The Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board met May 5 – 6, 2005 in Regina.

New Board Chair and Members

Frank Winter, former chair, has resigned his position on the Board. The board expresses deep appreciation to Frank’s commitment and direction as board chair. The board has chosen Carol Shepstone as the new chair and Zenon Zuzak as the new vice chair. Barbara McNeil (representing schools), Zenon Zuzak (representing public libraries), Mark Vajčner (representing archives), and Dianne Pammett (representing special libraries) were welcomed to their first Board meeting.

Promotion Campaign

All Saskatchewan libraries are invited to participate in the province-wide “libraries. online.” campaign to be launched this September. The campaign was a result of the Multitype Library Board’s strategic plan and was designed by a committee with representation from all types of libraries. There will be an official six-week launch of the campaign starting in September and leading up to a promotion blitz during Saskatchewan Library Week (October 17-23, 2005). Following this period, “libraries. online.” promotional tools will continue to be available to libraries to promote their online services.

A campaign planning package has been sent to Saskatchewan libraries, including all Database Licensing partner libraries. The package gives more information about the campaign and how to get involved, including signing up to receive promotional products available (posters, bookmarks, magnets, tattoos, and book bags). For more information about the campaign, check out the Staff Tools section of the Campaign web page at www.mylibrary.sk.ca or contact Amy Rankin, campaign co-ordinator, at 306-787-3953.

Digitization Inventory

Library science student, Tanya Rogoschewsky, is working at Provincial Library this summer to conduct a Digitization Inventory for the Multitype Library Board. Tanya is phoning all types of libraries, archives and museums to identify the current level and nature of digitization activity in these institutions. She will also look at digitization capacity and priorities, as well as related issues. A report with recommendations is expected by September.

September 29th General Meeting Notice

A Multitype General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29th at the Eco-Centre near Craik, Saskatchewan. It will focus on the Database Licensing Program: reviewing current process and direction, and planning strategy for next year. Multitype partners requested this meeting at the February AGM. An agenda will be distributed to Multitype partners and posted on the Saskatchewan Libraries web site (www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype).

Discussion Paper: Saskatchewan Libraries Working Together

The Board is looking forward to releasing a revised discussion paper in the fall. The paper addresses key issues for multitype partners including: the perception that the internet replaces libraries; the PST being applied to libraries electronic subscriptions; and the need for teacher-librarians in school libraries.

Participation in Learning Committees

Board members Barbara McNeil and Carol Shepstone are representing multitype on Learning sector committees. Carol serves on the Learning Sector Strategic Planning Committee and Barbara will be serving on the Saskatchewan Learning Exchange Steering Committee.

New Secretariat Staff and Structure

The Multitype Library Development Unit at the Provincial Library branch, Saskatchewan Learning, provides secretariat support to the Board. Staff are: Melissa Bennett (manager, recently returned from maternity leave); Amy Rankin, Jack Ma, Karen Der, and Tanya Rogoschewsky (summer student).

The next meeting of the Multitype Library Board will be held September 30, 2005 in Regina.

Information on MLB is available at www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype/ Or contact the board’s secretariat: Provincial Library, 8-1945 Hamilton Street Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3V7 306-787-2355 mbennett@library.gov.sk.ca