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## President's Message

Thank you for a great year! We have accomplished much. The key to success is "we." Each member of ULA is important and an advocate for libraries, as a voice in our communities, as a resource for growth and development.

Here are some of the things we've accomplished:

1. Brought the presentation of ULA awards into the business meeting of the organization.
2. Created a conference structure in which all conference sessions, pre-conferences, meals, and receptions are available under a single fee.
3. Created a long overdue proposal for revision of the Bylaws.
4. Engaged in hundreds, possibly thousands, of volunteer hours to plan and organize this conference.
5. Faced a major economic downturn without noticeably diminished conference participation by Utah Librarians or vendors.
6. Given the Utah State Library Division a meaningful venue for the presentation of the Library of the Year Award.
7. Hired a conference planner thus bringing experience, expertise and a bargaining force to our conference structure.
8. Mitigated against the uncertainty of Reforma and, subsequently, Reforma De Utah by approving the exploration of a Multicultural Roundtable serving not only Utah's Hispanic community recognizing and embracing all cultures.
9. Negotiated and signed contracts with facilities in St. George for the 2010 conference and Layton for the 2011 conference.
10. Resurrected Fall Conferences.
11. Revised and Restructured the ULA Paraprofessional Certificate.

I hope to see you all at conference and encourage all Utah library workers to be fully engaged in the Utah Library Association.

*Steve Decker*  
*ULA President*

***“Utah Libraries: Turning up the Volume!”***

**ULA Conference April 22-24 at South Towne Center**



South Towne Exposition Center



Norma Blake, Keynote Speaker

- Are you or your staff:
- Coping with tight budgets?
- At a loss with library law?
- Need to energize readers advisory?
- At sea with business reference?

Encountering resistance to changing sacred cows?

If you answered yes, the 2009 Utah Library Association conference has just the remedy for you in 12 featured national speakers, 135 Utah colleague presenters and 32 library exhibitors!

This year’s conference “Utah Libraries: Turning up the Volume” launches April 22 at the Sandy South Towne Center with 5 pre-conferences included in your conference registration. The conference continues April 23-24 with 65 sessions covering topics from story times and teen authors to digitization and streaming media. Registration also includes two buffet lunches featuring KSL host Amanda Dickson and poet laureate Katherine Coles.

Our 2009 keynote speaker Norma Blake, the NJ State Librarian and 2008 LJ Librarian of the Year, talks about libraries of all types surviving in a tough economy on Thursday morning, April 23 during the ULA business meeting.

In a recent phone interview, Norma previewed her talk to ULA. “The threat of a 20% budget cut for libraries in New Jersey led the library association to issue

a survey about program priorities and hold four library forums so that staff of libraries could discuss how cuts would affect their services. I believe reacting to budget cuts is done most effectively by our customers and online through capwiz.”

“I will also talk more about the Trading Spaces project when I come to Utah,” Norma continued, “and you can find a preview at <http://www.sjrlc.org/tradingspaces>. We really wanted to show that small changes in your library building can be the tipping point to a whole new level of service.”

Norma also recommends reading *A Complaint is a Gift* by Janelle Barlow and Claus Moller (1996) and *Satisfied Customers Tell Three Friends, Angry Customers Tell 3,000: Running a Business in Today’s Consumer-Driven World* by Pete Blackshaw (2008).

More 2009 ULA conference program information is available at <http://www.ula.org/conference/2009conf/programs.php>

You can still register on-site at South Towne Exposition Center starting at 8 a.m. April 22 for pre-conferences or at 8 a.m. April 23 for regular conference days.

Come join 450 of your fellow Utah library professionals already registered for the 2009 conference!



## Dine Around Opportunities for the ULA Annual Conference

This year we have two activities planned around the social Dine-Around experience. This is a great way to meet people and a fun activity during the conference. How does it work? You sign up before an event is full, drive or take Trax to the event location and have fun! Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Groups via car pool or Trax are encouraged since parking can be tricky. Each participant is responsible for the cost of their own meal. We expect the weather will be typical Salt Lake City spring time - which is another way of saying, be prepared for a range of temperatures between 90 and 32 degrees fahrenheit. Please note that the tour of the Salt Lake City downtown library mentioned on the ULA conference website has been cancelled.

