**MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

Present: Susan Baer (Chair), Brad Doerksen (Vice-Chair), Pat Kolesar, John Murray, Karen Basky, Brett Waytuck, Michael Shires, Edna Mirasty, Regan Gunningham, Bert Yakichuk, Carlene Walter, Crista Bradley, Barbara Bulat, Jack Ma, (Provincial Library Support Staff)

## Discussion

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| Welcome & Introductions  
- Election of Chair  
- Approval of agenda  
- Approval of January 2012 Meeting Summary | Brett welcomed everyone in attendance. He led a roundtable of introductions as there were five new Board members attending the meeting.  
Both the Board Chair and Vice Chair position were vacant, so the first item of this Board meeting was electing a new Chair and Vice Chair.  
Susan was nominated by John as the new Chair. Bert seconded. Susan accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. The vote was called and Susan was elected as the Multitype Library Board Chair.  
Susan nominated Brad for the Vice Chair and he accepted the nomination. The vote was called and Brad was elected as the Vice Chair for the Board.  
The agenda was approved as distributed. |
|  | Publish September January 2012 Meeting Summary. |

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<td>Carlene clarified that the information literacy model for schools referred to by Joanne Beltramini and the School Library Inquiry Project she was going to report on were two separate topics. The Inquiry Project, officially called <em>Teacher-librarians Constructing Understanding through Inquiry</em>, is a strategic partnership between the Saskatchewan Library Association (SSLA) and the Ministry of Education. Its goal is to support teacher-librarians in</td>
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fostering inquiry learning through the development of professional learning resources that would facilitate the actualization of curricula in schools by engaging teacher-librarians as instructional leaders.

Judy Nicholson is the project facilitator of the Inquiry Project. Members of the working group include staff from the Ministry of Education and members of the SSLA. The Inquiry project has two phases: phase one is to develop and conduct a survey among educators in Saskatchewan; phase two is the development of a variety of professional resources to support teacher-librarians.

Carlene will ask Joanne for more information about the information literacy model cited in previous MLB meeting summary. Other Board members indicated that the Inquiry Project has some overlap with information literacy. Teacher-librarians play an important role in improving students’ information literacy and the supporting resources would be a component of the potential model. The Ministry of Education has made a considerable investment in the database licensing program and it has a logical connection with the Inquiry Project. Jack will talk to Judy about this.

The Board then discussed how various technologies have changed the way students access learning resources. Bert mentioned that the Regina Catholic School Board is in the process of building several new schools. The school division is debating what a school library would be like in a new school. Trustees visited some schools in California where the physical library space had been eliminated entirely. Students were using iPads to access electronic textbooks and other learning resources, while school librarians had been replaced by IT specialists. They have determined that they can reduce costs by replacing textbooks costing over $100 with electronic textbooks for $8 per book per. The electronic copies are also updated each year.

John indicated that digital technologies impacted the way libraries provide services. When he attended the 2011 Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU) conference, he was impressed by the number of projects that were using IT technology for information literacy and library instruction. He also mentioned that after Wapiti provided overdrive e-books to its patrons, more new users registered to obtain a library card. Library staff began devoting more time
Regan reported that SIAST has also seen a jump in the number of students asking for e-books, though the library has been providing e-books many years.

Board members noted that an increase in e-resources in libraries does not affect the circulation of print materials. SILS has not seen a decrease in its book mailing in the province despite a growing e-collection. Briercrest has noticed that their students still ask for more print materials than electronic ones.

The Board would like to devote more time at the September meeting to discuss the impact of digital technology on library services. Board members suggested that the Board bring an expert to talk about how digital technology will affect libraries and education in next five years.

**MLB AGM**

The Multitype Library Board Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the MDLP was held on April 3rd. Some Board members attended the AGM and participated in the discussion. Jack provided a brief summary of decisions made at the AGM:

- The partners approved the renewal of all products as proposed by the MDLP committee, with the addition of PressDisplay to the Core Collection (50 simultaneous users).
- The partners also agreed the recommendations to upgrade to Novelist Plus and Novelist K-8 Plus and to transfer the following products to the Supplemental Collection: Index to Canadian Legal Literature, Newscan and Canada Info Desk.
- The partners agreed that there would be a zero percent increase for the 2012/13 partner contribution, and granted seven regional libraries and PNLS a onetime 25% decrease to their MDLP contribution to establish a new base amount for the future.
- The partners agreed to give the Committee the authority to use any uncommitted surplus derived from the MDLP partners’ contributions to fund the program’s growth and development at their own discretion. The Committee was asked to communicate with all partners ahead of time about any purchases.
- The partners approved the proposed MDLP Policy.

