# MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**Thursday, April 8 2010**

Present: Bryan Wilson (Chair), Wendy Sinclair, Joanne Beltramini, John Murray (via teleconference), Jeff O’Brien, Joylene Campbell, Charlene Sorensen, Pat Kolesar; Jack Ma, Elgin Bunston (Provincial Library Support Staff)

Absent: Karen Basky, Gohar Ashoughian

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<td>Welcome &amp; Introductions</td>
<td>There was a round table of introductions.</td>
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<td>- Approval of agenda</td>
<td>The Agenda was approved as distributed.</td>
<td>Publish January meeting summary on the Saskatchewan Libraries website (Multitype Unit).</td>
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<td>The January Meeting Summary was approved with some minor wording changes.</td>
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| Business Arising | Gohar Ashoughian has announced that she will resign as the Board member representing the Saskatchewan Library Association. | Send draft of the Board’s response to the Panel’s recommendations to all Board members (Multitype Unit). |
| | The report from the Provincial Panel on Student Achievement will be presented to minister on May 13 (3:30 to 5:00 pm). Each organization represented on the panel may send one delegate and a supporting associate to the presentation. The chosen delegate will have 5 minutes to speak to report. Joanne and Wendy will attend as representatives of the Board. | Provide the Ministry of Education with names of MLB members attending the presentation (Jack). |
| | The Board discussed some general themes to be included in the speaking notes. Libraries play a supporting role in student achievement; they provide educational resources and they help bridge geographical divides with electronic resources (emphasize new technologies). The response needs to include the following: 1. Complement the report and the work done by the Panel. The Board is in full support of the recommendations. 2. Explain how libraries support learning from birth through old age (various sectors). Libraries work with other stakeholders. MDLP resources have been extended to First Nation schools as an example of services for First Nations and Métis students. Public libraries, schools and post-secondary libraries provide supports for learning English as an Additional Language (EAL). 3. Emphasize that the Board and the library community look forward to working with government on the implementation of the recommendations. | |

| Correspondence | AMICUS Letter to Provincial Library and Literacy Office | |
| | As discussed at the previous Board meeting, the platform that AMICUS uses will be expensive to | |
upgrade, so Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is looking at options to continue the National Union Catalogue service. Provincial Library and Literacy Office sent a letter to LAC providing information on how libraries in Saskatchewan were using this service and indicating the value of AMICUS for interlibrary loans and as a source for MARC records for Canadian content. LAC says that AMICUS will continue, though there were no details about what the service might look like in the future. The Board agreed that the response from libraries likely played a role in assuring its continuation.

AGM Debriefing

Thanks to Bryan for the excellent chairing at the AGM. Public libraries did not receive an increase in operating grants this year, so the committee’s recommended 1.5% increase received some resistance and as the result of negotiation and consensus decision-making, all partner libraries agreed to a 1% contribution increase for 2010/11. The committee’s recommendation to renew all products was accepted after some discussion. Partners wanted the Provincial Library and Literacy Office to obtain more detailed usage statistics from CEDROM-SNi on Newscan.

In the afternoon, Gerry Burla from PLLO demonstrated Confluence wiki software. It is intended to be used as a communication tool for MDLP and possibly the Board and other committees such as the Saskatchewan Digital Alliance. Feedback on the software was generally positive. Partners indicated that the entire site should be secured (only open for program partners, the MLB and its committees). When discussing the open access resources, some questions were put to the committee, including, how will Serials Solution be used with open access journals? What criteria should be used to include open access journals in the program? The committee will investigate and provide recommendations.

The final payment for Literature Resource Center will be made this year and the partners suggested that the projected savings starting from next year be used for subscriptions, not one-time purchases. Some common areas of interest include human resources and management content and aboriginal content and ProQuest PressDisplay is one product of interest to more than one sector.

It might be a useful exercise for experienced partners to explain the program and its procedures and philosophy to new people. The committee also needs to prepare a rationale for its recommendations.
| Strategic Planning Document | At the last meeting, the Multitype Library Development Unit was tasked with adding a page to the strategic plan that showed alignment between the Board and the Ministry of Education. Joylene asked the Policy, Evaluation & Legislative Services Branch of the ministry to review the document and make recommendations. Most of the recommendations were accepted by the Board.

After the discussion, Goal 1.3 was changed to “Help create a sustainable library workforce in Saskatchewan” from the more general “Create a sustainable environment for Saskatchewan libraries.” | Speak with ADM McKee about the difference between advice and advocacy. Invite him to speak to the Board (Joylene). Prepare an updated draft of the strategic plan for the Board’s approval (including copyright-cleared graphics) (Multitype Development Unit). |
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<td>Strategic Key Actions</td>
<td>Board members were divided into 3 groups. Each group was asked to develop key actions under assigned strategic objectives using the summary of proposed actions from the previous meeting as a guide. After developing a list of key actions, each group was asked to determine which actions need immediate attention and which could be acted on in 2011-12. The Board reconvened to finalize each key action and ensure consensus on the timelines.</td>
<td>Prepare a completed key actions document for the Board to review (Elgin).</td>
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| Multitype Library Development Unit Report | The Multitype Development Unit has been busy preparing for the AGM. MDLP is preparing to make some products available as part of the supplemental collection, including Press Display, a database of international newspapers in 26 languages. It provides a 60-day archive and maintains the look of the print versions. It also includes a text-to-speech feature. There has also been some talk of including it in the core collection.

