By Andy Spackman

This is my final message as President of the Utah Library Association. I want to say thank you to all the members of the Board, to everyone who has stepped up into a leadership role in their committees and roundtables, and to the enthusiastic membership of this great association for making it a wonderful twelve months, beyond whatever I could have imagined.

This coming year we celebrate ULA’s centennial under the capable leadership of incoming President Linda Tillson and newly elected Vice-President Adriane Juarez. Please give them your support and remember what I’ve said before in these pages, that while we welcome the participation of every member, whatever their level of comfort, our success is possible when people choose to become “front seat volunteers” and help drive the association toward its goals. I became involved in ULA leadership by simply showing up to a roundtable’s business meeting, introducing myself, and volunteering. It can be that easy.

On a darker note, this past weekend thousands of books were burned in an incident that might seem to have crept out of a distant, monstrous chapter in human history. This disturbing act of censorship and oppression took place within our own community. The books had been donated to a hoped-for library in the towns of Hildale and Colorado City on the Arizona border. You can read more about this on page 5 in a letter from Wanda Huffaker, Chair of ULA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee.

ULA’s theme for the year has been “Utah Libraries: At the Core of Our Communities,” and this incident reaffirms for me the fact that libraries play a central role in our communities by upholding the freedoms of thought, expression, and inquiry guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. I hope that during this year we have given thought to how libraries can be core to our communities’ freedom and to our deepest values and aspirations, and that we can continue to act to make this clear to our constituents.
Announcements

Archiving 2011 Conference

FamilySearch and the Society for Imaging Science and Technology invite you to Archiving 2011, the international digital archiving conference covering the most pressing issues in imaging technology, digital access, and preservation.

Archiving 2011 offers a unique opportunity for imaging scientists and those working in the cultural heritage community (curators, archivists, librarians, etc.) as well as in government, industry, and academia to learn from peers and experts about:

♦ Developing a digital archive with appropriate processes and flows
♦ Preserving and providing access to digital artifacts
♦ Latest trends in imaging science technology

The conference will be held May 16-19 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown.

The Archiving 2011 Conference Committee has put together a technically rich meeting that balances an exciting papers program with fun and interesting networking events.

The stimulating program includes more than 30 oral presentations and a host of interactive papers. The program also contains behind-the-scenes tours of cultural institutions and the following industry-leading keynote speakers:

♦ David Ferriero, 10th Archivist of the US National Archives: Creating a Digital Future:

♦ The National Archives and Information Technology
♦ Jay Verkler, President and CEO, FamilySearch International: Preservation in a Digital Age
♦ Michael Wash, Deputy CIO, US Department of Transportation: Preservation Starts from the Beginning

The Archiving 2011 program and additional information are available at www.imaging.org/ist/conferences/archiving.

Mark your calendar for what promises to be an outstanding program at Archiving 2011.

President’s Reception

Attending the ULA Conference in Layton on May 11-13? You won’t want to miss the President’s Reception on Thursday from 4:00-5:30 PM. All reception attendees will be entered to win some great prizes, including books and even free registration for the 2012 conference! See you there!

Save the Date

"Tech It Up a Notch" at the annual CSRT/YART Fall Workshop on Friday, September 23 at the Provo City Library.
Digital Preservation Management: Short-Term Solutions for Long-Term Problems

Dates: June 16-17, 2011
Location: Utah State Library
250 North 1950 West
Rooms 218 and 219
Salt Lake City, UT

This hands-on management workshop is designed around three action plan sessions for organizational, technological, and resource frameworks to assist you in designing and implementing an approach that will work for your institution. Each action plan references exemplars from real programs and potential building blocks for your frameworks. This is an excellent workshop to develop or enhance your digital preservation plan. For those who are not familiar with the topic, an online tutorial is available.

Who Should Attend?

The intended audience for the two-day workshop is managers at organizations of all kinds who are or will be responsible for managing digital content over time. It is open to all institutions throughout the state.

Application for Registration

Workshop participants may apply by sending an email with your name and contact information to digitalpreservation@byu.edu. The cost of the workshop is $150 per person (which includes workshop materials). The registration will remain open until the workshop is full (28 participants). We have already had a very high level of interest in the workshop and encourage early application.

About the Workshop

The Digital Preservation Management workshop was originally developed at Cornell University Library by Anne R. Kenney and Nancy Y. McGovern and was hosted at Cornell from 2003-2006. Since 2006, Nancy McGovern has continued curricular development and directing the workshop from ICPSR at the University of Michigan. The workshop series has been developed with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This workshop in Salt Lake is also funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

If you have questions, please contact us at: digital-preservation@icpsr.umich.edu.

