## MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

Present: Susan Baer (Chair), Michael Shires, Brett Waytuck, Crista Bradley, John Murray, Vicki Williamson, Richard Beck, Carlene Walter (PM),
Regrets: Pat Kolesar, Karen Melle, Edna Mirasty
Elgin Bunston, Barbara Bulat, Jack Ma, (Provincial Library Support Staff)

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<td>There was a quick round table of introductions.</td>
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<td>Strategic Planning Exercise</td>
<td>At the May meeting, the Board took ideas generated at the 2013 AGM and refined them to a couple dozen potential action items.</td>
<td>There will be a stakeholder engagement exercise at the AGM.</td>
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<td>At this meeting, the Board placed those items under the appropriate strategic direction and added a small number of additional items to fill in the gaps. The next step was to identify the top two priorities under each strategic direction for the 2014/15 fiscal year.</td>
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<td>Here are the results with check marks beside the highest priority items.</td>
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<td>• Annual multitype sessions or topical workshops at the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference;</td>
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<td>Strategic Direction 2</td>
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learners
- Archives help for institutions (materials handling, inclusion in Saskatchewan Archival Information Network)
- Consortial purchase for on-demand eBooks
- Develop and share training classes / programs
- Single-search capability for all multitype libraries and archives
- Joint outreach projects
- Support staff education, credentialing, and retention for Saskatchewan libraries
- Coordination on training and certification for technicians and support staff
- A shared multi-sector multilingual collection (potentially with partner contributions)
- Investigate the level of interest in a multi-sector, province-wide ILS

**Strategic Direction 3**
- Saskatchewan evidence for outcomes
- Marketing (high quality ads, TV, radio, covering all types of libraries)
- Develop a single location for training information / trainers / materials
- One-province, one-book (or similar)—locations could be tied to SHO exhibits
- Marketing and promotion (paper and web-based)
- Identify and share best-practices for services (provide a space for this)
- Include upcoming training opportunities in board/MDLP communication
- Shared outreach services (immigrants, First Nations, other)
- Share in outreach (e.g. First Nations, immigrant communities)
- Continue working publishers in areas such as digitization; possibly include Saskatchewan Digital Alliance

**Meeting Summary**
The meeting summary was approved with an amendment on page 7.

**Business Arising**
**Continuing Education Certificate (CEC)**
The Board sent a letter to the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) outlining their concerns about the program. For example, the time-based points system could be an issue for some employers who want their employees to put their energy in other areas.

**Timeline of Library Cooperation:**
Michael has been adding events from the late 19th century to the present. The timeline exercise at the 2013 AGM, along with Don Kerr’s book, *A Book in Every Hand* and the SLTA website have provided a tremendous amount of content. [http://www.dipity.com/Sask_Libraries/Sask-Libraries-Cooperation/](http://www.dipity.com/Sask_Libraries/Sask-Libraries-Cooperation/) Michael would like to tie in an article with the 20th anniversary of the *Libraries Co-operation Act*.

The Board will need to have future discussions about keeping the timeline current. Perhaps the Multitype Library Development Unit can take it over. Crista brought up the need to consider preserving the content in case something happens to the Dipity service.

**Access Conference in SK:**
The Board agreed after some discussion that there are not enough resources available at the major institutions in the province to host Access in the near future. The Board’s energy would be better directed to creating a super conference in 2016.

**Royal Society Presentation**
Brett Waytuck and Susan Baer, accompanied by Barbara Bulat and Elgin Bunston, met with the Royal Society of Canada’s Expert Panel on the Status and Future of Canada’s Libraries and Archives at Regina Public Library on November 28, 2013. The discussion focused on the multitype system in Saskatchewan. The input provided by Board members was helpful in preparing for the meeting.

The Multitype Library Development Unit prepared a draft brief in response to the framing questions from the Board’s perspective. The brief will be revised and additional content about each sector will be appended. Board members need to provide the multitype unit with a couple of pages related to their respective sectors.

