

What's new at the Multitype Library Board?



The Board held its most recent meeting on February 5, 2015 at the University of Saskatchewan. The meeting was hosted by Dr. Vicki Williamson, Dean of the University of Saskatchewan Library.

STAFFING AT PLLO

Maureen Johns, Acting Executive Director, will continue until June 30, 2015. The Provincial Librarian position will remain vacant until then.

MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD VICE-CHAIR

The Board thanks Michael Shires, SLA representative, for four years of service on the Multitype Library Board (MLB). Michael served two years as vice-chair and was instrumental in many Board initiatives. He created the [*Timelines of Saskatchewan Libraries Development*](#) and will continue working with the Board as an executive committee member on the Saskatchewan Libraries Conference: Multitype 20th Anniversary (2016).

As of March 2015, Jennifer Shrubsole will be the vice-chair of the MLB. Jennifer is the Library Teaching & Learning Coordinator, South at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. She represents post-secondary institutions and has served on the Board for 10 months.

MULTITYPE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The Board has created a committee to develop training opportunities and promotion for multitype electronic resources. More committee volunteers are needed. For more information, contact regan.gunningham@gov.sk.ca

E-RESOURCE TRAINING

Regan Gunningham hosted an electronic resource training session over Adobe Connect on December 18, 2014. Participants included library staff from multiple sectors and regions. Videos from the training session will be posted in the spring on the [Saskatchewan Libraries](#) website.

If you are interested in MDLP/SO training please contact Jack.Ma@gov.sk.ca

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

SLA's annual **Saskatchewan Libraries Conference** will be held May 7-9, 2015 in Regina. The theme is **Open to All** and registration is now open. For more information: <http://saskla.ca/slaconference/2015-conference>

The Board will sponsor an MDLP workshop at the SLA Pre-Conference, May 7, 2015. Registration is free.

The **Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture** will take place at First Nations University of Canada in Regina on May 7, 2015. This lecture is free and open to everyone. The speaker, Gabrielle Scrimshaw, is a member of the Hatcher Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan. She was selected as one of Toronto's twenty-five up-and-coming city leaders through Civic Action's Diverse City Fellowship.

Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) will host **Voices of Librarians Serving Indigenous Peoples of Canada: Sharing Sound Practices in Library Services** April 21, 2015 in Saskatoon. For more information: <http://lssap.wordpress.com/meetings-and-conferences>

SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY ONLINE (SHO)

SHO will soon unveil its new look. Check out the new features and content at <http://www.saskhistoryonline.ca/>

Sector Highlights

ARCHIVES

Communities across Saskatchewan celebrated Archives Week during February 1 – 7, 2015.

The *Saskatchewan Council for Archives & Archivists* is planning two workshops this spring:

1. *Emergency Preparedness For Flooding*
March 27, 2015 in Saskatoon
2. *Introduction to Basic Archives*
Spring 2015 in Esterhazy

The *Association of Canadian Archivists Annual Conference* will be held in Regina on June 11-13, 2015. On June 12th, the morning plenary will be delivered by Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Three regional library directors have recently retired:

- Donna Challis, Lakeland Library Region
- John Murray, Wapiti Regional Library
- Zenon Zuzak, Saskatoon Public Library

SILS will implement the *EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)* in April 2015. EDS provides a faster approach to searching a library's print and electronic collection through a single search box.

SILS will replace Sierra with a new integrated library system, Polaris, in September 2015.

POST-SECONDARY LIBRARIES

SPL at Sask Polytech, a collection of leisure books opened in January. This is a collaboration between

the Saskatoon Public Library and the Saskatoon Campus of Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The Prince Albert and the Moose Jaw campus libraries also have collaborations with public libraries in their communities.

At Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Heather West, the former Academic Director of Library and Testing Services, retired in December 2014. Rian Misfeldt was named Academic Director, beginning December 2014.

University Library, University of Saskatchewan, will undertake a major collection analysis by *Sustainable Collections Services* during spring 2015.

University Archives & Special Collections, University of Saskatchewan unveiled the *Courtney Milne Collection* website. It includes over 486,000 original images in slide format and 52,000 images in a digital format. Visit the site: <http://library.usask.ca/courtneymilne/>

SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SLA has re-designed its monthly e-newsletter. Anyone can sign up to receive it via email. Visit <http://saskla.ca/publications> to subscribe to the SLA newsletter.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Multitype Library Board will meet via teleconference prior to the Board AGM.

The Multitype Library Board **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **April 15, 2015** at the Agra Torchinsky Salon, MacKenzie Art Gallery.

Information on MLB is available at www.lib.sk.ca/Multitype-Library-Board

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