

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Copyright Update

As of the writing of this report, there is no definitive word but the library community is concerned that a copyright bill will be tabled in the House of Commons before Christmas. There is speculation that the Bill will be seriously disadvantageous to the user community and public libraries may need to meet with their local MPs in early January. If there is more to report on this issue at the meeting on Tuesday, I will do so.

Programs & Services Review

An Executive Summary of the first phase of the Programs & Services Review is included in your package. I have asked John Edgar, Manager, Strategic Initiatives to attend the Board meeting to give a brief verbal report and answer questions.

This first report is a summary of a larger report that will be completed late in January and sets the general direction for 2008 activities, budget, and further examination of the Library. The activities of 2007 represent the first phase of a broader planning cycle that should be complete in late 2008 or very early 2009. I expect the Board will be asked to make more significant policy decisions in 2008 as the process advances and ask that Board members consider the direction being proposed by this interim report.

Single Integrated Library System

At a previous meeting, the Board adopted in principle a Memorandum of Understanding among the Province's public library systems that outlined the intent of the libraries and the Province to pursue together a Single Integrated Library System (SILS). The agreement has changed slightly since that time and is ready for final review and a vote by the Board.

The agreement is now a *Protocol* and it outlines the co-operative process that the library systems will follow to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) and pursue a single computer system for library functions in Saskatchewan public libraries. It does not commit individual library systems to anything more than a joint investigation and possible pursuit of options.

I have also included the most recent Project Plan. This portion requires no action and is provided to give the Board an indication of how the project is expected to progress.