What’s new at the Multitype Library Board?

OCTOBER 2015

The Board held its most recent meeting on October 1, 2015 hosted by the University of Saskatchewan Library.

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD NEWS
As of October 2015, Jennifer Shrubsole will chair the Multitype Library Board. Jennifer was appointed to the board 18 months ago and represents post-secondary library employees.

The Board appreciates all of those who participated in the April 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The board is developing new strategic actions based on the feedback generated at the AGM.

STAFFING CHANGE AT PLLO
Alison Hopkins is the newly appointed Provincial Librarian and Executive Director of the Provincial Library and Literacy Office (PLL0). Alison previously held the office of Territorial Librarian working in Hay River, NWT. She started her work in Saskatchewan on August 3, 2015.

TRAINING WEBINARS
PLL0 hosted three webinars in September and October featuring multitype electronic resources:

- Research in Context
- LegalTrac
- Sask History Online

Missed a webinar? Watch the recordings on the Library Toolshed site.

The next webinar will take place on November 26, 2015 at 2:15pm. The webinar will introduce the new MDLP database, Business Collection. This database replaces Business Index ASAP and General Business File ASAP. RSVP regan.gunningham@gov.sk.ca to receive a webinar access link.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) continuing education grants have been revitalized. Two grants were recently approved:

- Category 1: A grant of $500 was given to Sarah Roberts who is taking a course through San José State University,
- Category 2: A grant of $1000 was given to Horizon College and Seminary for hosting “Preserving the Past,” an archives workshop for librarians which will take place on the Horizon campus in Saskatoon on October 30, 2015.

The SLA Board is supporting Happy Hour 2015 receptions in six locations across the province on November 5, 2015 from 5-7 pm. Check the newly refreshed SLA website to find a reception location near you.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
The Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, 2016 will take place in Saskatoon on May 5-7, 2016. The conference theme is Cooperation Saskatchewan Style: 20 Years of Success and it will celebrate 20 years of multitype co-operation. It will involve all library sectors and many related organizations. Please let us know if your sector is not yet involved.

Submit your presentation proposal by November 30, 2015.

If you missed the popular Fundraising for Small Organizations at the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, 2015, you can register for the webinar through the Education Institute (EI). View all of the EI fall offerings in the updated calendar: https://www.thepartnership.ca/web/Documents/Partnership/EI-Calendar-Fall-2015.pdf
SOCIAL MEDIA KIT
The Multitype Library Training and Promotion Committee developed a social media kit to promote multitype e-resources and it can be found on the Library Toolshed.

The toolkit has ready-made tweets, tips on how to create engaging tweets, and hashtags to reuse. The official hashtags of the promotion are #SaskDatabases and #SaskHistory.

POST-SECONDARY LIBRARIES
Colleen Murphy is now the Acting University Librarian at the University of Regina for a one-year period, commencing July 1, 2015.

Brad Doerksen is on a leave of absence from his role as Library Director at Briercrest College through May of 2016. Brad is currently serving as Acting Copyright Officer at the University of Regina.

Peter Stoicheff is the new University of Saskatchewan President and Dr. Vicki Williamson has indicated that she is not seeking a further term as Dean, University Library. The search for a new dean will start this fall.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library welcomed Tasha Maddison as Copyright Consultant Librarian (North) and Erin Langman and Diane Zerr as Reference & Information Services Librarians at the Regina campus.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES
Prince Albert Parkland Health Region (PAPHR) Library will be hosting a book fair for all employees in late October or early November.

Special and post-secondary libraries involved in the RegLIN consortium are working on an initiative to acquire a next generation library system.

The Legislative Library is recruiting a Reference Librarian to replace Cameron McKay who resigned at the end of September to accept a new job.

The R.C.M.P Depot library has welcomed a new professional librarian. Amy Rankin continues to manage the R.C.M.P. Depot library.

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

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Sector Highlights

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
SILS migrated to the Polaris integrated library system as of September 25, 2015. Polaris provides better access to patron and bibliographic data. Patrons can now receive holds and overdue notifications via text message.

Carol Cooley was appointed the Director of Libraries & CEO of Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) on June 1, 2015. Before assuming her new post, Carol was Manager of Adult & Information Services at SPL.

ARCHIVES
The Association of Canadian Archivists’ conference in Regina was a success - 203 individuals were in attendance.

The institution formerly known as the Saskatchewan Archives Board now has a new name, the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan. The Archives also has a new act, The Archives and Public Records Management Act.

The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan has launched a 70th anniversary timeline to commemorate the history of the Provincial Archives from 1945 to the present. It is available on their website at http://www.saskarchives.com/Timeline