The Board held a meeting on October 6, 2017 to develop a work plan that will guide them through the next 18 months. They will hold a teleconference on November 14, 2017 to continue their work plan development and discuss the ongoing MDLP Review.

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD NEWS
The Board welcomed two new members in the summer.

- James Hope Howard, Director of the Pahkisimon Nuyeʔáh Library System, represents public library directors.
- Sandra MacArthur represents the Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association.

MULTITYPE DATABASE LICENSING PROGRAM (MDLP)
Jack Ma, longtime MDLP administrator, was recently appointed Accountability & Assessment Officer at Provincial Library and Literacy Office. Regan Gunningham will take over Jack’s duties as MDLP administrator. Please contact her at regan.gunningham@gov.sk.ca or at 306-787-3953.

The MDLP Review Steering Committee selected Praxis Consulting to conduct the review. Praxis recently distributed a survey to MDLP partners and will hold focus groups in November.

ABORIGINAL LIBRARIES
Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) hired Carol Vandale as the new Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Coordinator.

For more information on LSSAP activities visit their website: https://lssap.wordpress.com/

ARCHIVES
The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) hired a project archivist to work with archives throughout the province on expanding their presence on the Saskatchewan Archival Information Network. This new position was made possible by a grant from the Documentary Heritage Communities Program (Library and Archives Canada).

Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan developed learning packages for Grades 4, 8 and 12. The learning packages address current Saskatchewan curriculum requirements and support the development of “historical thinking” concepts. To view all of the topics, visit: http://saskarchives.com/collection/history-youth/archives-classroom/learning-packages
Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan partnered with First Nations University of Canada and the Pasqua First Nation to examine, identify and provide, access, where appropriate, to archival photos of First Nations Communities in Saskatchewan. The Archives has also been reviewing images from its collection currently posted online that may have cultural sensitivity, and is developing policy in that regard.

POST-SECONDARY LIBRARIES
The U of S hosted Access 2017, Canada's premier library technology conference, on September 27-29, 2017. Congratulations to the University of Saskatchewan local organizers (Craig Harkema, Shannon Lucky and Jaclyn McLean) for hosting a wonderful conference.

October 14, 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Dr. John Archer Library. Monthly events and/or displays will be featured over the next year as they celebrate this important milestone.

The University of Regina Student Union (URSU) has provided $10,000 for the Textbooks for All program. The Library will purchase any required textbook at the request of students.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
The U of R Press held a launch for Biblio Files: A History of the Regina Public Library on October 28, 2017. Biblio Files covers the library’s entire history and demonstrates why it is such a beloved and necessary institution.

Saskatoon Public Library won a prestigious ALA award for outstanding library public relations for their Better Than Ever campaign.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has provided an update on LAC's implementation of OCLC's library management services: A new library management system to share Canada's published documentary heritage http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/services/library-system-renewal/Pages/introduction.aspx

The second selection for the Saskatchewan Library Association's (SLA) One Book, One Province project is Amy Jo Ehman's Out of Old Saskatchewan Kitchens. This title will provide extensive options for creative partnerships, activities, and community engagement and will appeal to people of all ages. For more information, visit the SLA website: https://saskla.ca/programs
The Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA) presented its interim report for their FNMI, Treaty and TRC K-12 Resources project at the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation Professional Growth Networks day in September.

The purpose of the project is to create and post a digital curation of quality resources to support FNMI content, Treaty Education, and the ideals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC): Calls to Action.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

WILU Conference: June 6–8, 2018 in Ottawa

The Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU) is an annual Canadian conference where delegates meet to discuss timely topics related to information literacy. The call for proposals is open until November 13, 2017. [http://wilu2018.ca/](http://wilu2018.ca/)

Saskatchewan Libraries Conference and National Meetings: May 1-4, 2018 in Regina

- May 1, 2018 - Canadian Urban Library Council (CULC) and Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) meetings at the University of Regina
- May 2, 2018 – Inaugural CFLA-FCAB National Forum

The Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, 2018 theme is Libraries! Convergence Under Living Skies. This theme speaks to the opportunity for libraries of all types and from many places to work together to identify commonalities, share experiences, build on success and plan together for our shared future. [https://saskla.ca/programs/2018-conference](https://saskla.ca/programs/2018-conference)

Presenter submissions are due by December 1, 2017. [Submit your proposal online](https://saskla.ca/programs/2018-conference).

Information on MLB is available at [http://sils.sk.ca.campusguides.com/MLB/](http://sils.sk.ca.campusguides.com/MLB/)

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