The Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board (MLB) held its most recent meeting on January 12, 2012 in Regina.

**Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary**

Charlene Sorensen provided a brief report to the Board about the recipient of the Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary. The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) Education Bursary Committee selected Justina Datta as the recipient of the 2011 award.

**2nd LAC Consultation Meeting**

In November 2011, the Board was invited to attend the latest Library and Archives Canada (LAC) stakeholders’ Pan-Canadian Documentary Heritage Forum. Again, Susan Baer attended this forum on behalf of the Board on Nov 23-24, 2011 in Ottawa.

**MLIS Online Education**

John Murray provided a report on the MLIS subcommittee’s activities to the Board. The subcommittee had a meeting in December 2011 to discuss online MLIS programs. They discussed the University of Western Ontario’s program, but discovered that it will not be available until 2013.

The subcommittee discussed the online MLIS program proposal developed by the University of Alberta’s School of Library and Information Science. The Board agreed to write a letter to Ernie Ingles, Director of the University of Alberta’s School of Library and Information Science program to express its interest in continued discussions about the program.

John also contacted Dr. Ken Haycock, former director of the School of Library and Information Science at San José State University, to gather updates about that school’s online MLIS program.

**Meeting with Saskatchewan Publishers Group**

The Multitype Library Development Unit provided an update on the Saskatchewan Multitype Digitization Initiative (SMDI). The University Library, University of Saskatchewan, submitted the project plan to the Ministry of Education before the end of December 2011. This was the result of an extended planning process by the University Library and the Saskatchewan Digital Alliance (SDA).

**Review of Draft Action Plan**

Jack provided the draft of the Multitype Library Board’s Key Actions, including those prioritized goals and actions identified at the September 2011 Board meeting. Its emphasis was to enhance existing partnerships.

**Next Meetings**

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Regina.

Information on MLB is available at [http://www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board](http://www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board)

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The Saskatchewan Publishers Group (SPG) was invited to meet with the MLB to share information on Saskatchewan eBook development and to explore potential collaboration opportunities with libraries.

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