We look forward to this year’s ULA Annual Conference. Many people have made outstanding contributions with preconference programs, workshops, poster sessions, and other events in support of this year’s theme: Aim for the Future: On Target with Vision and Advocacy. Join us May 1 to 3 at the new Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo. Be sure to visit our vendors in the ballrooms to see what they have to offer to make your library a success.

Our keynote speaker is Marci Merola, Director of the Office for Library Advocacy at the American Library Association. She works to educate members and citizens on current issues and the importance of libraries, as well as integrating advocacy efforts throughout the association. Enjoy our Thursday luncheon as author and Salt Lake City librarian, Josh Hanagarne, talks about his debut book *The World's Strongest Librarian*. The Provo City Library has offered to host a networking social Thursday evening at 5:00 PM, complete with refreshments and the opportunity to meet a number of Utah authors. Lunch is included with your registration, including the awards luncheon. Michael Whitchurch, on behalf of the Awards Committee, will honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Utah libraries.

If you haven’t yet, be sure to renew your membership. We are looking for help on several committees and round tables, so make sure you update your records to indicate which groups you would be interested in joining.

Many thanks to our Conference Chair, Leslie Schow, and the fantastic conference committee for pulling everything together. Kudos to Holly Okuhara for her leadership as Program Board Chair and to everyone who helped her put many pieces into place. Appreciation goes out to Pia Jones, our conference planner, for her outstanding organization of the event, and for the constant support of the Executive Board. The success of our conference is only possible due to many dedicated and visionary advocates for libraries.
Announcements

Room to Read at the ULA Conference

We are excited to feature a booth for the Room to Read Organization at this year's ULA Conference! From their website:

Room to Read seeks to transform the lives of millions of children in Africa and Asia by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education. Working in collaboration with local communities, partner organizations and governments, we develop literacy skills and a habit of reading among primary school children, and support girls to complete secondary school with the relevant life skills to succeed in school and beyond.

The Wasatch Front Chapter of Room to Read is gaining momentum and will be taking donations and seeking new members at the conference. Stop by, say hello, and learn about this great organization. You can also check them out at www.roomtoread.org.

ULA Festschrift to be Published

The Centennial Committee is preparing a festschrift honoring the centennial anniversary of the Utah Library Association. Invited authors have submitted chapters recognizing different aspects of ULA's history. In addition, there will be historical data on the past 100 years, reflections, and reminiscences. The book will be available for download from ULA.org in a variety of electronic formats. A limited run in paper will be available at the Annual Conference.

New Outreach Committee

The ULA Executive Board recently established a new ad hoc outreach committee for the purpose of promoting community outreach and programming among ULA members. The committee will create networking and continuing education opportunities for librarians, and share best practices, sample programming ideas, and more. For full details about the committee, visit http://ula.org/content/outreach-committee.

Business Round Table to Host Panel at ULA Annual Conference

By Anna Laura Brown, LDS Business College

Do you struggle to pick interesting and engaging books for your business collection? Would you like to learn more about the hottest and most popular business books ever published? The Business Round Table would like to invite you to attend our Business Books Review Panel at ULA. We have business librarians from four different libraries who will share book reviews of their favorite business books. In addition, we will be sharing tips on how to choose business books for your library collection. From stories of startups to social media to the best business books of all time to case studies to advertising, we will cover books on a wide variety of business related topics. We will also give away a free copy of some of the books featured. So whether you are a public librarian or an academic librarian, we hope you will join us for this informative and useful session.
Book Club at the Museum

By Margaret Landesman, Librarian Emeritus, Marriott Library

As a member of the Utah Museum of Fine Arts’ 2013 Docent-in-Training class, I’m learning about the wonderful programs at the museum and want to enlist your support in spreading awareness of Book Club at the Museum.

Book Club at the Museum is not itself a book club. It is a program for existing book clubs which combines reading a featured title and coming to the UMFA as a group to view art that relates to the book. With labor provided entirely by volunteers, a phenomenon ULA members will relate to, the museum has chosen a number of titles. An online discussion guide has been created for each. Book clubs are invited to choose a title, download the discussion guide, make a reservation (two weeks in advance), and bring their club to the museum for an hour tour with an UMFA docent.

UMFA is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday hours are 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Book club tours are free with admission: $7 for adults, $5 for seniors, or $3 for a book club group of ten or more. Admission is free on the first Wednesday of each month. Visit the Book Club at the Museum online for more information on available titles: http://umfa.utah.edu/bookclub.