There were three resource discovery layer presentations scheduled for the afternoon to help
partners better understand discovery layers and their functions with respect to improving access to library resources. Due to technical problems related to the Webex setup, Serials Solutions agreed to postpone the Summon demonstration to a later date. Nigel Long from OCLC Canada attended the AGM and provided a presentation on WorldCat Local and Ed Roche from EBSCO provided a demo on the EBSCO Discovery Service.

| Multitype Library Board Action Plan | Jack provided an overview of the revised Action Plan, particularly on the sections modified at the Jan 2012 meeting. He asked the Board to review it one more time to finalize the document. The Board indicated that the Action Plan is a live document and should be reviewed periodically. It can be changed when required. At the end of the discussion, Susan brought up an additional issue related to the certification of librarians. The health regions’ application for market supplement for their librarians and library technician positions was denied because librarians and library technicians are not regulated occupations in Canada and these positions are not required to have a professional certificate. A professional certification would help ensure that candidates meet established criteria set out for professional librarianship. This could be beneficial to both libraries and library professionals. Susan asked Board members if Saskatchewan is interested in creating a librarianship certificate and John indicated that public libraries are also very interested in this. Some questions need to be answered such as who will be the governing body and where is the most appropriate place to start looking at this issue? In US there is an Academy of Certified Archivists who set out a series of defined professional standards for member archivists. Archivists can only become certified by meeting educational and experience requirements and passing the archival certification examination. The US Medical Library Association has a similar program called the Academy of Health Information Professionals that issues credential to members. These associations could provide a model for us. Sue will get more information about the MLA credential while Crista agreed to find more | The Multitype Unit will implement the action plan once it’s finalized. |
| **SMDI Update** | Barbara and Jack provided an update of the Saskatchewan Multitype Digital Initiative (SMDI) to the Board.  
Islandora, the open source digital asset management system developed by the University of Prince Edward Island, was successfully installed with the help from Discovery Garden, a company that provides support for Islandora, based on Fedora and Drupal. Two collections (the Saskatchewan War Experience and Postcards) have been copied to Islandora. The next step will be designing the front interface for the test site for end users.  
The University Library is working with several potential partners such as the Western Development Museum to identify collections for the project. The library is also planning to conduct a survey among all stakeholders to identify individual institutions’ interest in and capacity for further engagement.  
The Ministry of Education has provided the University Library, University of Saskatchewan with the final grant amount committed in the agreement signed by both parties.  
There will be a presentation at the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference about the SMDI. The Board would like to invite the University Library to provide a demo at the next Board meeting. |
| **Review of Draft MLB Discussion Paper** | Jack provided the draft discussion paper to the Board. The Board asked to revisit of the purpose of the discussion paper since most of this board was not part of the original discussion. As previously discussed, there will be two versions of the discussion paper: a short briefing-note style paper for the senior government officers and a more detailed in-depth document for stakeholders, potential partners. Both papers will inform and promote the MLB and highlight the value added services provided by libraries, including supports provided to people in the community.  
After reviewing the draft, the Board asked the Multitype Unit to revise the discussion paper to make a two-page version and present it at the next meeting. |
meeting. It should highlight what the Board is doing and its great responsibility to the community. The discussion paper should give a full picture of the multitype system, increasing awareness and visibility of multitype, and promoting what the Board has achieved. It will have a Saskatchewan focus, (i.e. the value libraries provide to Saskatchewan communities, the multitype structure, programs, and achievements). It will also highlight opportunities and threats. The next step will be to develop a pamphlet using this content for future PR campaigns, such as Saskatchewan Libraries Week (Oct 15-21).

During the discussion, it was noted that Industry Canada ended its funding for the Community Access Program (CAP) on March 31, 2012. This federal grant was used to purchase computers and other IT equipment for public Internet access by public libraries. John indicated that the CAP terminals are well used by a cross-section of library patrons including people with low incomes, seniors, job seekers and new immigrants. These computers are well-used. Public libraries have advocated for new federal funding for programs to address the digital divide. The Board would like to look at this issue to determine if there is another sector besides public libraries that is affected by the CAP funding cut.

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The Multitype Unit is in the process of re-designing mylibrary.sk.ca site. Since new Board members are not familiar with this site, the Multitype Unit will prepare a comparison between the Saskatchewan Libraries website and the mylibrary website outlining the purpose, content and targeted audiences for the Board at the next meeting.

The MDLP renewal is underway. The multitype unit is negotiating license agreements with vendors and all partner contribution agreements will be sent out soon, along with the invoice to collect individual contributions.

**Post-Secondary Libraries (Brad/Regan)**
Gillian Nowlan, a liaison librarian at the University of Regina's Dr. John Archer Library was the recipient of the 2012 CLA Emerging Leader Award. This award was created to recognize a CLA member with less
than 5 years’ experience in the library field who demonstrates leadership or active participation in association work.