**Strike a subcommittee for planning a 2016 super conference at the AGM.**

The Multitype Unit will prepare a brief for the Royal Society. Board members agreed to provide 1-2 pages of content to help this process. Please respond by January 28.

**Multitype Unit Report**
There have been some staff changes at PLLO. Elgin Bunston is now Manager of the Multitype Library Development Unit. Gerry Burla, formerly part of the Multitype Unit, has returned to PLLO from the SILS office to become the Provincial Cataloguing Coordinator. Calvin Sadowski has been named Manager of Library Network Development. The Saskatchewan Libraries website was refreshed to match the new logo, but we have had some delays related to the Domain Name Servers.
Saskatchewan History Online (SHO)

Craig Harkema and the project team have been moving files and testing Islandora 7, the latest iteration of the software used for the project. Joel Salt has been testing new viewers and other front end features and usability testing was scheduled for January.

The newspaper project with the Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB) is on schedule for a June, 2014 beta launch. The equipment is in place and staff training was finished in December. The first phase of this project will digitize SAB’s collection of Saskatchewan weekly newspapers from the beginning up until 1917. The launch will feature stories on WWI to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

An agreement has been reached with the Regina Public Library and the City of Regina Archives to included old directories in SHO. They are from the early 1900s during a period when there were no Henderson directories.

The Saskatchewan Digital Alliance (SDA) is planning a face-to-face meeting in late February to discuss SHO’s future after the grant runs out. The University of Saskatchewan is not expected to commit significant resources to the project beyond the grant period. The SDA would like to engage with libraries, archives, and other information providers to find ways to keep SHO growing and fresh over the long-term.

Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP)

The MDLP successfully conducted a survey among participating libraries to compare the Gale and EBSCO product suites to determine which products best meet the program’s needs. The committee is in the process of evaluating the survey results and preparing recommendations for the 2014/15 license renewals.

During the fall of 2013, the MDLP conducted another survey among library end users to determine how well the current MDLP electronic resources rate in terms of importance and satisfaction, with respect to their research, study, and life-long learning. The survey results show that 87% of survey participants are either very satisfied or satisfied with the current library electronic resources.
The Committee has run trials on the following products in this fiscal year (beginning April 2013) Freegal / Freeding, Zinio, Worldbook Academic, Hoopla Digital, Gale Student Resources In Context, Oxford Very Short Introductions and EBSCO LibraryAware (the last one being a tool for promotion). Seven eBooks were added to the Gale Virtual Reference Library, part of the Core Collection Wheatland Regional Library subscribed to the National Film Board’s CAMPUS platform to provide NFB films to its patrons. Regina Public Library and University Library, University of Saskatchewan, renewed their NFB CAMPUS licenses for 2014. As of this year, NFB provides remote access to its films for public libraries.

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<td>SLTA will meet in January 31 and February 2. They will continue discussions on a province-wide campaign to promote public libraries. Trustee development as well as staff development and retention remain priorities. A number of regions represented by SLTA have budgetary concerns. Libraries have challenges in educating patrons on the use of technology.</td>
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**Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) (Michael Shires)**


On December 4 the SLA President and Executive Director hosted a President’s Reception in Regina from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Artisan with about 30 people attendees. Along with previous receptions in North Battleford and Saskatoon, approximately 80 people in total have attended.

The speaker for the Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture at the 2014 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference in Moose Jaw on May 1 will be Barbara Arrowsmith Young. She was diagnosed as having multiple learning disabilities as a child, including writing and reading backwards. Ms. Arrowsmith Young has a Master’s degree in School Psychology.
from the University of Toronto. She founded the Arrowsmith School which can currently identify 19 cognitive areas and has programs to strengthen the functioning of each of these. The program originated in Toronto in 1978 and today is implemented in 38 schools in Canada, the U.S. and Australia. She authored the book, *The Woman Who Changed Her Brain*. As the Director of Arrowsmith School and the Arrowsmith Program since 1978, she continues to develop programs for students with learning disabilities [http://www.barbaraarrowsmithyoung.com](http://www.barbaraarrowsmithyoung.com)

SLA received 10 applications for grants of $250 each for libraries to innovatively promote Freedom to Read Week (February 23 to March 1, 2014). Nearly 400 posters will be sent to public libraries and 100 to special libraries in Saskatchewan.

