What’s New at the Multitype Library Board?

November 2019

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD (MLB) NEWS

The Board met in person in Regina on October 1, 2019, and will next meet in Regina on March 2, 2020.

The MLB is extending its gratitude to retiring board members, Melanie Hodges Neufeld and Colleen Murphy for their contributions.

Welcome to incoming board members Susan Baer, representing special library directors, and Dale Storie, representing Saskatchewan Library Association.

The MLB website at http://mlb.libguides.com provides more information on Board initiatives.

TRAINING WEBINARS

PLLO hosted webinars in June 2019 highlighting NoveList Plus, in September 2019 on PressReader, and in October 2019 on Gale Primary Sources.

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 surveys.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

Provincial Public Library Sector Plan - Public Library Directors will be working with the Provincial Library and Literacy Office throughout the fall and winter to develop a provincial public library sector plan.

Reconciliation Resources – Information on the Sixties Scoop has been added to the Ministry of Education’s website devoted to Supporting Reconciliation in Saskatchewan schools. The site was created to support school staff to work together to expand their understanding of truth and reconciliation as well as the history and legacy of residential schools. It contains tools and resources to support important conversations and professional development opportunities.
Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month 2020 – Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) has put out a call for applications for the February 2020 event.

Saskatchewan Digital Alliance: Call for Members - The Saskatchewan Digital Alliance (SDA) is a group established by the Multitype Library Board to facilitate digital initiatives in galleries, libraries, archives, and museums across the province. The SDA’s vision is to develop a locus of knowledge and support that enables the public to find, locate, and use Saskatchewan knowledge and information created through co-operative Saskatchewan digital initiatives. The SDA meets at least three times per year in person or by teleconference.

The SDA is composed of six to nine members and strives to include representation from:

- Museums Association of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists
- Various sectors including archives, museums, libraries (public, special, school, post-secondary), cultural institutions (including historical and genealogical societies)
- Information providers or content producers
- Individuals with expertise and experience with digitization and digital initiatives

The SDA is currently seeking new members. If you are interested, please contact craig.harkema@usask.ca.

Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (RDC) - The University of Regina opened its RDC in April 2019. The RDC is available to researchers in academia and the provincial government who are certified by Statistics Canada to access confidential data sets. The Centre is located on campus at Innovation Place.

Strategic planning - Starting in September, the University of Regina initiated a four-month strategic planning process. In tandem with this process, the Dr. John Archer Library will also be engaging in strategic objective setting this fall.

University subscriptions - Over the last few months, the University of Saskatchewan Library reviewed online journal package subscriptions to determine those not to renew as part of the process of balancing its collections budget. Through a comprehensive evaluation of e-resources, the library determined that it will not renew subscriptions to Taylor & Francis and Wiley-Blackwell, effective January 1, 2020. Cancelling these two packages, and buying back a small percentage of the most used titles, will allow the library to meet its $1.38 million reduction target.

As part of the consultation process, a survey distributed to faculty and graduate students helped inform decisions on which individual titles from the two publishers the library should be re-subscribed. Feedback from survey participants, in addition to evaluation of usage data, cost per article download, researcher publishing and citation patterns, and balance among disciplines, will help guide the library’s re-subscription decisions.
PAST WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Saskatchewan Library Trustees’ Association held its AGM on May 3, 2019, and welcomes newly elected officers: President - Michael Morrow (Chinook), Vice President – Steven Allen (Wheatland), Treasurer – Leslee Search (Wapiti).

The Montreal Lake Public Library, a joint-use school and public library located in Senator Allan Bird Memorial School on the Montreal Lake Cree Nation, hosted the National Indigenous Launch of the 2019 TD Summer Reading Club on June 11, 2019. The “Get Your Summer Read On” kickoff event featured an illustration workshop from Toronto-based illustrator and comic artist Clayton ‘CTON’ Hanmer, as well as a magic show by Prince Albert-based performer Roger Boucher and a variety of fun literacy and numeracy activities. This was one of two national launch events for this year’s TD Summer Reading Club, the other being held in Lethbridge, Alberta, and marks the first time that the TD Summer Reading Club has held one of its national launch events on-reserve.

LSSAP’s Annual General Meeting was held on September 30, 2019 in La Ronge. For more information on LSSAP activities, visit their website: https://lssap.wordpress.com/.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting September 26, 2019 - Regina Public Library, in collaboration with Reconciliation Regina, Central Zone Board, and Heritage Community Association will be holding a series of discussion events called Calls to Action: Igniting the Spirit of Reconciliation. The inaugural event was held at mâmawêyatitân centre on September 26 and discussed Calls to Action #62 through #65. This event was the first of nine that will be offered at central locations in Regina. The next event will discuss Calls #25-42 on Justice at the Cathedral Community Centre in Regina on October 23, 2019.

October 1 – November 26, 2019 - Saskatoon Public Library will be hosting Michif-learning language classes – “Kishinaahamasho la laang di Michif” – at its Round Prairie Branch. The classes are in partnership with the Gabriel Dumont Institute and will be led by Metis elder and former National Metis Veterans Association (NMVA) President Bruce Flamont.

November 6, 2019 – Saskatchewan Library Association’s (SLA) Fall Happy Hours will be held in several locations throughout the province. All SLA members, library friends, and supporters are invited to attend to visit, network, and find out more about SLA and its initiatives.

October 20-26, 2019 -- Saskatchewan Library Week programs throughout the province highlighted great libraries, library staff and volunteers, and library resources. Join the discussion about LIBRARIES: BUILDING THE FUTURE with #SaskLibWeek.
Starting November 20, 2019 - Saskatchewan School Library Association (SSLA) is pleased to announce the return of the Learning Events webinar series for the 2019-2020 school year. Three dynamic presenters have been scheduled. Jennifer Casa-Todd will launch the series on November 20, 2019. Author of the book SociaLEADia, Casa-Todd is passionate about showing teachers and students how they can use technology and social media to make the world a better place. Individual and school rates are available. The 90 minute webinars begin at 4:00 p.m. More details and registration are available at the SSLA site.


STAFF CHANGES

Helen McCutcheon moved on from her role as Director of the Parkland Regional Library in September 2019. Helen began her time in Yorkton as Chief Librarian of the Yorkton Public Library in April of 2013 and became the Director of the Parkland Regional Library in September of 2014. Helen has returned to Ontario, where many members of her family reside, and she is wished all the best in her future endeavours.

Rita Schiller, Copyright Consultant and former faculty librarian at Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s Regina library, has retired.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic welcomes Anum Tanveer, who has been hired as supervisor for the Regina library.

After over 40 years of service to the University of Regina, Marilyn Andrews announced her retirement effective early October 2019.

Kaetlyn Phillips assumes responsibility for University of Regina Library’s Spatial and Numeric Data Services beginning in August 2019.

Veronica Ramshaw joins the University of Regina Library as Digital Services and Liaison librarian in October 2019. Veronica comes from the American University of Sharjah, and will have responsibilities for uUR Space, digital collections, and French liaison supports.

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