SIAST Woodland Campus is partnering with Prince Albert John M. Cuelenaere Public Library to lend out popular fiction and non-fiction books. SIAST students and staff are able to borrow public library materials using their SIAST ID. Fifteen percent of the block of books from the public library were circulated in the first two weeks.

U of R Dr. John Archer Library will be selecting the first recipient of its Award for Best Undergraduate Research Project by the end of April. The $1,000 award was established to award a student who submitted an essay demonstrating how he or she used the library’s resources and services for conducting a research project. The library has completed some renovations. A new lab is available on the main floor. The library also created different study zones for library use, including Green Zones for group study and normal volume conversations, Yellow Zones for quiet study and minimal volume conversations, and Red Zones for silent study.

Saskatchewan Library Association (Michael Shires)
The 2012 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference is scheduled for May 4-5 at the Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre. Pre-conference sessions will be held at the University of Regina Library on May 3.

The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) will have a special meeting on Thursday, May 3 to talk about the association’s structure. The SLA Board’s proposed new governance structure will be discussed and voted upon by ballot. All SLA members are invited to attend.

The SLA Annual General Meeting will take place during the conference’s breakfast starting at 8:00 am on Friday, May 4. There will be elections for the eight currently vacant positions:

- President
- Vice-President of Membership
- Vice-President of Promotions
- Treasurer
- Member-at-large (4 positions)

SLA continues to be in a process of renewal after a
period without staff. New Executive Director, Loraine Thompson, and b-Creative (outsourced agency for handling some administration office work) have been working in tandem along with the 2012 Conference Planning Committee since January.

**Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (Karen Basky)**
The Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA) presented its annual brief to Minister Harpauer on March 15th. Areas addressed in the brief were operational funding, staff recruitment and retention, and capital infrastructure. The SLTA had two major proposals in their brief: increase the resource sharing grants to libraries and include public libraries in the government’s capital programs.

At the February meeting, SLTA reviewed its strategic plan and short-term goals. The challenge is providing opportunities for trustees to collaborate and share information. Doing this electronically would be the best method as long as members provide their email addresses. Another challenge is trustee education to ensure that trustees are knowledgeable about their roles. The SLTA Board is researching a Trustee Development Grant and what materials are available and pertinent to trustees on governance and libraries in the 21st century. Training can be done electronically.

The SLTA Executive will meet May 4th and 5th during the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference. The SLTA is sponsoring a session at the Conference called “Social Media for Trustees”.

**Public Libraries (John Murray)**
Cooperation between SIAST and John M. Cuelenaere Public Library on fiction and non-fiction lending went well during their trial.

There is a strong desire in public libraries to build a program similar to the CAP, which was terminated by the federal government this year. Jan Smith from Palliser is coordinating some activities to advocate for new funding. There has been major opposition to the government’s decision to end CAP from public libraries across the country. More than half of public library branches in Saskatchewan were affected by the funding cut. This is an ongoing issue.

Wapiti Regional Library is negotiating with John M. Cuelenaere Public Library on several major issues
with respect to the library services in the region. PLLO provided a grant for mediation.

School Libraries (Carlene Walter)
The Saskatchewan School Library Association Conference will be held on April 20 and information about the inquiry project will be shared. The SLA also asked the SSLA to present the project at the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference.

The SSLA developed a mentorship program where experienced teacher-librarians are invited as mentors to share their knowledge and experience with new teacher-librarians. Each month a set of questions is sent to mentors and mentees for discussion. There are about 50 participants.

Saskatoon Public School Division is partnering with Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) to establish online book clubs in schools. SPL’s outreach librarian is invited to visit every school to provide advice and conduct activities.

The number of teacher librarians in the province continues to decline. Some school divisions do not have a teacher-librarian. As the SSLA is a special council of the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation (STF), it is does not have direct access to the Ministry of Education. The SSLA continues to work with the STF with the intention of improving this communication process.

Saskatchewan School Boards Association (Bert Yakichuk)
There has been a significant change to how schools are funded. This year’s provincial budget eliminated the formula that had been used for many years. Schools are trying to figure out what the impacts will be for them. Four school divisions in the two major urban cities received significantly less funding from the province. Rural schools received more than previous years. The number of schools in each school division and other variables make it impossible to compare one school with another school.

It is difficult for schools to lobby government for more teacher-librarians as it is up to schools to decide their priorities and how to allocate their funding. EAL (English as an Additional Language) is becoming a major issue in large urban centres.
Aboriginal Libraries (Edna)
The Library Services to Saskatchewan Aboriginal People (LSSAP) held its meeting on April 2nd. Edna has been a member of the committee since it was established. She has been employed by Lac La Ronge Indian band for 31 years to maintain all 7 school libraries. She is also working for Senator Myles Venne School Library, one of the 10 school/public libraries in PNLS.

