What’s New at the Multitype Library Board?

December 2018

The Board met in person on October 31, 2018 in Saskatoon, and will next meet in Regina on January 15, 2019.

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

The MLB Community Meeting was held on October 30, 2018 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, near Saskatoon, SK. The meeting was themed around the CFLA/FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations (http://cfla-fcab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Truth-and-Reconciliation-Committee-Report-and-Recommendations.pdf).

The MLB extended a formal invitation for the day to include the official Signing Ceremony of the Strategic Alliance between Saskatchewan Public Libraries and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. The signing immediately preceded the Community Meeting.

Speakers included Mary Culbertson, Treaty Commissioner for Saskatchewan, Nancy MacKenzie (RPL), Janna Sampson (SPL), Tim Hutchinson (U of S Archives), Camille Callison (U of Manitoba Library), and Christina Winter (U of R Library). A break-out session in the afternoon allowed participants to explore ways to support indigenization and respond to the CFLA’s report.

Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP)
The MDLP Committee was dissolved after the April AGM and replaced by the MDLP Planning and Development Committee (PDC). The new Committee meets monthly and their two subcommittees also meet on a regular basis to work on their assigned projects. The Committee will continue to review the collection and make policy and financial recommendations to the MDLP partners. The Committee was given the authority to make collection changes rather than just recommendations. The PDC is led by Robin Canham (Saskatchewan Polytechnic).

MLB Website
The Multitype Library Board’s website address has been updated. http://mlb.libguides.com

TRAINING WEBINARS

PLLO hosted webinars featuring multitype electronic resources, including Introduction to the Multitype Database Licensing Program for K-12 Staff, Twayne’s Author and Scribner Writers Series, and Universalis Jr. and Sr. French Encyclopedia.

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

The Library Toolshed is a repository of library training, programming and promotion resources developed by British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan libraries. The Library Toolshed will soon allow libraries to share their policies, beginning in early 2019.

Read the latest Library Toolshed blog/newsletter at https://librarytoolshed.ca/toolshed-blog

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

ABORIGINAL LIBRARIES
The Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) committee had their AGM & Meeting in Regina on September 28, 2018. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2018 in Saskatoon.

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

ARCHIVES
The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan has made the complete run of Saskatchewan History (published between 1948 and 2017) freely available as PDF downloads. The journal, published for almost 70 years, is a rich source of information about the history of Saskatchewan. http://www.saskarchives.com/sask-history-magazine

A French version of the five videos in the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan’s “From the Prairies to the Trenches First World War” video series have been produced in collaboration with Radio-Canada, the University of Regina, and the Société historique de la Saskatchewan. The final chapter of the series was released at an event in November. To view these French videos, visit Radio-Canada’s website. The English language versions of the videos can be viewed on the Provincial Archive’s YouTube channel.


PUBLIC LIBRARIES
In cooperation with the Saskatchewan Committee on Indigenous Library Services (SCILS), the Saskatchewan Public Libraries and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner held a Strategic Alliance Signing Ceremony on the morning of October 30th. All involved are excited to participate in future initiatives geared towards increasing library services available to Indigenous communities.

All of the public library systems either have met or will be meeting with the provincial public library engagement panel, which is comprised of Legislative Secretary Terry Dennis, Provincial Librarian Alison Hopkins, Regina Public Library Director Jeff Barber as the municipal libraries representative, and Wheatland Regional Library Director Kim Hebig as the regional libraries representative.
Parkland Regional Library and Wheatland Regional Library have both held workshops with their staff on access to legal information and the roles that libraries can play in said access, as part of the Saskatchewan Access to Legal Information (SALI) project.

Saskatoon Public Library has hired two social workers to provide embedded outreach services in its Francis Morrison Central Library. Both Outreach Workers began their work at the central SPL branch in September.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) conference committees are hard at work planning the Saskatchewan Libraries conference 2019, May 2-3, 2019 in Saskatoon. The call for program submissions has been distributed. Deadline for online submissions is December 3, 2019. https://saskla.ca/call-for-submissions

The 2019 book for One Book, One Province has been announced - “Just Pretending” by Lisa Bird-Wilson. Lisa is a Métis and nêhiyaw writer, and just won the Saskatchewan Arts Board RMC Emerging Artist Award. “Just Pretending” was a finalist for the national Danuta Gleed Literary Award and won four Saskatchewan Book Awards, including 2014 Book of the Year.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
To mark Saskatchewan Library Week, Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA) sponsored a Teen Essay Contest.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES
School libraries observed Education Week, October 14 – 20, 2018. Education Week coincided with Saskatchewan Library Week making school libraries extra busy places as they hosted book fairs, makerspaces and reading promotions.

October 22, 2018 was Canadian School Library Day. Canadian School Libraries (CSL) is a registered non-profit charitable organization dedicated to professional research and development in the field of the school library learning commons in Canada. CSL encouraged citizens to share their Canadian School Library Day stories with the hashtag #CSLDay2018.

The Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA) is pleased to announce it has launched its K-6 First Nations Metis and Inuit Resources website. SSLA has curated a wealth of quality resources to support FNMI content, Treaty Education, and the ideals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC): Calls to Action 2016.

The resources include books, videos and web posts organized by grade under categories of Treaty Relationships, Historical Context, Spirit and Intent, and Treaty Promises and Provisions. Along with the K-6 resources is a listing of Teacher Resources in print and digital format. Work on the grade 7 – 12 resources continues. SSLA would like to acknowledge the staff at the Office of the Treaty Commissioner whose assistance was invaluable in the creation of the resource list.

The resources can be accessed on the SSLA website with the following link: https://www.ssla.ca/fnmi-resources.html
SPECIAL LIBRARIES
The Law Society Library was greatly involved in Access to Justice Week, October 20 – 27, 2018. Numerous events took place, including the public launch of the Saskatchewan Access to Justice Project (SALI). See the library’s blog, Legal Sourcery, for more information about upcoming events.

The Legislative Library has worked with other Regina libraries, archives, and information providers to organize a series of reciprocal tours. These tours are an opportunity for employees in the respective organizations to visit one-another’s settings and learn more about them.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Freedom to Read Week, February 24 – March 2, 2019
http://www.freedomtoread.ca/freedom-to-read-week/

SSLA is hosting two workshops featuring author Ruth Culham:
- April 11, 2019 – Western Development Museum, Saskatoon
- April 12, 2019 – Queensbury Centre, Regina.
https://www.ssla.ca/conference.html

Information on MLB is available at https://mlb.libguides.com/

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