The Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board (MLB) met November 22, 2002 in Regina.

**February 27, 2003: Multitype Library Board AGM**

Thursday, February 27, 2003 is the date for the first Multitype Library Board Annual General Meeting (AGM). It will be held in Saskatoon, at Wanuskewin, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will be open to anyone in the library, archives, and information fields.

Morning sessions will offer background information about the concept of multitype and activities of MLB to date. People attending will be asked for their viewpoints on the future of multitype co-operation, including ideas for future projects and activities.

Afternoon sessions will focus on upcoming strategies for the Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP). Libraries participating in MDLP are encouraged to attend and find out about exciting developments in this program!

Attendance is free, lunch is provided, and there will be door prizes! An agenda will be forthcoming.

RSVP to Provincial Library at 787-2976 before February 20th.

**Appreciation Expressed to Board Members**

Several board members will complete their terms this month:

Janet Merkosky (school libraries)
Sharon Doepker (special libraries)
Valerie Laliberte (northern and native residents)
David Fox (post-secondary education libraries)
Bob Foley (post-secondary education libraries)
Audrey Mark (public libraries)
Brenda Kondra (school library sector)

Their commitment to the library community and the people of Saskatchewan has been demonstrated through their years of service on the board.

An updated board list will be announced when new board appointments are made.

**Interlibrary Loan Software Opportunity**

The public library sector and the Provincial Library have invited other libraries and information providers in Saskatchewan to use a new software system purchased for province-wide interlibrary loans.

The software system, Resource Sharing System (RSS) from epixtech, enables libraries to manage interlibrary loan requests – as a borrowing library and as a lending library. It will also enable library clients/patrons to initiate their own interlibrary loan requests.

RSS has been purchased for province-wide use in Saskatchewan. Provincial Library is in the process of installing it for the public library system. It is interested in sharing the software with other libraries in the province that may be interested.

Interested libraries may contact Marie Sakon, Provincial Library, 306-787-2978.

**Report on Public Relations**

The Public Relations Committee of MLB has completed its assessment of public relations issues facing the Saskatchewan library community.

The report identifies three major areas of need: promotion, staff recruitment, and staff retention. Five recommendations are proposed to start addressing these issues.

The board will review the report and its recommendations at its next meeting.

The next meeting of the Multitype Board will be held April 3-4, 2003 in Regina.

Information on MLB is available at www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype/
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