The Aboriginal Family Literacy Nights have been going on for the past 10 years at every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 pm.

The challenges for aboriginal library services are:
- need more aboriginal people trained in the library field;
- low salaries for aboriginal library staff; and,
- additional funding for libraries is needed to provide more aboriginal services.

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Conference will be held on May 24-25 in Regina.

Special Libraries (Pat Kolesar – Southern Saskatchewan)
The Legislative Library is hosting a noon-hour open house for clients in the Legislative Building on April 25. Among the resources and services being promoted at this event are the MDLP core databases.

On May 9, the Legislative Library’s Reading Room will once again host a noon-hour event featuring readings by a number of Saskatchewan Book Award winning authors. This event is open to the public, with a light lunch provided.

The renovations to the Legislative Library’s off-site collection annex in the Walter Scott Building have been completed. The materials that were moved out of the annex during the renovation are now being returned. This process is expected to take until the end of April, after which normal access to materials from the annex will resume.

Special Libraries (Susan Baer – Northern Saskatchewan)
The different health regions may be looking at a cooperative approach to subscribing to one nursing resource. That may have implications for SHIRP and MDLP.
Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region (RQHR) and Regina Public Library are partnering on health information literacy. The training programs are set up at Regina Public Library’s Sunrise Branch.

The application for market supplements for librarian and library technician positions in the health regions was denied.

Saskatchewan Health Library Association will meet on May 11, 2012 in Saskatoon. The Canadian Health Library Association Conference will be held in Saskatoon next year, May 22 - 25, 2013.

Archives (Crista Bradley)
The Archives Week was Feb 5-11, 2012 with events in several cities:
Humboldt – Open house
North Battleford – Mall displays
Regina – Readings
Saskatoon – Readings, Film Night, presence at Heritage Festival
Shaunavon – Outreach coffee parties
LaRonge – Open house

The Saskatchewan Youth Heritage Fairs Program is an annual competition for students in grades 4 to 9 to create a visual presentation on a topic relating to Canadian heritage and culture. In 2008, the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) began presenting a prize at each of the Regional Fairs to students who best use archival or primary sources in the creation of their project. The SCAA also produced Archives in Saskatchewan: A Guide for Youth Heritage Participants: (http://scaa.sk.ca/about_archives/youth_heritage_fairs.html) to promote awareness and understanding of archives. Four short youtube videos were produced for the "The Truth is in There" project to promote archives.

1st Episode - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdL-JEH8sTs
2nd Episode - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9NKxuKFi-M
3rd Episode - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We5uY-ti7sQ
4th Episode - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1MfOz72i4c

In April and May, SCAA volunteers will be
adjudicating for the SCAA award at each of the regional fairs in Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The Council produced a 2012 calendar with images from archives around the province.

As the result of the 2012/13 provincial budget, the Saskatchewan Archives Board lost ten term positions, and is doing a vacancy management practice in relation to an additional 4 permanent FTEs. This has had an immediate impact on SAB’s ability to offer daily reference services, but the Archives Board is exploring options for restoration of hours as soon as possible.

Another SCAA member, the Western Development Museum did not receive an increase to its funding in the recent budget. This impacts the services they are able to provide.

Jeremy Mohr has been hired as the new Manager of the Records Processing Unit at the Saskatchewan Archives Board, effective April 23rd. Jeremy is originally from Saskatchewan. He completed his undergraduate degree at the U of R and his graduate degrees at the University of Western Ontario. His most recent work experience is with the City of Thunder Bay Archives and the Lakehead University Library Archives.

The SCAA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 23rd at Cutknife, SK. The Association of Canadian Archivists 37th Annual Conference will be held in the Yukon from June 7 to June 9. Three Saskatchewan archivists and one librarian will be presenting: "Marketing Gold: Innovative Promotional Initiatives from the Saskatchewan Council of Archives and Archivists."

On May 2, 1935, beer sales in bars and pubs became legal again in Saskatchewan. Archivists will raise a glass to the occasion on May 2, 2012 at 7:30 at Lydia’s Pub in Saskatoon when the Saskatoon members of the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists present “Let’s Go for a Beer,” an evening of free presentations about this province’s brewing and drinking history.

**2012-13 SCAA Workshops**
Social Media: Strategy to Execution
Braden Cannon, Alberta Provincial Archives
Friday June 22nd from 9-5 in North Battleford
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<td>Greg Hill, Canadian Conservation Institute</td>
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