2012 World Horror Convention

The World Horror Convention will be held March 28-April 1, 2012 at Salt Lake City’s Radisson Hotel. Special guests include Simon R. Green, P.N. Elrod, Sherrilyn Kenyon, and Mike Mignola.

The HWA Bram Stoker Award Presentation will be held March 31.

Early bird membership is $75.00.

For more information, visit: www.whc2012.org/World_Horror_2012.html.
Women of Conviction Lecture Series

The LDS Church History Library is sponsoring a series of lectures about women in LDS history. Lectures continue through November 2011. For more information about locations and lecture topics, visit: http://tinyurl.com/3rcz9od.

School Library Media Administration Program

The School Library Media Administration (SLMA) program at Utah State University is now accepting students for the Fall 2011 Semester.

The two courses offered this Fall are INST 5000: School Library Media Foundations and Information Management and INST 5015: Collection Development and Literature. Four additional classes (two spring semester and two summer semester) complete the program. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday evenings and are broadcast to distance classrooms all over the state. Courses are taught by experienced school librarians as well as full time information science faculty.

Those interested in taking the SLMA courses can work on:

♦ Utah Library Media K-12 Endorsement
♦ Utah State undergraduate minor
♦ Emphasis in the Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences Master of Education (MED) degree, or
♦ Professional development.

Additionally, anyone can take one or more of the library classes for personal interest as a lifelong learner.

If you are interested in learning more about the SLMA program and how to register, please email or call Sheri Haderlie (sherihaderlie@usu.edu, (435) 797-7003) or Anne Diekema (anne.diekema@usu.edu, (435)797-2697). More information can also be found online: http://itls.usu.edu/htm/academic-programs&slma.

UALC’s Excellent Legislative Adventure

By Kim Rollins, UALC Public Affairs Coordinator

The legislative session was lively for the Utah Academic Library Consortium this year, with a 7% cut across the board before the session even began. However, UALC came away with a 1.9% cut in the end. Monies that were held last year will be returned to UALC to support database funding and other priorities. UALC representatives took every opportunity to educate legislators on the value of the online resources and digitization efforts of the consortium, talking with key individuals at the Regents’ office and the legislature, testifying before the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and participating in Non-Profit Day on the Hill with the Utah Library Association.
A Message from ULA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee

Dear ULA members,

I am incensed over the recent Colorado City/Hildale Library Book Burning Bonfire. Brenda Jensen, who was the speaker for our session “Fahrenheit 451” at the ULA conference in St. George last year, contacted me the Monday after it happened, pleading for my assistance. She told me witnesses had reported town officials watched as books were carried out of the building and tossed into the flames. There was no effort to stop it and no subsequent efforts made to apprehend or take action against perpetrators of the crime.

♦ In 212 B.C., Chinese Emperor Shih Huang Ti burned all copies of books except one for the Royal Library, which was destroyed at his death. He said that history could begin with him.

♦ The legend is that in 640 A.D. the caliph Omar burned all 600,000 books in the Library of Alexandria, saying that if they were of God they were useless and if not they were pernicious.

♦ From 1497 through 1498, Savonarola, a Florentine religious fanatic burned some of the greatest books and paintings of Florence. He convinced artists themselves to throw their own works into the fire.

♦ In 1525 William Tyndale translated the New Testament into English, but when it was smuggled into England, church authorities determined the Bible would only be in Latin and burned 6,000 copies.

♦ In 1933 in Nazi Germany thousands of books written by Jews, communists, and others were burned in a series of bonfires. Included were the works of Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Ernest Hemingway, Helen Keller, Lenin, Jack London, Thomas Mann, Karl Marx, Erich Maria Remarque, Upton Sinclair, Stalin, and Leon Trotsky.

♦ 2011—Thousands of books were burned in a border town on the Utah/Arizona border. The building where the books were housed is controlled by the Utah State Courts; however, the arson took place in Mojave County, Arizona.

The crime of arson took place in Arizona. The crime of trespassing occurred in Utah. However, the crime of theft belongs to all of us. It is a theft of books from the Hildale/Colorado Library, which serves two counties in two states. It is a theft from the people of those communities and their right to access information. It is a theft from us as librarians and our commitment to affirm the propositions in the Freedom to Read Statement. Our right to uphold our responsibility to the all of the people that fall within our jurisdictional boundaries has been taken from us. It is a theft of a basic freedom of all of the citizens of the United States of America.