Wednesday April 22, Gilgal Garden from 6pm onward (This tour is outdoors)

Meet at Gilgal Sculpture Garden, take a guided tour and dine at Desert Edge in

Trolley Square.

<http://www.gilgalgarden.org/>

Sign up for the Gilgal event by directly emailing Adriana

[Parkervadriana.parker@utah.edu](mailto:Parkervadriana.parker@utah.edu) .

Note: there is a limit of 15 participants in the Gilgal tour. Contact Adriana with your questions.

Thursday April 23, Sam Weller's Bookstore from 5:45 onward

Meet at Sam Weller's Bookstore, take a tour of "The Greatest Hits of the Rare Books Room" and dine at Lamb's Grill.

<http://www.samwellers.com/>

<http://lambsgrill.com/>

Sign up for the Sam Weller's event will be near the registration table at the ULA conference site on April 23rd only.

Contact Dale Larsen at

[dale.larsen@utah.edu](mailto:dale.larsen@utah.edu) with your

questions. There is a limit of 15 participants in the Sam Weller's Rare Books Room tour.

## The Librarian's Lawyer Offers Preconference

A woman escorts a small group of 1st and 2nd graders into the library on a weekday during the school year. The children's librarian, recognizing them, says "Hey, guys---how come you're not in school--off track?" In unison they chorus, "No---we have chicken pox!"

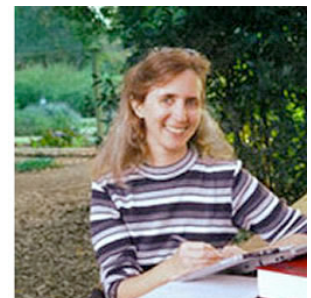
A man who frequents the library emits a terrible smell, combining body odor and unwashed clothes. Several patrons complain that they can't use the part of the library where he is sitting.

A controversial political group is using the library's meeting room and an angry crowd is gathering outside to protest.

Know what to do with situations like these? Find out at Mary Minow's pre-conference workshop, Wednesday, April 22nd at 1 pm, Room 300C in the South Towne Conference Center. Minow is an attorney, consultant, and a former librarian and library trustee. She has taught library law at the San Jose State School of Library Science. She was President of the board of CALTAC, the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners in 2002, and now serves as its Policy Analyst.

And remember: this year pre-conferences are free!

*Merry White*



Mary Minow

## Utah Beehive Book Awards Dinner Announced

Don't let the fun stop just because ULA ends! Join us for the Annual Beehive Awards Dinner sponsored by the Children's Literature Association of Utah on Friday, April 24 at 6:30pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the top of the fabulous Joseph Smith Memorial Building, find out the winners of 2009 Beehive Book Awards, discover the 2010 Beehive Book Nominees and listen to Jessica Day George, author of 2009 Beehive Book Nominee *Dragon Slippers!* The registration form with more information is

found at [www.clau.org](http://www.clau.org). But act quickly - registration is due by April 20!

We will be offering free Trax passes for those attending both ULA and the Beehive Awards who would like to forego the hassle of parking downtown. Please contact Anna Zanmarini at [azanmarini@slcolibrary.org](mailto:azanmarini@slcolibrary.org) or (801) 944-7539 if you'd like to receive a Trax pass.

*Anna Zanmarini*  
CSRT Chair

## Check out BURT's Programs for Help Serving Local Businesses



Celia Ross

Are you confident you can meet the business research needs of your community? What are you doing to reach out to your local business community? The Business Roundtable of the Utah Library Association is sponsoring two workshops at this year's conference that will give you the tools you need to reach out and serve this important sector of our communities.

### **Making Sense of Business Reference: Friday, April 24th, 9:00-11:00 am**

Celia Ross is the Chair-Elect of ALA's Business Reference and Services Section and the longtime instructor of ALA's "Business Reference 101" professional development course. Part business reference therapy, part business reference source class, this workshop will familiarize you with sources and strategies for tackling questions on companies, industries, the stock market, demographics, and more. You will leave with a better

understanding of the business reference process and a framework for building your business reference expertise.

