectors to some degree. The Library Book Rate has been renewed for one-year extensions several times. Libraries have long been lobbying for an expanded LBR that includes Audio/Visio materials and for a federal department to take responsibility for the long-term sustainability of the program. Canada Post is an advocate for literacy and maintains the LBR without a specific mandate from the Government of Canada.

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<th>The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is interested in finding out about how Saskatchewan has developed its Multitype system and what lessons can be learned from our experiences. Elgin will be going to the OLA conference and presenting on February 26 on behalf of the Multitype Library Board. He distributed a draft printout of the PowerPoint presentation he has been working on and the Board was given an opportunity to give their input on the content. The content will be deepened in some areas as a result of this consultation.</th>
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<td><strong>Saskatchewan Libraries Website</strong></td>
<td>The existing website was created in 1999, so the design is now dated and the site has outgrown its navigation structure. The redesign was contracted out to ADX Studios, the web development company who created the Government of Saskatchewan’s content management system. Karen Der, the webmaster, has been working with the ITO to migrate the content to the new site and to ensure its functionality. She provided the Board with a brief overview of the new site and demonstrated some of the navigation features. She also spoke about the workflow in the Multitype Development Unit related to the new site.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategic Planning</strong></td>
<td>The updated draft was presented to the Board for comments. Elgin pointed out some of the changes to the previous draft and Board members made suggestions for some additional changes. Board members were then asked to consider the goals and objectives under each strategic direction and identify the ones that need the most attention over the next 12-18 months. Jack and Elgin identified the goal and objectives selected by the exercise and developed a chart where Board members could add key actions to accomplish each one. The Multitype Development Unit will summarize the results of the key actions exercise for the next meeting. Update the Strategic Plan as requested by the Board (Elgin).</td>
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<td><strong>Single Integrated Library System</strong></td>
<td>Marilyn Jenkins, Director of Public Library Planning and Ghyslain Sabourin, Manager of Library Network Development with Provincial Library &amp; Literacy Office came to speak to the Board about the Single Integrated Library System (SILS). Interoperability Librarian, Sarah Sutherland and Public Library Services Coordinator, Phil Jeffreys were also present. Marilyn provided historical information and current status of the SILS to the Board. It is important to have this context when developing a long-term plan. The next phase of the SILS will include Encore, a</td>
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discovery layer with federated search capabilities. The intent is to include licensed electronic resources in catalogue searches. Ideally, the contents of digital repositories will be included in the future.

During discussions about the vision and principles for the Provincial Public Library System, several policy directions were explored, including potential cooperation with other library sectors. Schools were the first group given consideration for possible expansion. The consortium moved the project outside of government by forming a non-profit corporation. Public libraries had to assess resource sharing needs to plan for SILS.

Principles for SILS included a single bibliographic database (one record for each book); a single patron database to lay the foundation for a universal library card and a common user experience across the province. Resource sharing is the basic principle of the provincial public library system, so the system was built for public libraries with these principles in mind. How could expansion happen? What would the business case look like? Would some of the principles need to change? Any expansion of SILS beyond public libraries would have to address these questions.

PLLO will decommission the e-library services DMZ when all SILS members go live by the end of 2010. The union catalogue will be shut down as well. It searches catalogues of several small academic intuitions, special libraries, museums, archives and others in addition to public libraries. How will resource discovery be impacted?

The “think globally, search locally” philosophy was an original part of the Board. “Resource discovery” is a new phrase that information providers use to describe the ability of searchers to find the information resources that they need.

Ghyslain: It can be helpful for thinking how to expand a project such as SILS if we see it as a business process management software. Other sectors have different business processes and meshing these together is a complex undertaking. It is important to consider who the patrons will be and what needs they will have if the project is expanded.

A Community NET connection is required to join SILS. Common policies on acquisitions, cataloguing, interlibrary loans, etc, needed to be developed and any expansion would need to revisit these. The data centre is at Saskatoon Public Library, so new
partners would need to have an agreement with them. The $5.2 million contributed by the provincial government allowed the consortium to purchase the best software and infrastructure available.

Later this year, a discovery layer called Encore will be added. It will provide access to subscription databases as well as the library catalogue and possibly other externally hosted content included digital collections and commercial sites. It will include cloud tagging and other features more common to social networking than traditional catalogues.

Schools have very detailed records for some materials. If they were to join SILS, the system would need to allow those details to be discovered. Perhaps schools could use the same software as SILS, reducing barriers to future partnerships. The networking group for school libraries is meeting on May 17th. 29 school divisions need an understanding of what might be possible and the pros and cons of joining SILS. The software has a module designed for schools. Some school divisions have integrated library systems (ILS) that are reaching the end of their life cycles, so sharing an ILS would be worth investigating. Schools do not have well-defined resource sharing policies within school divisions, so planning would be challenging. A few early adopting school divisions could be a model for others in terms of policy and technology. Each school division is responsible for its library services, so provincial funding would be necessary to develop a shared system.

Special libraries will need to be communicated with about new resource sharing ideas now that the union catalogue is ending. Some special libraries have relationships with academic libraries which may form the basis of new resource sharing arrangements.