Elaina St. Onge at Luther College Library won an iPad mini for winning contest to name the electronic newsletter—Slate. A logo will be designed and unveiled in the inaugural issue, scheduled within the next month. SLA members and non members are free to submit library related stories.

Nominations for 2014-16 Board positions will be announced soon: President; Vice President for Membership and Publications; Member at Large (two positions)

The President and SLA representative to the Board will be meeting with PLLO staff on February 3 to discuss the Education Bursary.

SLA is one of the founding members of the Saskatchewan Books Awards (SBA). SBA’s business model is investigating a more sustainable business mode and SLA, in its capacity as a member on SBA’s Advisory Board, is providing assistance.

SLA Board met on January 20 and discussed strategies to promote the Education Institute’s new Continuing Education Certificate (CEC) within Saskatchewan. They will advertise in a forthcoming e-newsletter and plan to use the CEC package for employers (currently under development). SLA will promote CEC at the 2014 conference (bookmarks in tote bag, staff a SLA booth, invite Lou Duggan, incoming Chair of the Education Institute/CEC. He spoke at 2014 Library Association of Alberta Conference.
Survival of the Imagination, published by Couteau Books, compiled the full-text of all Mary Donaldson Memorial Lectures from 1968 to 1992 is out of print. SLA owns the copyright and will investigate digitizing it, as it is an open access book. SLA will explore publishing a sequel that contains lectures after 1992.

Dan Danforth left his position as Executive Director on December 9, 2013. The position is a 1 year contract with a possibility of renewal. http://saskla.ca/news/were-searching-for-a-new-executive-director. Interviews will take place the week of February 3 with a start date ASAP. Former SLA Executive Director Lorraine Thompson started work on January 16, 2014 in a temporary contract capacity until a new Executive Director is hired.

Next SLA Board meeting is March 17 in Regina. The 2014 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference will be May 1-3 in Moose Jaw.

**Public Libraries (John Murray)**
A group of people from Saskatoon Public Library, University of Saskatchewan, SIAST, Regina Public Library, John M. Cuelenaere Public Library, and University of Regina met to discuss their experiences with leisure reading collections.

Public libraries are currently involved with the facilities inventory project that will be used for infrastructure planning.

**Archives (Crista Bradley)**
Canadian Archives Summit: Towards a New Blueprint for Canada's Recorded Memory – January 17, 2014
A Toronto-based event shared via live webcast with 32 regional sites across the country (including Regina & Saskatoon). Over the course of the day, over 640 participants watched the live streaming. The intent was to "provide the Canadian archival community an opportunity to consider its future and envision how Canada's documentary heritage remains a valued part of Canada's knowledge infrastructure." The Summit Programme, Thought Leader papers and the interim report of the Association of Canadian Archivists' Canadian Archival System Taskforce are available at http://archivists.ca/content/canadian-archives-summit. Proceedings will be posted in the coming weeks.
Archives Week – Feb 2-8, 2014  
Several events and exhibits are planned for communities around the province. Please see [www.scaa.sk.ca](http://www.scaa.sk.ca) for more details.

Youth Heritage Fairs – April & May 2014  
The Saskatchewan Council for Archives & Archivists will be presenting prizes at the various fairs again this year.

Initiatives  
The Saskatchewan Council for Archives & Archivists (SCAA) is completing preliminary work on a book featuring “unforgettable” materials in Saskatchewan’s archives. Stay tuned!