### **Public Libraries: Big Voice for Small Business: Friday, April 24th, 1:15-2:15 pm**

Tessa Epstein and the team from the Salt Lake City Library will discuss their efforts to reach out to local businesses and help you ensure your library's strategic plan addresses this important constituency. You will learn about free or low cost resources available for small business owners, and discuss services, workshops, and fairs that public libraries can provide for their local business communities.

For more information about the Utah Library Association conference, visit [www.ula.org/conference/2009conf](http://www.ula.org/conference/2009conf).

*Andy Spackman*  
BURT Chair

## Learn More about Paraprofessional Certificate at Annual Conference Program

The Paraprofessional Certificate is back! After a brief absence, the ULA Paraprofessional Certificate is up and running again. A committee is in place and will present a program at ULA explaining the revised program. The Certificate program is for Library Paraprofessionals who do not have their library degree, yet feel their contributions are valuable and are willing to gain further experience and knowledge to

demonstrate their competence. We would invite all interested paraprofessionals, as well as library directors, to attend the program on Thursday, April 23 at 11 a.m. in Room 300A. It is co-sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee and the Paraprofessional and Support Staff Round Table.

## Camp out at Your Library Offers Fun Readers Experience Ideas

A Reading Immersion Camp is a fun way for parents and kids to combat the summer slide in skill level that new readers experience. We provide an overview of this fun week-long camp program; ideas for stories, games, activities, resources, and outreach

activities to extend the program. Join us for this program at the ULA Annual Conference on Thursday from 1:30-2:30 in Room 200B.

*Annie Eastmond*

## Salt Lake County Use Surges

Now more than ever, Salt Lake County Library Services is seeing families enjoying the libraries in record numbers. March 2009 saw our largest surge of items circulated in our history, with 1,330,371 items checked out in that month alone; the number of patrons visiting the library was also at an all-time high in March, with almost half a million customers coming into the libraries. We're energized by the fact that patrons are discovering the wealth of materials, databases, electronic resources and events at our 18 locations.

Also of interest are the four new libraries that are planned for SLCLS. Two of them, in Herriman and Magna, have had their architects selected and designs are in the refining phases; all of these new libraries have the goal of being LEED Gold certified upon completion. The groundbreaking for the Magna Library will be in late spring of 2009.

*Greg Near  
Public Relations Coordinator  
Salt Lake County Library Services*



## BYU Law Librarian Curt Conklin Retires and Honored with National Award from AALL



Curt Conklin

Curt Conklin retires on June 1, 2009, exactly 37 years to the day when he began his full-time professional work as a librarian at Brigham Young University's Law Library. The next month he'll receive the Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship at the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) national conference in Washington DC. (See <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/awards/chapman/2009award.htm>.)

Mr. Conklin was hired by BYU in the summer of 1972, a year before the law school opened its doors in August 1973. He worked as the serials librarian helping to build the law library, and shortly after began his long career as cataloger and later head of technical services. He worked closely with the founders of the BYU law school in their temporary quarters during the first two years until the current building was completed in September 1975. When the law library was expanded and named the Howard W. Hunter Law Library in the late 1990s, he was involved with the layout and remodeling of the Technical Services portion of the building.

In-between his main work was cataloging law books of all types, languages, dates

and formats. He published various classification and cataloging tools, made presentations at law library and historical conferences, and spent a year with his family working as a law librarian in Australia in the 1980s. His interests and hobbies (in addition to his wife Marjorie and their 2 daughters and 5 sons) are preserving the law library's rare books, scenic bicycling, Volkswagen bugs and vans, and Mormon history. After retirement, he plans on moving permanently to Melbourne, Australia to be close to his wife's family.

Dale S. Swensen, Principal Cataloger and Russian & East European Studies Subject Bibliographer at BYU's Harold B. Lee Library, will be the new BYU Hunter Law Library Cataloger. He will work at both libraries in a job-sharing arrangement (due to the BYU hiring freeze). Some of his professional service includes ULA Libraries News editor, ULA Technical Services Roundtable Chair, and editor of the ALCTS Newsletter. Mr. Swensen is currently a candidate for President of ALCTS (the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services), a division of the American Library Association.