Libraries might also help with input to those working on this project. I am finding UMFA educators and volunteers to be an incredibly well-read, well-traveled, and welcoming group of people, but they don’t know what large numbers of book clubs are reading the way libraries do. It takes a lot of work to create a tour. Suggestions as to titles to consider would be welcome. Additionally, of course, I’d like to be sure you all know there are many different paths to volunteering at UMFA – some of them as docents of various kinds and others working with projects in collections and conservation efforts which you would all find instantly comprehensible. And very rewarding.

Featured Books
DaNae Leu to Present at ULA Annual Conference.

By Wanda Huffaker, Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee

Generally, material selection is not censorship, unless the librarian purposefully excludes an item to avoid responding to a challenge or complaint. It may happen subconsciously, or in an offhand manner; but this should not be excused as valid collection development. DaNae Leu, school librarian from Davis School District recognized how easily this can happen in her experiences with *In Our Mother’s House*. She will discuss this in her session “Offensive Collection Development” at the ULA Conference. She will discuss the banning of this book, the lawsuit, and the successful outcome.

Because we are often asked for basic training, the Intellectual Freedom Committee will also present a panel discussion on basic “Intellectual Freedom 101.” We hope that people come with questions and—even more—we hope we have anticipated the answers. From privacy to pornography, intellectual freedom is about the most controversial exciting aspect of librarianship.

CSRT/YART Presentations at ULA Annual Conference

By Jamie Ward, Magna Library

There will be many great presentations at the upcoming ULA Conference this year for youth services librarians! The Children’s Services Round Table (CSRT) and Young Adult Round Table (YART) will have an active presence throughout the conference. Attendees will learn all about outreach ideas, using new technology, and lots of programming ideas. Don’t forget to come for the combined CSRT and YART business meeting on May 3 at 8:00 AM for lots of important information.

**May 3**

*Business Meeting (CSRT and YART)*, 8:00 AM, Cascade C

*Connecting the Library and the Community to Benefit Teens (YART)*, 8:30 AM, Cascade C

*An Argument for All-Spanish Story Times (CSRT)*, 8:30 AM, Battle Creek

*Summer Reading Update and Idea Sharing (CSRT and YART)*, 9:30 AM, Cascade E

*Anime and Costumed Events @ the Library (CSRT and YART)*, 11:00 AM, Soldier Creek

*Gotta Move: Creating Movement-Based Story Times, 300* PM, Cascade E

**May 2**

*Telling the Library Story to Schools Through Outreach (CSRT)*, 11:00 AM, Soldier Creek

*2013 Beehive Book Bash (CSRT and YART)*, 1:30 PM, Cascade B

*Picture It! Movies, Teens, & Your Library (YART)*, 3:00 PM, Cascade A

*Launching a Successful Community Reads Program (CSRT)*, 4:00 PM, Cascade B
Health Round Table Sessions at ULA Annual

By Amy Honisett, Eccles Health Sciences Library

The Health Round Table (HeaRT) would like to invite you to join us for some exiting sessions during the upcoming ULA conference. Come learn about resources for health information, staying healthy on the job, and health care reform in Utah. While you’re there, join our bingo game for a chance to win a prize for pursuing health activities!

Preconference

Providing On-Target, Advanced Health Information Reference Services

May 1, 8:20 AM to 11:30 AM

What better way to advocate the value of your library other than by showing it? This preconference program will provide information on helping your library staff demonstrate their expertise and showing patrons how they can go beyond entry level reference and provide in-depth services.

More information: http://conference.ula.org/content/1-providing-target-advanced-health-information-reference-services

Keeping Your Sanity in an Insane Situation

May 1, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

We currently live and work in very busy and stressful environments and times. This workshop is designed to teach some basic techniques to build self-esteem and morale on the job. Participants will learn how to keep their cool amid the chaos.

More information: http://conference.ula.org/content/keep-your-sanity-stress-filled-workplace

Conference Programs

Health Care Reform in Utah—What You and Your Patrons Need to Know

May 2, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Be informed on what health care reform really means for Utah and the U.S. Join HeaRT as we welcome Judi Hilman, executive director and co-founder of the Utah Health Policy Project, who will present on health care changes that will impact you and your patrons. Ms. Hilman is a passionate and articulate speaker, dedicated to creating quality, comprehensive, affordable health care coverage for all Utah residents.