The new Saskatchewan Libraries website has been launched. Some external partners’ websites were hosted by PLLO on the previous web server that will no longer be supported, so their content is being moved.

PLLO provided the Saskatchewan Library Association with $3,500 to sponsor a Multitype conference session and $6,000 for the Mary Donaldson Memorial Trust. The Board will have a discussion about what kind of conference session it wants to sponsor next year at the September meeting. | |
| Sector Reports | Public Libraries (John Murray)
The third Round Dance was very successful and... | Send out sector report template before each |
thanks to Wendy Sinclair and Greg Salmers for organizing the Round Dance.
Phase 2 of the SILS implementation is fast approaching. Lakeland, Parkland and Wapiti regions will be going live in June and training is proceeding. Regional Libraries’ headquarters staff has been trained and rural staff is now in training.

Post-secondary library education (professional and technician) is needed for rural libraries. Local residency (Saskatchewan) is important for programs to be successful in the north. Special attention must be given to First Nations and Métis people interest in library careers.

Database use is much higher in the cities than rural areas, possibly due to lack of professional staff and training.

**Archives (Jeff O’Brien)**
Archives week was held in February with events in Saskatoon and Regina as well as many smaller communities. The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) has worked hard to involve rural Saskatchewan in its programs. A digitization workshop was held recently and it should be noted that many partners in the Saskatchewan War Experience project are SCAA members.
Archives are running Saskatchewan Youth Heritage Fairs and offering a prize for the project in each region that makes the best use of archival or primary materials. Archives are hoping to work with teachers to make sure students know where primary resources come from. Participating institutions provide a certain number of free primary resources.

**Schools and School Libraries (Joanne Beltramini and Bryan Wilson)**
There has been a follow up to the cataloguing standards meeting. The 2nd draft of the document has been sent to Manitoba for review since they are co-producing it with Saskatchewan. Two ministry initiatives are impacting school libraries. First, ROVER, (recommended online video education resources) is a streaming video service for schools. Each school and school division will receive a dedicated server for ROVER. This service is more cost-effective than videos and newer content is now available on ROVER. The second initiative was the purchase of a two-year license for the Canadian Points of View Reference Centre database from EBSCO. It’s available for all school divisions. The Saskatchewan School Libraries Association conference will be May 5 in Saskatoon.

Invite the chair of the First Nations education WAG committee to join a board discussion (perhaps January) (Bryan)
The Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) studied the 29 school divisions and found that administration costs are only 2% of total costs. SSBA has initiated three new working advisory groups (WAG):
1. Public engagement;
2. First Nations education;
3. Funding model
The upcoming president's academies will be in Waskesiu.

**Special Libraries (Pat Kolesar)**
The Special Libraries Association, Western Canada Chapter, organized a special library tour that included RCMP Resource Centre, the Legislative Library, and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Library. Saskatchewan's special libraries' network is in discussions about professional development opportunities. Financial challenges are an ongoing concern for special libraries. The Saskatchewan Resource Centre for Sport, Culture & Recreation has signed up for supplementary MDLP products. They also have a new librarian. The reading room at Legislative library is being extended. The Legislative Library is hosting a reading event with 2009 Saskatchewan Book Award winners. They are also looking at sharing resources with other parliamentary libraries.

**Aboriginal Libraries (Wendy Sinclair)**
The Round Dance was held by Southeast and Parkland Regional Libraries on February 26 at Lebret. Over 600 people attended and it was well supported by the First Nations and Métis communities. People representing nine library systems were in attendance, including many who had attended previous Round Dances.

**Provincial Library & Literacy Office (Joylene Campbell)**
The Provincial Budget was announced last week and public library grants remain at 2009/10 levels. SILS funding will be the same as well. Provincial Library and Literacy Office lost some operating funds and one position. Ellen Basler will be joining PLLO in a cataloguing role. Sarah Sutherland has won the competition to become Manager of Library Network Development.

The Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) have been lobbying the federal and provincial governments for funding. Escalating costs have forced CNIB to cut services. The Regina and
Saskatoon public libraries will report to PLLO on the impact of these services cuts. Library and Archives Canada is working on the establishment of an NGO to take on the responsibility for providing equitable access for the visually impaired. They are looking for provincial funding, but some provinces are hesitant to spend money on dated technologies.

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Communiqué
- AMICUS
- Strategic Plan and key actions
- Panel – attending the official presentation
- AGM debriefing and agreement
- SDA final report
- Next meeting date.

September agenda items:
- MLB sponsorship of SLA sessions
- Multilingual collection (include a tour)—Jian Wang
- SILS demonstration
- Provincial Panel on Student Achievement
- Strategic plan key actions

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