The Freedom to Read Statement avows that no entity “has the right to take the law into its own hands, and to impose its own concept of politics or morality upon other members of a democratic society.” In conjunction with that we as librarians

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state that we are “guardians of the people’s freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large.”

I call upon all members of ULA to stand up against this action. Contact your elected officials, make phone calls, write letters, join with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and watch for updates on the situation. I am not certain yet what we will be doing, but I know we must do something.

Alexander Pope said “we first endure, then pity, then embrace.”

Thank you,

Wanda Mae Huffaker

Chair, Utah Library Association

Intellectual Freedom Committee

ULA Pre-Conference Workshop

By John Bramble, Research Assistant Librarian, University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library

Debating whether you should attend the ULA pre-workshop on Library Continuity of Services During an Emergency on May 11? We have a list of very good reasons for you to attend:

1. It will be a fast paced and a hands-on experience.
2. You will hear from the “Earthquake Lady” and other fine speakers.
3. There will be prizes!
4. You will learn how your library can get prepared, involved, and respond to your community’s needs.
5. You know you need to get started with your plan, but you just need a little push.

Participants attending this half day workshop will leave with a better understanding of how libraries can play an active role before, during and immediately after an emergency or disaster. Participants will hear from community disaster experts on what to expect during a disaster and how to prepare your library and yourself personally. Participants will leave the workshop with the solid beginnings of a disaster plan for their library.

Presenters:

♦ John Bramble, NN/LM MidContinental Region, University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library

♦ Claire Hamasu, NN/LM MidContinental Region, University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library

♦ Maralin Y. Hoff A.K.A. the “Earthquake Lady,” Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security

For more information, visit: http://conference.ula.org/content/library-continuity-services-during-emergency
Storytime for Special Needs Children

By Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, Youth Services Librarian, Kearns Library

On Saturday, March 26, I had my first Special Needs Sensory Storytime at Kearns Library. This is a unique storytime specifically for autistic children. I was having some autistic boys come to my regular storytime, and while I loved having them there, I realized they needed their own place. A regular storytime, packed with dozens of kids, is not the best environment for an autistic child. They are easily distracted and it is unrealistic for a librarian to expect them to stay in one place and be quiet for the duration of the storytime.

This new storytime is different than a regular one for several reasons. One is that it is more laid back. Parents do not have to worry about their children acting out and have to hurriedly take them out of the room. Kids are more free to roam and make noise and there is a special rest area for those who need their own space. My sensory storytime has emphasis on the word “sensory.” There are more tactile activities and it is much more visual since many autistic kids are highly visual learners. These children also are highly attuned to schedules and routine and so a series of picture symbols shows the children what is coming up next and when that certain activity is done.

This has been a very rewarding experience for me and I plan to continue each month on a Saturday morning. However, it would not have come to pass without the support of the Salt Lake County Library system, special education teachers, and other specialists who have provided their expertise.

I have had a number of parents and teachers say they wish they had this type of storytime near them. I hope to expand it and any librarian who is interested may contact me. Also, if anyone has parents of autistic children looking for more programs, please send them this way.

Utah currently has the third highest rate of autism in the United States. There is a definite need for free public programs where these parents can bring their children and not be concerned about their child’s behavior. If you wish to have any more information or have any questions, please contact me at:

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News from the MPLA Representative

By Dorothy Horan, MLPA Representative

Congratulations to Utah Librarian JaNae Kinikin, incoming Vice-President/President-Elect!

The Mountain Plains Library Association Annual Conference was held in Billings, Montana, April 6-9. The 2011 MPLA Board met early in the conference, and the new board met on April 8. The membership approved a measure to help people in transition maintain their MPLA membership. Membership is a concern and many people have dropped their membership because of economic hardship.

MPLA will switch to the fall conference schedule next year in Omaha! Once the conferences held in the fall are completed, MPLA will switch back to joint conferences with state associations that meet in the spring, like ULA. Sioux Falls is our host in 2013 and then Arizona in 2014. The MPLA board approved a joint conference with the Wyoming state association in 2015.

Major conference speakers included Marilyn Johnson, the “Indispensible Librarian” who spoke about librarians becoming indispensible by linking the patrons to technology; and Sneed B. Collard III, the winner of the 2006 Washington Post Children’s Book Guild Award for Nonfiction, who spoke about changes in children’s literature.

