The second meeting of the Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board was held on May 31 and June 1, 1999 at the Provincial Library in Regina.

The meeting began with a roundtable discussion. Board Members provided sector updates, focusing particularly on activities that have multitype potential and issues that concern multitype library development. The Board also received a presentation on multitype library cooperation in other jurisdictions.

Two guests -- Isabelle Butters, President of the Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association, and Ken Vaughan, President of the Saskatchewan Library Association -- gave a presentation on the Internet Sustainability Strategy developed by the Saskatchewan Sustainability Steering Committee. The strategy focuses on developing sustainable Internet access in public libraries. In response to the presentation, the Board moved, seconded and carried unanimously, the following resolution:

WHEREAS access to information is a democratic right of all people in Saskatchewan;
and
WHEREAS a “connected” public library system is required for effective delivery of multitype initiatives;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board supports the efforts of the Saskatchewan Sustainability Steering Committee by endorsing the Discussion Paper the Committee has developed.

The Board also received a presentation on electronic document delivery systems. Board members see potential for multitype cooperation on this issue. They will be conducting research to identify the types of electronic document delivery systems that a) Saskatchewan libraries are currently using, b) Saskatchewan libraries might want to access in the future; and c) are possible for group purchases. Board members agreed to work together on a survey to glean this data.

A presentation on Seamless Access and Electronic Library Gateways was also provided. The presentation included an overview of the issues and a discussion of a current initiative underway for Saskatchewan’s public libraries to acquire a Gateway system. The Board concluded that there is potential for multitype involvement in a gateway purchase. Therefore, the Board resolved to make an official request to the public library directors that they make room at the Gateway evaluation table for observers from other sectors.

The next meeting of the Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board will be held on September 27-28, 1999.
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