Archives have worked hard to standardize metadata using Rules for Archival Description and are cooperating with libraries to develop interoperable collections. Ideally, digital collections will be discoverable through the SILS portal. Public libraries could work with post-secondary libraries to provide access to each others records through Z-39.50, for example. Public libraries did that to set the stage for SILS. Implications would be for interlibrary loans would need to be established first.

| Multitype Library Development Unit Report | The committee is recommending the renewal of all products and that partner contributions increase by 1.5% for 2010/2011. Recent negotiations with vendors have led to 2010/11 price estimates more in |
line with the current economic climate. There is about $20,000 available for new E-books, and the committee recommended that the program use this money for new editions of current Gale Virtual Reference Library collection. Some smaller partners have left the program due to budget cuts and possible closure.

The Health Quality Council agreed to continue to sponsor the province-wide license to *The Cochrane Library* by covering cover more than half the cost of the product. The left will be covered by the Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership, which let them be unable to contribute anything beyond that to the program this year.

EBSCO has obtained exclusive rights to some popular magazines that will no longer be available in our current suite of products. There has been some concern in the library community about the practice of aggregators obtaining exclusive rights. It restricts access and often costs libraries more money to obtain all the titles that their patrons request.

### Sector Reports

**Public Libraries (John Murray and Karen Basky)**

The Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA) presented their annual brief to Minister of Education, Ken Krawetz on November 24, 2010. It focused on the capital funding for public libraries, especially in Regina and Saskatoon, and the needs of rural libraries. The Minister and SLTA entered into a discussion on the need for a formal library training program in province.

SLTA will have their display booth set up at the SUMA and SARM conferences. The SLTA executive will be attending the Round Dance in Lebret in February.

STLA is developing an email list to communicate with its members. They are also working with the provincial government on the Library Book Rate. The next STLA executive meeting is February 27, 2010.

Public libraries are using several approaches to improve services for First Nations and Métis people. Public libraries, especially rural libraries, are very interested in recruitment and retention issues. There is an urgent need for online training at both the professional and technician level. Database training is also needed for staff. The committee in the public library sector gathering information on public library staff wages and salaries has drafted a report. It discusses competencies as they relate to pay.

Send out sector report template before each meeting (Elgin).
Schools and School Libraries (Joanne Beltramini and Bryan Wilson)

Many new board members were elected in the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA)’s fall election. The new president is Sandra Urban-Hall; the new vice-president is Janet Foord and Ernie Cykmistruk will be the Executive Director for another year.

The SSBA has been working with school boards on recommendations to the government regarding the ongoing funding formula. Boards are concerned about budget cuts and capital funding now that property taxes cannot be used to supplement revenue shortfalls. The Provincial Panel on Student Achievement’s recommendations are of interest to SSBA.

Saskatchewan School Libraries Association (SSLA) hosted three online learning events focused on inquiry and the role of the teacher-librarian/library in supporting student learning and achievement, featuring Harvey Daniels, co-author of the Comprehension and Collaboration: Inquiry Circles in Action, and Bill Prentice, Ministry of Education English Language Arts Consultant. The sessions were met with enthusiastic praise from participants.

In the fall of 2009, the SSLA Executive issued a call of interest for teacher-librarians interested in renewing the 4th R document to incorporate curricula changes and its focus on inquiry. The Inquiry Group, comprised of Donna DesRoches, Carlene Walter, Joanne Beltramini, and Judy Nicholson, will hold their first meeting on January 30th to determine feasibility and possible directions.

The SSLA Conference will be held May 5 in Saskatoon. Judith Comfort, the keynote speaker, will address the theme The Blended School Library Practice: Integrating Your Virtual and Real Programs. As a teacher-librarian in BC, blogger and advocate for role of teacher-librarians, Judith will share her journey of blending her bricks and mortar library with her virtual one. The Provincial Cataloguing Standards Committee will meet March 1-2 in Regina.

Provincial Library & Literacy Office (PLLO) (Joylene Campbell)

PLLO has been given approval to fill the vacant positions. The most recent vacancy, Manager of Library Network Development has been submitted for approval and PLLO is interested in reclassifying the Director of Library Planning and Administration
Wendy Sinclair has accepted a part-time term position as Aboriginal Library Coordinator while continuing her duties as branch manager at Regina Public Library’s Albert Branch.

Aboriginal Libraries (Wendy Sinclair)
With support from PLLO, the Southeast Regional Library and Parkland Regional Library will host the 3rd annual Round Dance. It is an annual event to be host in a different location for four years. Saskatoon Public Library hosted the first Round Dance, the largest to date. The goal of the Round Dance is to build relationships with the First Nations and Métis communities and cross cultural awareness. It is also intended to create awareness of library services in the First Nations and Métis communities.

Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal People (LSSAP) provided financial support to the Southeast Regional Library for the 2010 Round Dance. They are working with Library and Archives Canada on a National Aboriginal Heritage Programs Update. They are also updating the Tribal Library Standards for Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Project will be held in February. LSSAP is compiling a list of veterans to join the project this year. Last year, 204 events were held at 85 locations throughout the province.

Wrap Up

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✓ SILS discussion
✓ AMICUS update
✓ Library Book Rate actions
✓ Panel on Student Achievement
✓ Selection of Chair and vice-Chair
✓ Strategic planning key actions
✓ Saskatchewan Libraries website
✓ OLA presentation
✓ Digitization grant
✓ Saskatchewan Library Education Bursary

April agenda items:
AGM debriefing.
Response to Provincial Panel on Student Achievement recommendations (if an implementation plan is in place).
Strategic Planning.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned.