The Multitype Library Board held its first meeting on March 30 and 31, 1999 at the Provincial Library in Regina.

The purpose of the Multitype Library Board is to facilitate the cooperative development of the multitype library system in Saskatchewan. It provides a forum for appointed representatives of all library sectors in Saskatchewan to meet and discuss ways in which the library sectors can cooperate. The Multitype Library Board was established through *The Libraries Cooperation Act*, passed in 1996. Members of the first Board were appointed in 1998.

In attendance at the two-day meeting were all Multitype Board Members -- Merrilee Rasmussen, Chair, Jeff Barber, Darlene Fichter, Michael Keaschuk, Valerie Laliberte, Janet Merkosky, Ernie Pappas, Beverly Scarrow, Hélène Stewart, Colleen Warren, and Maureen Woods.

Marilyn Jenkins and Melissa Bennett, Provincial Library Support Team

Susan Neden, Facilitator

Board Members created a Board Operations Agreement which outlines how the Board will operate. This agreement includes board roles, board responsibilities, board culture, board communication, and board decision-making.

Board Members identified the major areas in which it will undertake work in the coming year. Major areas which will be explored are:

- Prepare a backgrounder on multitype library systems in other jurisdictions.
- Research and develop strategies for cooperation on a province-wide document delivery system for electronic materials.
- Prepare a backgrounder on cooperatively acquiring a province-wide Gateway system.
- Determine the role of the Multitype Library Board regarding a province-wide sustainability strategy.
- Investigate a mechanism for the Multitype Board to handle funds.
- Develop new approaches for province-wide database licensing projects.
- Research and develop strategies for cooperation on implementing a universal library card for Saskatchewan.
- Research and develop strategies for cooperation on a province-wide delivery system for print materials.
Investigate the practice of charging for inter-library loans and determine if there is potential cooperative solutions.

Research and develop draft model agreements.

X Board Members set the meeting dates for the rest of the year and anticipated activities and agenda items for these meetings.

X The next meeting of the Multitype Library Board will be May 31 - June 1, 1999.