Wellness Bingo

Grab a bingo card full of healthy activities and complete as many as you can throughout the conference. The first 72 people to complete five squares will receive a water bottle. For every five squares you complete, you will be entered into a drawing for an iPod shuffle! This is a great way to keep yourself feeling fantastic, healthy, and full of energy throughout the conference.
Archive Round Table to Host Panel at ULA Annual Conference

By Catherine McIntyre, Utah Valley University Library

The Archives, Manuscripts, and Special Collections Round Table is pleased to sponsor the following panel discussion at the Utah Library Association Annual Conference:

Finding Value in Volunteering and Internships for Future Archival Professionals

May 2, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cascade B

This panel is concerned with the future of the archival profession and in developing internships and volunteer programs that promote valuable hands-on experience in the field. The roots of this idea lead back to the Society of American Archivists 2011 Annual Meeting and continuing discussions on the SAA Student and New Archival Professionals Round Table listserv involving various articles on unpaid internships in general.

Panel speakers will include a mix of both interns/volunteers and institutional representatives.

Presenters

- Jay Burton, LDS Church History Library
- Greg Seppi, LDS Church History Library
- Sarah Langsdon, Associate Curator of Special Collections, Weber State University
- Maggie Kopp, Curator of Rare Books and Internship Coordinator, Brigham Young University

The aim of the Archives, Manuscripts, and Special Collections (AMSC) Round Table is to provide educational programming, networking opportunities, and other resources to aid librarians, archivists, and special collections managers charged with the care of rare and archival materials to successfully perform their jobs. By providing members with access to training workshops, mentoring, and collaboration with other local and national archival groups, as well as opportunities to share experiences and research through conference presentations, the AMSC Round Table offers members numerous avenues with which to increase camaraderie, professionalism, and continuing education in our ever-changing fields. We welcome new members and encourage participation that will keep the archives and special collections professions vibrant and ready to anticipate the challenges of the future.

HOPE FOX ECCLES HEALTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

We are proud to present the Hope Fox Eccles Health Library 2012 Foundation Report. Read the report to learn about all the exciting things going on at our library at: http://library.med.utah.edu/files/Eccles_Foundation_Report-final_2012.pdf
Special Collections on the Web

By Sandra McIntyre, Mountain West Digital Library

Thinking of ramping up your digitization program but need some fresh ideas? Come hear the stories of how some special libraries got going on digitizing and making their materials available online. You will learn how collections were selected for digitization, what resources and workflows were required, and what reactions have come from users to having Web-accessible materials. You will also learn about valuable resources to help your own digitization program.

On May 2, the Special Libraries Section presents two back-to-back panels. At 1:30 PM, we will hear three success stories. Denys Koyle will talk about the Great Basic National Heritage Area Archive; Nancy Lombardo will discuss the Neuro-Ophthalmology Virtual Education Library; and Ken Williams and Gina Strack will speak about the Utah Territorial Papers Collection. At 3:00 PM, we will hear about the achievements of three additional libraries: Joseph Monsen will discuss the LDS Church History Library’s Selected Sets; Dennis Meldrum will describe the Family History Books Collection from FamilySearch; and Anna Neatrour will talk about the creation of the Western Soundscape Archive at the University of Utah. I will moderate both sessions and describe how libraries can benefit from participating in MWDL and the newly launched Digital Public Library of America. Please join us in the Battle Creek Room for these informative sessions.

Public Library Section Programs

By Eric Ikenouye, Salt Lake City Public Library

The Public Library Section of ULA is happy to sponsor a diverse group of programming for the ULA Annual Conference. The programs reflect how unique our state’s public libraries are, and represent universal library concepts for libraries big and small.

Programs that address the challenges of our diverse population include: “Not From Here: Preparing to Advocate for Non-English Speakers” and “Vital Service: Connecting Patrons to Community Resources.” The future of libraries and our physical and service spaces will be addressed in “Makerspaces: A Brainstorming Session” and “Flexible Spaces: Planning for Innovative Technology and Community Need.”

Our need to market ourselves to our communities will be address in “All for One and One for All: ‘Marketeering’ in the Library.” Having a hard time letting go? Try “Hoarder’s Guide to Collection Maintenance.” Need to cut the tethers to your reference desk? “Adventures in Roving Reference” is the session for you. Looking for romance? Then attendance at “Romance in the Stacks: Utah Romance Writers of America Panel” is a must.

