The **Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board (MLB)** met September 30, 2005 in Regina.

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

The MLB and the MDLP met to discuss the results of the MDLP General meeting of the day before. The discussion focused on the recommendations from the General meeting, which surfaced from the discussions about: the history of MDLP, a review of the annual process cycle, and a review of the current contribution method of the MDLP. Before making a decision on how to proceed with any changes to the MDLP contribution method, the Board has requested for the sectors to discuss their needs and report back to the Board. The MDLP is moving forward with incorporating the changes to the annual process cycle, which includes:

- A February Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a late August General Meeting. The February AGM remains the time to make product purchasing and financial contribution decisions. Partner libraries will also brainstorm products for the following year. At the August General Meeting, the committee will present information about potential purchases including ballpark costs to partner libraries to help them prepare for the decision-making process at the February AGM.
- Two stages of testing for new products: an initial screening by library staff to happen in April and a second round of testing to happen in the fall.

The MDLP committee is also investigating the three options requested by the General Meeting to take forward at the February AGM. The three options requested were: Status Quo with possible increase from vendors; Review current package to drop off one or more products to reduce the cost; and Add new products to the list according to the September 2005 general meeting.

The Board will receive an update on the progress of the MDLP at their November Board meeting.

**Multitype Library Board Annual Report**

The annual report was tabled in the Legislature in July. Copies were distributed at the General Meeting on September 29, 2005.

**Board Appointments**

Frank Winter and Dianne Pammett have both resigned their positions on the Board. The board member appointment process is currently underway.

**Working Together: Saskatchewan Libraries and Other Information Providers**

The Board finalized revisions to their discussion paper, *Working Together: Saskatchewan Libraries and Other Information Providers*. The discussion paper will be sent to the Minister of Learning, followed by a wider distribution.

**Digitization**

The Board reviewed the report: *Digitization in Saskatchewan and Critical Issues in its Continuing Development*, which was prepared for the Board by Tanya Rogoschewsky as a result of the digitization inventory project. The report will be distributed to the Minister of Learning, Library and Archives Canada and to those who participated in the survey. The report will also be made available on the Saskatchewan Libraries web site.

**Promotion during Library Week**

The Promotion Implementation Working Group partnered with both Saskatchewan Library Week and Saskatchewan Education Week to promote Saskatchewan's online library services. Events included the official launch of Saskatchewan Library Week, the launch of the Saskatchewan Libraries Gateway, the launch of the Encyclopedia Britannica, among others. There was good media coverage of both Library Week and Education Week events this year.

**Multitype Library Development Unit Staff Changes**

Melissa Bennett, formerly Manager, Multitype Library Development, is now Director of Library Policy and Administration. Amy Rankin is currently Acting Manager of Multitype Library Development. Karen Der are Jack Ma are also with the unit.

Information on MLB is available at [www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype/](http://www.lib.sk.ca/staff/multitype/)

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