Meeting Notes
ULA Reference and Adult Services Round Table
Wednesday, July 27, 2:00 pm
West Jordan Library
8030 South 1825 West, West Jordan

Attending
Chair Dan Berube (Salt Lake County), Wanda Mae Huffaker (Salt Lake County), Connie Lamb (BYU), Cherie Willis (Salt Lake City), Nia Thimakis (Salt Lake County), Leslie Schow (Salt Lake County), Jason Cornelius (Logan City), Nanette Alderman (Salt Lake County)

Officers for 2016-2017
Leslie Schow volunteered to be the vice-chair for this term. Thank you, Leslie! Cherie Willis, Jason Cornelius, and Nia Thimakis volunteered to be members-at-large. Thank you all! These officers were nominated and approved by the members present.

RASRT Social at the ULA Conference
The RASRT Social was held at the Kaysville Public Library on May 4 during the 2016 ULA Conference. Close to 20 people attended, food was purchased from Kneaders, and a tour of the library was presented. Members discussed whether attendance was lower this year because the conference was held along the Wasatch Front. Various ideas were discussed for a social at next year’s conference which will be in Sandy from May 17-19. These ideas included bowling, miniature golf, the Living Planet Aquarium (closed at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays), music and food at the West Jordan Library or the Whitmore Library, and meeting at a local restaurant. We will explore these ideas and other options at a future meeting.

ULA Fall Workshop
Connie Lamb attended the meeting looking for ideas for two breakout sessions for the ULA Fall Workshop (September 30 in Moab) that focused on reference or adult services. Different ideas were discussed, including marketing and social media. Liz Sollis, Marketing Manager for Salt Lake County Library Services, and Leslie Schow offered to present a program on using social media. Connie was going to contact Andrew Shaw at the City Library about presenting another program on marketing. Connie will contact RASRT if she is still looking for presenters. The members also talked about organizing a river raft trip in Moab for the weekend of the workshop. There are half day and full day trips leaving from Moab that range from $52 to $90 per person.

Goals for the Year
Part of the RASRT budget ($2000 total) will be used for a non-conference speaker or for presenting a forum/training. Members discussed the possibility of holding a joint forum/training with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, which is chaired by Wanda. Members were asked to help identify possible speakers with an expertise in various areas including customer service, reader’s advisory, collection development, merchandising, and marketing. Terry Tempest Williams was mentioned as a possible conference speaker, which would come from a different budget.

Dan has a goal of presenting 2 webinars through the Utah State Library. Nanette suggested train your trainers as a possible webinar topic. Dan will talk to Vern Waters about presenting a webinar on A Day in the Life of a Jail Librarian or something similar. Working with difficult customers/situations is another possible topic.

TEDx Talks at the Marmalade Library
RASRT members are invited to attend the next two TEDx talks at the Marmalade Library together. The first is Revolutionary Thinking on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. The second is Be Your Own
Inspiration on Monday, October 10 at 7:00 pm. The Marmalade Library is located at 280 West 500 North in Salt Lake City.

Next Meeting
Dan will contact Anita Albright about the possibility of meeting at Salt Lake Community College on Wednesday, October 19 or Thursday, October 20 or Wednesday, October 26 at 2:00 pm. We would like to utilize the video and audio conferencing available at SLCC. Please contact Dan if you are interested in hosting a meeting at your library.