We hope that you enjoy these programs and please check out the poster presentations as well. See you at the conference!
“For the Love of Reading” Seeks Engaged Librarian Award Nominees

By Lesli Baker and Kim Rollins, Utah Valley University Library

Utah Valley University’s Forum on Engaged Reading is seeking nominations for the annual Engaged Librarian Award, to be presented at the For the Love of Reading Literacy Conference September 19-20 at the Chateau Resort in Deer Valley, Utah. The award honors public librarians who work with teens and children whose contributions motivate and engage readers in a life-long love of reading.

Educators, librarians, parents, and all those who enjoy reading gather at the two-day conference to gain inspiration on fostering a life-long fervor for reading in children and teens. “The Engaged Librarian Award supports the spirit of the conference, honoring those who dedicate their careers to creating passionate readers from a very young age,” said Lesli Baker, Selection Committee Chair and UVU Library Assistant Director.

Nominees will be evaluated on their innovated approaches to professional practice, programming, or teaching and learning. Creativity, leadership, and service will also be considered.

Anyone may nominate a librarian for the Engaged Librarian Award. Nominators should submit a completed nomination form and a letter of nomination (two pages maximum). Letters should discuss how the nominee’s accomplishments impact children’s or teens’ love of reading. The winner and nominees will be honored at a “Librarians are Magic” dinner the first night of the conference. Nominations will be accepted through July 18.

For the Love of Reading features nationally recognized authors, illustrators, and speakers. This year’s keynote speakers include Sara Pennypacker, a New York Times best-selling author of seventeen children’s books, including the Clementine series; Marla Frazee, a Caldecott Honors recipient for All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon and for A Couple of Boys Have the Best Weeks Ever, which she also wrote; Jim Murphy, a Newbery Honor and Sibert award-winning author of 35 nonfiction and fiction books for children and young adults; and Loreen Leedy, author/illustrator, who has written and illustrated over 35 picture books.

To register or find more information about the conference, go online to www.uvuengagedreading.org, or call UVU Conferences and Workshops at (801) 863-8894.

About UVU’s Forum on Engaged Reading

UVU’s Forum on Engaged Reading is about sharing the best in books, educational practices, and innovative ideas for changing lives. Teaching reading is paramount in the goals of education, but since fostering a love for reading is not a curricular objective, not tested by any state nor in any district plan, and not a component of any federal legislation, America faces a 21st century tragedy of aliteracy. The purpose of UVU’s Forum on Engaged Reading is to make a difference—and to engage readers, “For the Love of Reading.”
NPRT Programs at the ULA Annual Conference

By Britt Fagerheim, Merrill-Cazier Library

The New Perspectives Round Table is sponsoring or co-sponsoring a slate of intriguing and educational programs at this year’s ULA Conference.

On May 2, librarians from the University of Utah will present “Library Collections for Sustainability.” This program will report on a grant to assess the library’s collection development policies related to sustainability studies/science materials, a highly interdisciplinary and changing field.

On May 3, Casey Landau will present the workshop, “Librarians as Educators: Essential Tools and Tips.” As skills traditionally expected of teachers such as classroom management, lesson planning, and inquiry-based learning are becoming more important for librarians, Ms. Landau will share pedagogical tools related to our work in the modern library.

Also on May 3, Josh Johnson will discuss evidence and assessment in libraries in his presentation, “Putting ‘Value’ in Evaluation: Building Relevant, Dynamic Statistical Analysis.” Mr. Johnson will discuss the process of using your library’s needs and mission to develop statistical analyses that make sense for you.

In the poster session category, a group of soon-to-be librarians will report on visits with Scottish librarians and personnel in academic, public, governmental, and special libraries. We hope you will join us for these exciting discussions!

ULA to Partner with Multiview

By Anna Neatour, ULA Executive Director

The ULA Executive Board has voted to approve a contract with Multiview to provide web advertisements on ULA.org. This year, as the Executive Board revisits ULA’s strategic plan, generating additional sources of revenue and increasing revenue in general was identified as a top priority. Staffing, programming, and travel costs for ULA have risen greatly, while membership dues have remained flat for several years.

Multiview has also partnered with the American Library Association, Michigan Library Association, and Colorado Library Association. The ads displayed on ULA webpages would be for library industry related advertisers. For a preview of what the Multiview ads look like, you can visit the webpages for the Michigan Library Association at www.mla.lib.mi.us.
ABOUT THE 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.