**What’s new at the Multitype Library Board?**

**Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board (MLB)**
The MLB held its most recent meeting on May 28, 2013 at the University of Regina.

**New and Outgoing Board Members**
The following outgoing Board members have left the Board and we thank them for their contributions to the development of library co-operation in Saskatchewan: Karen Basky, representing the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association; Bert Yakichuk, representing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association; and Brad Doerksen, representing post-secondary library directors.

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The Board warmly welcomes three new members: Richard Beck, representing the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association, Karen Melle representing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and Dr. Vicki Williamson, Dean of the University of Saskatchewan Library, representing directors of post-secondary libraries.

**Communication**
The Board is excited to share their refreshed logo with the community. The logo was simplified and the colours were updated, though the basic design remains consistent with the original logo. The Board also approved a new electronic brochure.

Stakeholders provided feedback regarding communication at the AGM in April and the Board took some time to prioritize these ideas in terms of “easy wins” and longer term activities. There will be 3-4 MLB newsletters each year to keep the community informed about Board activities. Other key ideas include using social media to connect with stakeholders, holding Board meetings in different locations to meet with various stakeholders and implementing a number of suggested improvements / additional information for the website.

**MDLP**
At the Multitype Library Board’s AGM, the partners agreed to renew all the products in the Core Collection and increase their overall contributions by 1 percent. Two new products have been added to the Public Library Suite: Ancestry Library Edition and Consumer Reports. Freegal Music and Zinio are under consideration as possible additions to the Public Library Suite. The MDLP Committee is planning to review the Core Collection this fall.

**Saskatchewan Libraries Conference**
There were four multitype sessions at the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference this year. Two were preconference sessions, Multitype Library Database Licensing Vendor Training and Digitizing Saskatchewan: Creating Accessible Online Content. Elgin Bunston presented two multitype sessions, beginning with a general background on the Multitype Library Board and library co-operation in Saskatchewan, followed by breakout discussions focused on the question, “What new or emerging opportunities exist for cooperation within our library community?” The feedback from those sessions was recorded and will help inform the Board’s strategic planning for the upcoming year. The Saskatchewan Library Association thanked the...
Board and PLLO for their sponsorship.

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Review of AGM Action Items
The Board began the process of prioritizing short, medium and long-term actions identified at the AGM and in the conference sessions. Some of the ideas discussed include marketing and promotion of libraries and multitype programs and working on an interactive timeline of library co-operation milestones in Saskatchewan (following up with the timeline activity at the AGM).

Over the longer term, the Board will work with sector partners on further library integration, such as a single library card for all libraries, integrated library systems across sectors and discovery layers. The Board will also work on events to celebrate the Library Co-operation Act’s 20th anniversary in 2016, including a potential Super Conference that brings together all the provincial library associations, as well as other information providers.

Continuing Education Certification Program
The Partnership of provincial and territorial library associations of Canada recently announced their Continuing Education Certification Program (CEC). This program is a personal career development program for library staff focusing on professional development and learning activities. It is administered by the Library Association of Alberta on behalf of The Partnership. The Board is interested in working with the Saskatchewan

Library Association to support the CEC’s adoption in Saskatchewan and will continue to look at certification and professional development options for librarians and library technicians in Saskatchewan.

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Next Meetings
The Multitype Library Board is planning to meet in early fall 2013.

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