*Galen L. Fletcher*  
*BYU Hunter Law Library*

## Disaster Training Returns to Utah

Register today for the disaster training back by popular demand.

### **Protecting Library & Archive Collections: Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery**

Register on the WESTPAS website: <http://westpas.org/courses.html> or through USL: <http://library.utah.gov/workshops> .

Registration instruction: Click on "Locations and dates: WESTPAS schedule of workshops. From there, navigate the calendar forward to May, click on the "Green River" workshop on May 8, and then fill out the "Event Registration."

WesternStates and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS), in cooperation with the Utah State Library, is offering a disaster preparedness and response workshop for cultural property in Utah.

Green River, Utah  
JohnWesley Powell River History Museum  
1765 E Main St, Green River, UT  
84525-0481

Part 1: Friday 8 May 2009 (9:00 a.m. until 4:00.)

Part 2: Friday 12 June 2009 (9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.)

This training is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is part of a coordinated regional approach to raise awareness about disaster planning for collecting institutions throughout Western United States, from Colorado to Guam. This two-part training is free to participants who will develop an institutional disaster plan for their collections as an outcome. More than one person per institution are welcome to attend.

*Colleen Eggett*  
*Utah State Library*

## Family History Library Offers Summer Program

This summer the Family History Library is offering a six-week activities series for both children and adults. It is called "Summer of Sleuthing—Save Our Ancestors." With the program being both onsite and online, families will discover how family history can be fun, informative, and rewarding. With a series of weekly challenges, families can participate in age-appropriate activities that will help them to learn more about themselves and their ancestors.

Summer of Sleuthing will begin at the Family History Library on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Families are invited to come and register that day as well as participate in activities and classes, and receive packets to take home and complete.

The challenges are tailored for each age group as follows: Preschool Children, Children, Teenagers and Adults. As part of the challenges, family members are encouraged to keep a journal of their experiences, giving them a connection to the past, an identity for the present, and a foundation for future success.

The Family History Library continues to offer free family history research classes daily to the public and, in addition, there are Research Series offered almost every Saturday. To search online for a list of these classes, go to the Web site [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and click on "Library" and choose "Education".

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## Write Right Now Writers Workshop

Write Right Now Writers Workshop  
Saturday, May 9th 9AM – 3PM Cedar  
Fort Publishing

56 South 1000 East  
Springville, UT 84663

Join us for a hands-on writing workshop  
hosted by the Utah Valley Chapter of  
League of Utah Writers. Free for  
members of League of Utah Writers or  
\$15 dollars for non-members.

Keynote speakers will be authors Dave  
Wolverton (Farland) and Jessica Day

George. Other speakers include Kathleen  
Dalton-Woodbury, Covenant  
Communications editor Kirk Shaw and  
Cedar Fort editors.

Lunches provided only for those who  
have registered before April 28th. Pre-  
Register by sending an email to  
southutahcounty@luwrite.com Or call  
Ceil DeYoung at 801-722-4718.

*Jenn Johansson*  
*League of Utah Writers*

## The Church History Library Announces Opening

The Church History Library, located in  
the east wing of the Church Office  
Building in downtown Salt Lake City, has  
recently closed its doors in preparation  
for its move to a newly constructed  
building on the corner of Main Street and  
North Temple.

The library will reopen in its new facilities  
on June 22, 2009. Prior to the opening,

the Church History Library will host a two  
day public open house from 9am until  
8pm on June 12th and 13th.

Additional information on the new Church  
History Library can be viewed at  
[www.ChurchHistoryLibrary.org](http://www.ChurchHistoryLibrary.org).

*Patrick Dunshee*  
*Church History Department*

### ***About Utah Library Association...***

The mission of the Utah Library  
Association is to serve the professional  
development and educational needs of  
its members and to provide leadership  
and direction in developing and  
improving library and information  
services in the state. In order to  
accomplish these goals, ULA supports  
and provides continuing education  
programs for Utah librarians and library

employees, especially at its annual  
spring conference. ULA also offers  
members a number of opportunities for  
library leadership, professional growth,  
networking, and community service. We  
hope you find the Utah Library  
Association to be an organization that  
makes a difference for you, for Utah  
librarians, for Utah Libraries, and for the  
citizens of Utah.