Jane Dalley, a Manitoba conservator (and individual members of the SCAA) has started importing Conservation Resources International products for use in Canadian institutions. Products and pricelists available at [http://www.dfhcs.com/supplies/index.php](http://www.dfhcs.com/supplies/index.php)

Challenges  
The archival community continues to adjust to the reality of post-National Archival Development Program (NADP) funding. This program funded a significant number of special projects in archives over the years (processing, digitization, outreach, etc.) and no comparable funding stream has replaced it.

John Yewman and K.B. Sterling, two long-time Saskatchewan archivists, recently passed away.

James Holobetz is the new Digital Collections Administrator at the University of Regina. He replaces Donald Johnson who moved to a position at the Saskatchewan Archives Board.

Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) Workshop: Modern Information Carriers  
March 26, 2014 - Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, Yorkton, SK  
Co-sponsored by the SCAA and the Museums Association of Saskatchewan. The workshop will discuss the conservation of modern information recording media like optical discs (like CDs and DVDs), magnetic discs (like floppy disks and computer hard drives), and magnetic tape (like VHS and audio tapes). It covers storage and handling, agents of deterioration, remedies, and ways to make media last longer.
Association of Canadian Archivists Conference 2015
The bid to host ACA 2015 in Regina was successful. It will be held June 11-13 at the Hotel Saskatchewan.

**Post-Secondary Libraries (Vicki Williamson)**
There are continuing economic challenges for the sector. The task force reviewing spending at the University of Saskatchewan has decided that no cuts to library programming are necessary. The University Library, University of Saskatchewan, has created a three-year aboriginal internship program that will offer 20 hours per week of employment in the library, along with paid tuition for an ALA-accredited master’s program. There is an expectation that the candidate will remain with the library for a period of time upon completion of the internship.

The University of Saskatchewan has completed their ILS upgrade to Sierra.

Vicki Williamson is part of the American Library Association’s Committee on Accreditation. They are developing new standards for library and for library and information studies. Information is available on the ALA website.

The new 8Rs study is progressing well and there will be an update at the Canadian Library Association Conference in May in Victoria.

**School Libraries (Carlene Walter)**
Zinio magazines and Saskatchewan History Online are popular with teacher librarians.

Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA) has received a grant from the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation to create a collaborative initiative devoted to fostering personal learning pathways and leveraging the potential for mastering digital age skills embodied in the ISTE Standards and Saskatchewan’s Technology in Education. The initiative is a self-directed professional learning opportunity in which participants earn digital badges through learning about technology tools and applications, and then apply the learning purposefully to teaching practices in order to deepen student understanding of learning outcomes.

The Ministry has expressed interest in partnering in this initiative. Continued discussions will need to
occur.

Data taken from educators who completed the 2012 - 2013 Electronic Educator Profile, who were employed by the 28 publicly funded school divisions, indicates that there were 158.8 teacher-librarians in the province of Saskatchewan. Please note that this position is no longer an option through the Electronic Educator Profile. This information is now captured through their Teaching Assignments at a school.

SSLA is concerned by the reduced number of school librarians. Many schools do not have a teacher-librarian or the teacher-librarian is provided an inadequate amount of time to execute a quality program. The employed teacher-librarians often have no formal library training.

Online Learning Event - Google Drive Across the Curriculum - February 3rd

SSLA’s annual conference “Curators of Knowledge: Planning for Technology Infused Learning” will feature keynote speaker, Naomi Harm, on April 11, 2014.

**Special Libraries (Susan Baer Special Libraries)**
The Saskatchewan Online Library for Health Professionals (SHIRP) is evaluating the potential for province-wide access to some resources for health practitioners. Lexi-Comp would link patron records with drug and other clinical information. The other product under consideration is Dynamed, a clinical reference tool based on evidence gathered from reviews of current literature.

The Saskatoon Health Region is adding its records to the Voyager Integrated Library System as part of the RegLIN consortium.

SHIRP is considering creating a new portal to access its resources.

**Wrap up**

Next meeting: April 3, 2014 in conjunction with the AGM.

**Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.