What’s new at the Multitype Library Board?

June 2017

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

The Multitype Library Board (MLB) held a teleconference on March 29, 2017 and several Board members also attended the Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP) AGM on May 24, 2017.

The Board has typically held an annual meeting in conjunction with the MDLP AGM. After the provincial budget was released in March, the Board decided to forgo this event. The additional meeting time allowed MDLP partners to consider the current and future state of the program.

MULTITYPE DATABASE LICENSING PROGRAM AGM

MDLP in 2017/18

- The Core Collection will remain status quo. No databases will be added or removed from the Collection.
- Saskatoon Public Library and the Ministry of Government Relations decided to leave the program. As of July 1, 2017, they will no longer have access to the MDLP Core Collection.
- MDLP partners decided to hire an external consultant to perform a review of the MDLP and its operations in 2017/18.
- A steering committee made up of representatives from each library sector will oversee the review process.

Steering Committee Members

- Administrative Organization: University of Regina represented by Colleen Murphy
- Post-Secondary Libraries: Jaclyn McLean & Amy Rankin
- Provincial Library & Literacy Office: Alison Hopkins
- Public Libraries: Jeff Barber & Arwen Rudolph
- School Libraries: Elgin Bunston & Gaetan Hammond
- Special Libraries: Melanie Hodges Neufeld & Nancy Young

The University of Regina agreed to act as an administrative body for the committee. They will post the request for proposal (RFP), hire the consultant and have a seat on the steering committee.

The steering committee, authorized to speak on behalf of their respective sectors, anticipates having an RFP posted by July 31, 2017. Committee representatives will keep their sector informed about the progress of the review.

The consultant will review many aspects of the MDLP including the program structure, financial contribution model, governance structure, program principles, goals, and policies.
CONFERENCES & PUBLICATIONS

Access 2017 Conference
This library technology conference brings together library staff, developers and programmers. It features in-depth analyses, panel discussions, lightning talks, and hackfest.

Access 2017 will be held in Saskatoon from September 27-29, 2017. Early bird registration rates are available until July 1, 2017.

SALT Fall Workshop
The Saskatchewan Association of Library Technicians (SALT) will hold their annual Fall Workshop on September 22, 2017 at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon.

The workshop theme is Libraries and Newcomers to Canada. For more information contact the Workshop Coordinators at sasksalt@gmail.com

SCAA AGM
The SCAA's 2017 AGM will be held at the Swift Current Museum on June 23, 2017. For more information visit the SCAA website.

SCAA Workshop
The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) is holding a workshop on the Care and Handling of Photographic Materials on September 19 and 20, 2017 in Humboldt. Early bird registration rates are available until August 21, 2017.

The Medium
The spring 2017 issue of The Medium, published by the Saskatchewan School Library Association, is now available on their website. This issue features three articles:

- The Impact of School Library Programs on Student Achievement
- Spending The Day With Donalyn Miller
- The Writing Strategies Book by Jennifer Serravallo: A Professional Resource Review

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MILESTONES

Congratulations SALT on your 40th anniversary! Library technicians are vital to the success of Saskatchewan libraries and communities. Here’s to another forty years of “empowering Library Technicians in Saskatchewan.”

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) on 75 years as the voice of Saskatchewan libraries! Here’s to another seventy-five years of building “an engaged library and information community.”

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

As part of the Government of Saskatchewan's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls To Action, the Ministry of Education has been working on supplementing teaching resources to capture the legacy of residential schools. One of these resources is a website entitled, Supporting Reconciliation in Saskatchewan Schools.

This website contains a wealth of information explaining what reconciliation is, the legacy of residential schools, moving forward and professional development materials. All Saskatchewan residents are invited to take advantage of these resources: http://bit.ly/2stHHGh
SLA LOGO UPDATE
SLA has recently undergone a renewal of their mission, governance structure, staffing, programming and services. This revitalization also led to the unveiling of a new logo at the 2017 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference.

SK LIBRARY STAFF DIRECTORY
The Multitype Library Board decided to discontinue the Saskatchewan Library Staff Directory. The Library Directory will remain. You can access the library directory on the Board website.
http://www.libraries.gov.sk.ca/libdirectory.html

LIBRARY TOOLSHED UPDATE
Looking for library resources to celebrate Canada 150? Download the Library Toolshed spring 2017 newsletter. The Library Toolshed is a free repository of library training, promotion, programming and conference materials.

The repository also has a new layout and logo. Check out the new and improved site!

Information on MLB is available at http://sils.sk.ca.campusguides.com/MLB/

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