What’s New at the Multitype Library Board?

February 2019

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD (MLB) NEWS

The Board met in person in Regina on January 15, 2019, and will next meet in Saskatoon on May 1, 2019.

Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP)
The MDLP Planning and Development Committee has developed two subcommittees to work on projects assigned by partners at the 2018 annual general meeting (AGM). The 2019 AGM will take place in Regina on April 11, 2019.

MLB Website
The Multitype Library Board’s website is http://mlb.libguides.com

TRAINING WEBINARS

PLLO hosted a webinar in December 2018 highlighting the Library Toolshed.

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

LIBRARY TOOLSHED

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 now has an interface to allow libraries to share their policies.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

ABORIGINAL LIBRARIES
February 2019 has been proclaimed as Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month. The launch was held at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library, Moose Jaw Campus on February 4, 2019.

The month long activities will be closed with ceremony and a mentorship workshop for experienced and emerging storytellers, at Saskatoon Public Library, Cliff Wright Library, on March 1, 2019, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Registration deadline is February 15, 2019)

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) will host its first ē-micimināyakik: Museums, Cultural Centres, Archives, Interpretive Centres & Libraries Gathering in Saskatoon at the Ramada by Wyndham on May 2-3, 2019. Please see their website for details.
The Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) committee met in Saskatoon on December 10, 2018, and will next meet on March 18, 2019 at Wapiti Regional Library.

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

ARCHIVES
The 14th annual Archives Week in Saskatchewan will take place February 3-9, 2019. Open houses, film and reading events, exhibits, and other activities are being organized by archives across the province.

These include:
Regina - New To Town: Newcomer Reflections Then & Now. Guest Speakers and Archival Readings on the Transition to Life in Saskatchewan. February 6 - 7:00 p.m. Bushwakker Brewpub, 2206 Dewdney Ave.

Saskatoon - Night at the Roxy: An Archival Variety Show. February 7 - 7:00 p.m. Roxy Theatre, 320 20th St. W.

The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan is commencing activities associated with the consolidation of office and records storage sites in Regina. It is expected that this will be completed by August 2019. The Provincial Archives' Saskatoon office is closing and reference services ended effective December 21, 2018 to allow for move preparation for the collection. Regular public reference service hours in Regina continue until further notice. The Archives is looking forward to offering full reference services, five days per week, at its new location by August 2019.

A new web exhibit has been launched by the Provincial Archives on the Spanish Flu in Saskatchewan. This exhibit tells the story of the Spanish flu in Saskatchewan using newspaper articles, advertisements and journal entries.

Collections from the University of Saskatchewan’s University Archives and Special Collections (UASC) are the focus of a major digitization project at the University Library: “The Idea of the North: Exploring Evidence of Resilience and Change.” This project is funded by the National Heritage Digitization Strategy (NHDS), one of 21 projects funded across the country. The University of Saskatchewan is making efforts to approach the NHDS digital project through a decolonization lens. Part of the digital site will be translated into indigenous languages.

The University of Saskatchewan’s University Archives and Special Collections introduced new operating hours in December: Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. UASC staff are responsible for operating multiple areas of the unit, including the front desk, reference services, retrieval services, exhibitions and organization of collections. This change in operating hours (and a related change in the staffing model) will allow for more efficient staff coverage, continued supervision of the reading room and more responsive service for UASC’s patrons.

POST-SECONDARY LIBRARIES
The Academic and Special Libraries Celebration Symposium was held at the University of Regina on December 6, 2018.
Saskatchewan Polytechnic Libraries held a number of “Stress Better” events to help students de-stress in late November through early December, featuring crafts, puzzles and therapy dogs.

Libraries of Saskatchewan Polytechnic, University of Regina, and University of Saskatchewan have finalized their reciprocal agreement.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s Instructional Leadership and Development Centre and Indigenous Strategy, recently purchased access to the teaching and learning modules 4 Seasons for Reconciliation. This resource will assist faculty members in indigenizing their teaching, provide professional development, and facilitate student learning.

Donna Bowman retired from the University of Regina Library at the end of 2018. Donna was most recently liaison librarian for La Cite, MAP and Education. Donna was also active in support of intellectual freedom activities in Canada, and worked with Dr. Alvin Schrader on the annual report on censorship challenges to library books.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
During Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month in February, Regina Public Library and Saskatoon Public Library join other communities in hosting storytellers, elders, and traditional crafting and beading artists.

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Winter Socials are being held on February 20, 2019, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Volunteer hosts are requested to ensure as many locations as possible share this opportunity to gather with colleagues. Please send your name to Dorothea at slaexdir@sasktel.com if you are interested in being a host.

SLA invites nominations for the Frances Morrison Award and Honorary Life Member Award. Both are prestigious awards recognizing individual contributions to the library community. Information may be referenced at saskla.ca or contacting slaexdir@sasktel.net.

SLA is having a contest to find the theme for Saskatchewan Library Week (October 20-26, 2019). If you have a theme that is short, catchy, and represents all types of libraries in Saskatchewan, email it to slaprograms@sasktel.net. The successful entry will be used on all of the promotional materials and will win its creator a $25 Chapters gift certificate. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. March 29, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Freedom to Read Week**, February 24 – March 2, 2019

The **Saskatchewan School Library Association** (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](https://www.ssla.ca/conference.html)

The **2019 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference**, “Libraries Transform”, is May 2-3, 2019 in Saskatoon at the Hilton Garden Inn. The theme represents the transformative influence of libraries. Program announcements and featured speakers will be soon available at [https://saskla.ca/programs/2019-conference](https://saskla.ca/programs/2019-conference). A pre-conference on May 1, 2019 will be held at the Saskatoon campus of Saskatchewan Polytechnic. “Service Design Thinking and Innovation in Libraries” is one of the sessions.

Information on MLB is available at [https://mlb.libguides.com/](https://mlb.libguides.com/)

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