The Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board met February 5-6, 2001 and March 19, 2001 in Regina.

Four new members have joined the Board:

**David Fox**, Head of Information Technology Services at the University of Saskatchewan Libraries, replaces Darlene Fichter as the representative for academic libraries.

**Bob Foley**, Director of University of Regina Libraries, replaces Colleen Warren as representative for directors of academic libraries.

**Audrey Mark**, Director of Pahkisimon Nuye?áh Library System, replaces Michael Keaschuk as representative for public library directors.

**Brenda Kondra**, School Trustee, replaces Alice Risling as representative for the Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association.

Board members revised the 2001/02 and 2002/03 Multitype Library Board Business Plan.

Education and Awareness will be a priority including:
- Educational sessions on multitype at the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) Conference, April 19-21, 2001; and
- A Multitype Promotion Committee will look at new ways of promoting Saskatchewan libraries.

Library succession planning and staff recruitment are a concern for the Board. It will propose:
- A resolution at the SLA Annual Meeting to establish a library science bursary; and
- A meeting with the Minister of Post-secondary Education & Skills Training to discuss issues including establishing a library science bursary program.

The Board plans to take Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training to better understand library services in the context of aboriginal people's needs.

Economic & Cooperative Development's Information Technology Office has briefed the Board about an Information Management Framework for the provincial government. Libraries play a key role in the Framework, particularly in the areas of data integrity, information delivery and information preservation. The ITO will continue to work with the Board to ensure library participation in the information management process.

Multitype Database Licensing--an ongoing program of province-wide library subscriptions to online journal databases--continues to be successful. All library sectors are participating. Database subscriptions include: Infotrac's General Reference, Health Reference, Business Index, Expanded Academic, CPIQ, Kids Edition, Student Edition; and Micromedia’s Canadian Business and Current Affairs, CBCA Fulltext Education, Repere, Index to Canadian Legal Literature, Associations Canada, and Directory of Libraries in Canada.

Goals for database licensing in the upcoming year are to develop home access to the databases, evaluate new products, develop standards for participation, and resolve usability issues.

The Board will be proposing meetings with the Ministers responsible for the following issues:
- Library staffing in school libraries;
- CommunityNet;
- Seamless access to information; and
- Libraries' benefit to rural communities.

The library community is invited to submit any other additional topics for discussion with Cabinet Ministers.

Public libraries are launching a Gateway in April that provides "one-stop" searching of all public library catalogues in Saskatchewan. There may be potential for other types of libraries to also become involved.

Multitype meetings for the upcoming fiscal year are:

The Board welcomes input from interested stakeholders in all library sectors.

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