What’s new at the Multitype Library Board?

FEBRUARY 2016

The Board held its most recent meeting on February 4, 2016 hosted by the Dr. John Archer Library, University of Regina.

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD NEWS
Two new board members were appointed in October 2015.

- Marilyn Belhumeur, represents Aboriginal library services
- Karen Bonesky, represents the Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association

The MLB will host a summit on May 5, 2016 in place of their traditional AGM. The topic is Library Space Transformation and the morning will feature two keynote speakers:

- Patrick Deaton, Associate Director for Learning Spaces and Capital Management at the North Carolina State University Libraries.
- Bill Ptacek, Chief Executive Officer of Calgary Public Library (CPL).

This is a Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, 2016 pre-conference event. If you are interested in attending, please use the conference registration form. There is no cost to attend.

MULTITYPE DATABASE LICENSING PROGRAM (MDLP) AGM
The MLDP AGM will be held on April 18, 2016 from 1:15 – 3:30pm at Regina Crossing Center. The AGM is open to MDLP partner library representatives.

TRAINING WEBINARS
PLLO hosted four webinars between November and February featuring multitype database licensing program (MDLP) resources:

- Business Collection
- Canadian Research Index
- Health and Wellness Reference Center
- Gale Virtual Reference Library

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

SASKATCHEWAN EBOOK INITIATIVE
The Saskatchewan eBook Initiative aims to overcome barriers to eBook digitization and to increase the Saskatchewan content available in the province’s libraries.

The eBooks in this collection are made available to all MDLP partners through library2go (http://www.library2go.sk.ca) as well as in the National Network for Equitable Library Services collection.

The initiative digitized 10 titles between November 2014 and December 2015. The collection includes children’s, young adult and adult fiction and non-fiction titles.

LIBRARY TOOLSHED
The Library Toolshed (http://librarytoolshed.ca), a joint initiative of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan libraries, is a repository for library training, promotion and now programming resources. Keep up-to-date with new and exciting Library Toolshed resources by reading their blog: http://librarytoolshed.ca/toolshed-blog
SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
On January 27, 2016 a Special General Meeting of CLA was held and the CLA membership voted to dissolve the association.

This was the first formal step in establishing a new unified national library advocacy organization. The dissolution follows an extensive process during which CLA worked with a large number of library associations across Canada to develop a proposal for an organization that would unify the diverse library communities across the country in order to advance the interests of libraries - The Canadian Federation of Library Associations.

Instead of a general conference, the Canadian Library Association will hold a national policy summit and convention. The 2016 Canadian Library Association Forum will be July 1-3, 2016 in Ottawa. [http://www.claconference.ca](http://www.claconference.ca)

POST-SECONDARY LIBRARIES
The University of Saskatchewan Library's University Archives and Special Collections created a display about the history of the fight for Indigenous rights in Canada. This display was in honour of the Building Reconciliation conference at the U of S in November, as well as in remembrance of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Vicki Williamson’s second term as Dean of the University Library at the University of Saskatchewan ends on March 31, 2016. She will begin a one-year administrative leave based in Australia while defining and developing the role of U of S Regional Ambassador with a focus on Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Charlene Sorensen will act as Interim Dean.

ARCHIVES
Archives Week in Saskatchewan was February 7-13, 2016. It was celebrated by organizations throughout the province.

The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan has a new logo.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
The Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, 2016 will take place in Saskatoon on May 5-7, 2016 with a spectacular list of presenters.

- Eekwol (Lindsay Knight) is the Mary Donaldson Lecture speaker. She is the Aboriginal arts and community engagement consultant for Saskatchewan Arts Board and a hip-hop emcee.
- Award winning author, Joseph Boyden, is the opening keynote speaker. His work explores and delves into the experiences of Aboriginal peoples, while examining themes of history, race, alienation, culture, and diversity.

Visit the website to register: [http://saskla.ca/programs/conference](http://saskla.ca/programs/conference)

Information on MLB is available at [www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board](http://www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board)

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