What’s new at the Multitype Library Board?

The Board held its most recent meeting on October 8, 2014 at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regina Campus.

**STAFFING CHANGE AT PLLO**
Brett Waytuck, Provincial Librarian and Executive Director of the Provincial Library and Literacy Office, has moved to Student Achievement and Supports Branch as a term Executive Director. He began his new position on October 14, 2014.

Maureen Johns has been appointed Acting Executive Director, Provincial Library and Literacy Office for an initial term of four months, pending the hiring of a term Executive Director/Provincial Librarian. Maureen will also continue with her responsibilities as Director of the Literacy Office.

The position of Provincial Librarian/Executive Director will be posted in the coming months.

**MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR**
As of January 2015, Richard Beck will chair the Multitype Library Board. Richard represents the Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association and has served on the Board for 18 months. The Board would like to thank Michael Shires, Vice-Chair, for chairing the October meeting.

**SLA CONFERENCE: MULTITYPE 20TH ANNIVERSARY (2016)**
Susan Baer and Barbara Bulat will co-chair the conference. The conference will be held in Saskatoon on May 5-7, 2016. Volunteers are invited to please contact Barbara.Bulat@gov.sk.ca.

**LIT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Jennifer Shrubsole will represent the Multitype Library Board on the Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST) Library and Information Technology Program Advisory Committee.

**MDLP USER SURVEY**
The Multitype Database Licensing Program is conducting a 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 is open until December 31st. To complete the survey please visit: http://gos.fluidsurveys.com/s/MDLP2014/.

**E-RESOURCE TRAINING**
Jack Ma and Carlene Walter hosted an electronic resource training session on August 11, 2014 for the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation. Participants included teachers and library technicians. Jack covered a range of relevant features from basic to advanced and highlighted recent changes to MDLP products and the Saskatchewan History Online (SHO) portal. If you are interested in MDLP/SHO training please contact Jack.Ma@gov.sk.ca.

**DIGITIZED NEWSPAPER LAUNCH**
The Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB) is launching their Saskatchewan weekly newspaper digitization project on November 6th. This is a partnership between the SAB and Saskatchewan History Online. The first phase of the project includes papers from WWI.
Sector Highlights

ACADEMIC
In February, SIAST (Saskatchewan Polytechnic), the University of Regina, and the University of Saskatchewan entered into a reciprocal borrowing agreement.

Interim president, Dr. Gordon Barnhart and provost, Ernie Barber, are now in place at the University of Saskatchewan.

The University of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce Ms. Jessica Generoux as the University Library’s inaugural Aboriginal Intern. The internship will commence on October 20, 2014, with online studies for a Masters in Information and Library Science degree from the University at Buffalo.

On September 24, SIAST became Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The new name and new visual identity reflects the goal of polytechnics: diverse education opportunities, including applied degree programs, to meet labour market needs and to equip students for building rewarding careers.

The University of Regina Archives & Special Collections recently completed changes to the online institutional repository, oURspace, to facilitate easier access to content and to give a fresh look to the site. Archives & Special Collections is leading the development and implementation of a university-wide records and information management (RIM) program.

ARCHIVES
Archives Week will be held from February 1-7, 2015.

The City of North Battleford Historic Archives produced a book, Reflections of North Battleford, which has been very warmly received.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SLA)
The SLA Board is hosting member receptions throughout the province on Thursday, November 6, 2014 between 5:00 – 7:00pm. All members are invited and encouraged to bring along interested potential new members. Events locations:
- Regina: Chimney Steak House, 2710 Montague St.
- Saskatoon: Amigos Cantina, 806 Dufferin Ave.
- Prince Albert: Signature 22@Ramada, 3245 2nd Ave.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Digital Fluency Badges provide an exciting professional learning opportunity. Participants earn digital badges while learning about technology tools and applications to apply to teaching practices. Learn more at the SSLA website: http://ssla.ca/Badges

NEXT MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Multitype Library Board will meet February 5, 2015 at the University of Saskatchewan.

Information on MLB is available at www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board
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