The Multitype Library Board met in Saskatoon on February 9, 2005. The Multitype Library Board Annual General Meeting was held at Wanuskewin Heritage Park on February 10, 2005.

**Action Plan for 2005/06**

The Board began their planning for the upcoming year by discussing the long-term strategic plan in relation to their one-year action plan. The discussion was focused on ways to develop the multitype system and researching and documenting issues facing partners in the multitype system. Some suggestions for developing the multitype system include engaging archives, museums and other organizations to generate excitement and enthusiasm for digitization projects. The planning for 2005/06 will continue at the May board meeting.

**Discussion Paper: Saskatchewan Libraries Working Together**

The Board continued their review of their discussion paper: Saskatchewan Libraries Working Together. Sections on how libraries contribute to youth and health were added to the paper. The Board asked the Annual General Meeting participants to discuss the issues in the Discussion Paper and to report what they felt were the most important issues. Many thought that the issues: Perception that the Internet replaces libraries and Support for school libraries, were related. These issues were also consistently in the top two issues of most of the participants. The issue of Tax exemptions for libraries’ electronic subscriptions, was also deemed an important issue to pursue. The discussion paper will be reviewed to see how it fits with the Board’s action plan for the coming year.

**Joint Meeting between the Multitype Library Board and the Multitype Database Licensing Committee (MDLP)**

The MLB and the MDLP met to continue a discussion that began at a meeting in 2004 about communication and decision-making, future directions/growth of the program, and roles and accountability. This year, the discussion focused on future directions and training and awareness. The group discussed the possibility of purchasing sector specific/subject specific database and possible ways to accomplish this. Capacity is an issue at Provincial Library, so the group was asked to think about other possible options. Many possibilities were suggested. They are listed in the minutes for the February 9 meeting. Training and awareness of the databases continues to be an issue in all sectors except the post secondary education sector.

**Multitype Library Board AGM**

The morning of the Multitype Library Board AGM was focused on Board activities and accomplishments over 2004/05. There was also a discussion about the importance of board/sector communication. Eleanor Acorn, spoke to the group about creating a local multitype library system, such as the Prince Albert Libraries group. A manual on how to create such a group in any community was presented to the meeting. Next, Mark Vajčner, University of Regina archivist, gave a presentation on digitization in the archives community. The morning ended with a presentation about the connections between library web sites and the e-library services and the Saskatchewan Libraries web site. All three presentations and the multitype library system local manual are available on the Saskatchewan Libraries web site.

The afternoon of the AGM focused on the Multitype Database Licensing Program. Their 2004 Annual Report, which provided the highlights of the program from 2004, as well as future directions and strategies, was presented. The Statement of Financial Activities for 2004/05 and the purchasing strategy for 2005/06 were also presented at the meeting. The report is available on the Saskatchewan Libraries web site.

Recommendations for 2005/06 were also presented to the group. Participating libraries in the MDLP discussed the recommended new products, the purchasing strategy, and the future directions of the program. The meeting determined its course of actions for the next fiscal year. The group agreed that it was necessary to have a meeting in the fall to develop the strategy for the 2006 database licensing program.

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