The Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board met June 5-6, 2003 in Regina.

New Board Members Welcomed

The Board welcomed new board members:

- Lalita Martfeld, Library Technician, John Dolan Resource Centre, Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (special libraries);
- Frank Winter, Director, University of Saskatchewan Library, (post-secondary education libraries);
- Rian Misfeldt, Program Head, Library Services, SIAST Wascana Campus, (post-secondary education libraries);
- Stephanie Olson, Resource Based Learning Consultant and Teacher-Librarian, Thunder Creek School Division, Lindale School, Moose Jaw (representing school libraries);
- Cheryl Avery, Head, University of Saskatchewan Archives, Saskatoon. Cheryl will assist the Board to build partnerships with the archives community.
- Phyllis Lerat, College Librarian, First Nations University of Canada, Regina. Phyllis will assist the Board to build partnerships to enhance library services for Aboriginal people.

Brenda Kondra, Saskatchewan School Trustees Association, Yorkton (school libraries) and Audrey Mark, Director of Pahkisimon Nuye-ah Library System, La Ronge (public libraries) have been re-appointed to the Board.

Chair and Vice-Chair

Merrilee Rasmussen will continue as board chair until her term expires this fall. Brenda Kondra will serve as vice-chair until the fall.

Strategic Planning

The Board re-visited and updated its strategic directions based on consultations with multitype partners. The strategic directions focus on the four multitype themes: developing, implementing, connecting, and promoting. The Board's new five-year strategic plan will be released this fall.

Public Relations Committee Report

In response to the Multitype Public Relations Committee report, the Board has determined that library promotion will be a key multitype focus this year. The Board will partner with current initiatives to develop a province-wide library promotion campaign. Four board members have volunteered to participate in a campaign steering committee. Other recommendations in the Public Relations Committee report will be addressed in the Board's five-year plan.

Digitization Strategy Proposal

The directors of the six largest libraries in Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Archives Board have submitted a province-wide digitization strategy proposal to the Multitype Library Board. They have asked that the Board consider it for a multitype initiative. Cooperative approaches for creating quality digital information is a high priority for the Board. The Board will review the proposal in September.

Partner Contribution Agreement for Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP)

The Board has approved a partner contribution agreement for MDLP. The agreement defines partner responsibilities and outlines program participation. This is the first time that MDLP partners will have signed agreements with the province. The agreement will be used for the 2003-04 program year. Partners are encouraged to suggest improvements to the agreement based on this year's experiences. The agreement can be revised for the next program year.

Annual Report

The Multitype Library Board Annual Report for 2002-2003 will be published and available in August.

The next meeting of the Multitype Board will be held September 18-19, 2003 in Regina.

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