The Mountain Plains Library Association has gone social. MPLA has established Facebook and twitter pages in addition to the MPLA blog:

♦ http://twitter.com/MPLAtweets
♦ http://mountainplainslibraryassociation.tumblr.com/ (http://tinyurl.com/3b2qvcl)

MPLA will soon be accepting applications to the 2012 Leadership Conference until sometime in July. The conference will be held May 6-11 in Estes Park, Colorado. Requirements for the 2010 conference were:

♦ Employed in a library organization in MPLA’s 12-state region
♦ Current member of one of MPLA’s 12 affiliated state library associations
♦ Minimum of five years in a library-related job with progressive experience
♦ Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
♦ Expected continued contribution to the profession
♦ Thoughtfully completed application

MPLA Membership for more than two years in MPLA prior to the institute will afford attendees a discount. Information about the Leadership Institute can be obtained on the MPLA website: www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html.
Connecting the Community to Collections with Online Finding Aids

By Catherine McIntyre, Archivist, Utah Valley University Library

Wondering how to improve patron access to your unique Special Collections or Archives holdings? Attend "Connecting Community to Collections with Online Finding Aids" at ULA on Friday, May 13, from 9:30-10:30.

Many libraries have "special" collections that often aren't part of the main collection. Well-designed finding aids, especially when searchable and offered online, will help patrons to discover your library's treasures. Finding aids can be as basic as printed descriptive lists, or more in-depth, as are the encoded electronic files created by several Utah libraries and archives.

Learn how putting your finding aids into the Encoded Archival Description (EAD) standard makes them searchable online via library catalogs, Google, and the Mountain West Digital Library (http://mwdl.org). Enable any user, regardless of location, to explore the detailed contents of your unique special collections and archives!

Presenters:
♦ Catherine McIntyre, Utah Valley University
♦ Sandra McIntyre, Mountain West Digital Library
♦ Randy Williams, Utah State University
♦ Gina Strack, Utah State Archives and Records Services

Presented by the Utah Academic Library Consortium Digitization Committee and sponsored by the Archives, Manuscripts and Special Collections Roundtable and the Technical Services Roundtable

Timpanogos Storytelling Festival

The Timpanogos Storytelling Festival returns this fall. It will be held September 1-3 at the Mt. Timpanogos Park in Provo Canyon. For more information, visit: http://timpfest.org.
ULA History Corner

2012 is the Centennial of the Utah Library Association

By Kayla Willey and Connie Lamb, ULA Past Presidents’ Committee Co-Chairs

Each newsletter between now and the 2012 Conference will have information on ULA presidents and some activity or aspect of ULA history.

The annual conferences from 1979-1983 and 1985 were held in the Hotel Utah. The 1985 conference was the last one held at that site. Other conferences in this period were held in Ogden, Park City, St. George, and two other facilities in Salt Lake City. During the decade of 1979-1989 ULA began investing surplus funds for future financial stability. ULA became more involved in intellectual freedom issues during this time and an intellectual freedom fund was established. In the late 1980s, ULA officers tasked the Continuing Education Committee to hold regional workshops away from the Wasatch Front to take ULA to librarians throughout the state. The first two were held in September and October 1989, in Ogden and Cedar City.

Presidents of the 1979-1989 decade


1981-1982  Blaine Hall, Librarian, Brigham Young University, Harold B. Lee Library. Blaine worked as an English professor for nine years before moving...
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1984-1985 Brad Maurer, Director of South Davis Branch in Bountiful, Utah of the Davis County Library System.


1988-1989 Paul Mogren, Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah. Recipient of the ULA Distinguished Service Award in 1987. Paul has been the ULA Historian and Archivist for many years.

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**ULA 99 Years Old—Looking at 100 in 2012**

By Kayla Willey and Connie Lamb, ULA Past Presidents’ Committee Co-Chairs

We are preparing for the centennial birthday of the Utah Library Association next year. Join us at the ULA Conference this year on Friday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m. to share stories and swap reminiscences about ULA’s history. Your hosts at this session haven’t been around for the entire 100 years, but some of them come pretty close! If you have old or new photos, documents, letters, emails, programs and the like from ULA’s past bring them along to add to the ULA archives. We will have an audio recorder available for you to tell your stories for posterity. Here are a few tidbits to whet your appetite. Did you know . . .

♦ ULA joined with the Utah Cattleman’s Association in 1988 to work to defeat proposed tax initiatives on the elections ballot that year?

♦ Edward Abbey was once a ULA speaker who “monkey wrenched” libraries for good?

♦ One of the original founders of ULA, Esther Nelson, was a library student in Melvil Dewey’s first class in New York?

♦ Entertainment at a ULA party was once offered by Juice Newton?

Get the idea? It should be a very fun time. We’ll also be reviewing plans for the 2012 Centennial gala. Come get involved. Be there or be square. For more information contact Paul Mogren (paul.mogren@utah.edu)