The Board held its most recent meeting on January 21, 2014 at SIAST, Wascana Campus.

**Annual General Meeting**
The 2014 AGM will be held in Regina at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, Agra Torchinsky Salon.  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
The AGM is an opportunity for the community to come together to chart future directions for cooperation among the sectors. The MDLP partners will also agree on contribution levels for next year.

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**Strategic Planning**
The Board engaged in some strategic planning discussions. After reflecting on the current state of libraries and archives, the Board began an exercise to organize action items identified at the 2013 AGM to fit under the strategic directions from the existing strategic plan. The Board will consult with the broader community at the 2014 AGM to discuss priority actions for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and do some visioning. Top priorities identified:

- Social media strategy and redesigned website for communication
- Broadening the SHO project
- Content producing with more partners
- Return on Investment and outcomes and evidence
- Saskatchewan evidence for outcomes
- Marketing (high quality ads, TV, radio)


**Sector Highlights**

**Academic**
The University of Saskatchewan has created a three-year University Aboriginal Internship Program that will offer a part-time salaried position (approximately 20 hours per week), undertaking various duties within the University Library including research and relevant project work. It will include tuition paid for an online Master’s degree program and mentorship by selected librarians and library employees. For more information, follow the link embedded above.

**Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA)**
*Survival of the Imagination: The Mary Donaldson Memorial Lectures*, published by Couteau Books, is a full-text compilation of all the Mary Donaldson Memorial Lectures from 1968 to 1992. It is out of print, but SLA owns the copyright and will investigate digitizing it. SLA will also explore...
publishing a sequel that contains lectures since 1992.

Archives
There is a workshop on March 26, 2014 at the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery in Yorkton, Co-sponsored by the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) and the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS). The workshop will discuss the conservation, storage and handling of modern information recording media like optical discs (like CDs and DVDs), magnetic discs (like floppy disks and computer hard drives), and magnetic tape (like VHS and audio tapes). Archives week is Feb 2-8, 2014. For details, see the SCAA.

Public Libraries
The Ministry of Education is working with public libraries to develop a facilities inventory tool that will assist them with infrastructure planning. This information gathered will be used to answer the following questions:
Do libraries require improvements and/or upgrades?
Are libraries meeting environmental and accessibility standards?
What are some of the challenges libraries face with regards to facilities and space?
Do libraries have facilities plans and capital funds?

Special Libraries
The Saskatchewan Online Library for Health Professionals (SHIRP) is evaluating the potential for province-wide access to some resources for health practitioners. Lexi-Comp would link patron records with drug and other clinical information. The other product under consideration is Dynamed, a clinical reference tool based on evidence gathered from reviews of the most current literature.

School Libraries
The Saskatchewan School Library Association’s annual conference will be titled “Curators of Knowledge: Planning for Technology Infused Learning” and it will be held on April 11, in Saskatoon. There will be a keynote presentation and interactive workshop with Naomi Harm. For more information, see the SCLA website.

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Saskatchewan History Online (SHO)
Saskatchewan History Online continues to progress and add content. The next exciting addition will be the newspaper project with the Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB). It is on schedule for a June, 2014 beta launch. The equipment is in place and staff training was completed in December. The first phase of this project will digitize SAB’s collection of Saskatchewan weekly newspapers from the beginning up until after WWI. The launch will feature stories commemorating the 100th anniversary of WWI.

MDLP Surveys
The Multitype Database Licensing Program successfully conducted a survey among participating libraries to compare the Gale and EBSCO product suites to determine which products best meet the program’s needs. The committee is in the process of evaluating the survey results and preparing recommendations for the 2014/15 license renewals at the 2014 Multitype AGM.

During the fall of 2013, the MDLP conducted another survey among library end users to determine how well the current MDLP electronic resources rate in terms of importance and satisfaction, with respect to their research, study, and life-long learning needs. The survey results show that 87% of survey participants are either very satisfied or satisfied with the current library electronic resources.

Communications
Provincial Library and Literacy Office is currently developing communication plans for the Board and its programs, drawing on ideas generated from the stakeholder consultation at the 2013 AGM.
Continuing Education Certification Program
The Board supports the Continuing Education Certification Program (CEC) developed by The Partnership of provincial and territorial library associations of Canada. However, they made some recommendations to the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) about ways that the program could be made more appealing to employers and more valuable to participants.

Royal Society Consultation
Provincial Librarian, Brett Waytuck, and Board Chair, Susan Baer, met with members of the Royal Society of Canada’s expert panel on “The Status and Future of Canada’s Libraries and Archives” on November 28, 2013 at Regina Public Library. All of the Royal Society’s consultation in Saskatchewan occurred that day. The panelists were very interested in cooperation among institutions in Saskatchewan. The Board is working on a brief for the panel that in response to their framing questions from a multitype perspective and it will also include information about the individual sectors.

Next Meetings
The next Multitype Library Board meeting will be on April 3, 2014, in conjunction with the AGM to be held on April 2.

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