

Saskatchewan eBooks Initiative

Included in the Board package is a backgrounder for the new Saskatchewan eBooks Initiative. Launched through the Multitype Library Board, the Saskatchewan eBooks Initiative will increase access to and raise the profile of Saskatchewan authors and publishers through digitization of Saskatchewan content. Seed money has been provided by the Ministry of Education and content will also be made available to people with visual disabilities through the National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS), another new service being launched soon.

Saskatchewan Integrated Library Systems (SILS) Consortium Update

The SILS Consortium and its member library systems, including RPL, will migrate to the newest integrated library system from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (IILX). There will be relatively few changes to the user interface and staff interface, but the background workings of the system will change significantly and provide greater flexibility in adapting the system to specialized needs. The migration will take place over the Labour Day weekend.

The Consortium is also pleased to announce that Rob Zylstra will join the team as Executive Director starting on October 2nd. Rob is coming to SILS from MacEwan University in Edmonton where he is Campus Librarian for the Centre for the Arts & Communications. Before his work at MacEwan University, Rob was with the Yellowhead Regional Library, where he served as Technology Services Librarian and later as Client Services Manager. Combined with his strengths in leadership and management, Rob's immersion in technology will be a great asset to the SILS Consortium.

Signing Authority

At the last meeting, the Board approved the appointment of new Chair, Darryl Lucke, to the signing authority list for the Library's financial institution. The financial institution requires that the Board pass a resolution that includes the entire list of those authorized to sign, not just those who are new. As a result, a new motion is needed to adopt the banking resolution (included in your package), for the following individuals:

- Darryl Lucke
- Elaine Kivisto
- Jeff Barber
- Julie McKenna
- Lisa Weisensel
- Gail Kruger

Staff Development Day

As earlier moved by the Board, RPL's Staff Development Day will be held on Friday, October 25th. Board members are always welcome to participate in the day and/or join the group for lunch. Joan will be in touch with you in the coming weeks to confirm individual Board member participation.

Branch Anniversaries

2013 marks 100 years of service for both Prince of Wales Branch and Albert Branch! Festivities are planned and invitations should go out soon. The Albert Branch celebration is set in conjunction with their annual Bannock Bake-off on the afternoon of September 7th. The Prince of Wales Branch community will celebrate on the afternoon of September 21st.