By Linda Tillson

As we approach the 100 year anniversary of ULA, it is a good time to look back and celebrate past successes as well as look forward and think about the future of libraries and our organization.

In the past, the success of libraries has been rooted in a willingness to listen and respond to the needs our users and change how we do things to more effectively meet their needs. Instead of shunning the Internet, libraries embraced it and became access points for our communities and organizations.

The front cover of American Libraries September/October 2011 issue asks, “Which Way Forward? Avoiding the Path to Obsolescence.” The cover features a clay figure standing on a red arrow pointing in three diverging directions and scratching its head. I think many in the library world can relate to this figure. The increasing popularity of ebooks has many people asking if libraries and hard copy books will become things of the past.

I believe that the only way to definitively answer this question would be to borrow a time machine and travel into the future. The truth is no one really knows if consumers will continue to demand hard copy items and if library users will continue to utilize and depend upon libraries.

When VHS players became common household items, many predicted the end of movie theaters. Time went by and people continued to patronize theaters. Apparently, “going to the movies” at home was great but didn’t quite replace the experience of attending a movie at a theater.

I’m not suggesting that libraries rest on their laurels and wait to see how things play out. In fact, I believe adapting to changing trends and responding to

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our communities’ needs will be more critical than ever. I think this will be the key to libraries continuing to be vital, relevant, and vibrant institutions for the next 100 years.

ULA’s role will be to continue to effectively respond to the needs of its members by offering pertinent, up-to-date trainings, and conference programs that help members navigate effectively through this time of great change in libraries. ULA events will also bring people together to network and learn from each other’s successes and failures. The best way to overcome the challenges libraries face is for library staff from all levels and all types of libraries to work together and capitalize on one another’s strengths.

One of the best places to learn “Which way forward?” will be to take advantage of ULA programs and attend our exciting Centennial Conference. In fact, you may want to mark your calendar now for the ULA Conference to be held April 25-27.

Announcements

Quilt Lecture at Church History Museum

*Quilts in the Attic: A Lecture by Jennifer Hadley and Jeanne Fetzer* will be held in the Church History Museum auditorium on October 28 at 7:00 PM. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Hadley is an expert on textile preservation and a professional conservator at the Church History Museum. Fetzer is a quilt historian who has studied at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, as well as at the American Quilter’s Society. Hadley and Fetzer encourage quilt owners to do research to find out just what kinds of treasures they may own. In this presentation, they will teach basic fact finding and documentation skills and offer tips and resources on how to verify traditional family stories about heirloom quilts.

For more information, visit the museum’s website at [www.churchhistorymuseum.org](http://www.churchhistorymuseum.org).

Women of Conviction Series Presents
Desideria Quintanar de Yañez: First Woman Convert from Mexico

Desideria Quintanar de Yañez was an elderly widow whose desire to understand a dream led her to accept the restored gospel of Jesus Christ in 1880, at the time when the Church was being established in areas near Mexico City.

The lecture will be held in the Main Floor Auditorium of the Church Office Building, Church History Library, on November 10. Lecture begins at 7:00 PM. For more information, visit [www.churchhistorylibrary.org](http://www.churchhistorylibrary.org).
Wasatch County Library Holiday Boutique

The Wasatch County Library will hold its second annual Holiday Boutique on December 9, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Local artisans, crafters, and music groups will set up throughout the library. This is a chance for local talent to be appreciated and the shoppers to buy locally, while supporting the library and the community at large.

Emporia State University Accepting Applications for New Library Science Cohorts

Tradition, innovation and student-centered learning. These characteristics distinguish the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) learning experience. This MLS program offers friendly and supportive learning with a reputation for graduating outstanding library leaders and information professionals.

The Emporia State University Master of Library Science program is starting a new cohort of students in January 2012 in Salt Lake, and another in January 2013 at Utah Valley University in Orem.

Classes are held Friday evenings 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays, for approximately 12 weekends a year to accommodate the needs of working students. Professors are flown in from the Emporia State University campus to provide personalized attention to students. The program generally takes two years to complete and can be customized for specific interests. Students graduate with a strong support network and join the ranks of Emporia’s over 150+ alumni in Utah.

Applications are now being accepted for the Salt Lake cohort through December 15, 2011. Please feel free to direct any questions to:

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Nominations for ULA Awards

The ULA Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the annual awards to be presented at the 2012 ULA Conference.

Award criteria and the nomination form can be found on the ULA website at www.ula.org/awards.

ULA Centennial Celebration & Conference

The ULA Annual Conference will be held April 25-27, 2012, at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. The Centennial Gala will be held April 26 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel Ballroom.
World Horror Convention

The World Horror Convention will again be in Salt Lake City from March 29-April 1, 2012. A few of the special guests are Sherrilyn Kenyon, P.N. Elrod, and Mike Mignola.

We’re celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Horror Writers Association’s incorporation in March of 2012! We're thrilled to say that our three founders—Joe Lansdale, Karen Lansdale, and Robert McCammon—will be on hand to celebrate with us. We'll have a full slate of special panels and events culminating with the gala presentation of the 2011 Bram Stoker Awards at WHC 2012. The Lansdales and McCammon are official Guests of HWA for the entire day, which has two major components.

First, Celebrate HWA Day will offer a full slate of panels presented by HWA as a separate programming stream at WHC 2012 on March 31. Our first major announcement is a presentation by Dacre Stoker, great-grandnephew of Bram Stoker and author of Dracula: The Un-Dead, about his new book, Bram Stoker’s Dublin Literary Notebook. More big names and panels will be announced.

Second, the 25th Bram Stoker Awards Banquet on the evening of March 31 features our first awards given under the half-juried system and will include the one-off Bram Stoker Vampire Novel of the Century Award, co-presented by Dacre Stoker on behalf of the Bram Stoker Family Estate.

For more information, visit our new website (www.stokers2012.org/) which has everything you need to know, including how to register at WHC 2012, hotel bookings, and so on. If you are planning to attend you might like to book your hotel now through the website (www.stokers2012.org/) and even consider your air bookings as there is a General Conference in Salt Lake City during the same weekend.

U of U Marriott Library Welcomes New Associate Dean

Catherine Soehner has joined the University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library as Associate Dean for Research and Learning Services. Catherine comes to the library from the University of Michigan, where she served as the Director of Art, Architecture, Science and Engineering Libraries. Prior to her position at the University of Michigan, Catherine served as Head of the Science and Engineering Library at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and also held professional positions at the National Library of Medicine. Catherine holds a B.S. degree in nursing from the College of Mount St. Joseph and received her Master’s in Library Science from Indiana University.
National Leadership Grants Awarded to University of Utah Library

The J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah Library has been awarded two National Leadership Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

In the planning grant category, the Marriott Library and project partners Mountain West Digital Library, Northwest Digital Archives and Rocky Mountain Online Archives was awarded $49,943 for a one-year project called "Planning for a Western Archival Network." With matching funds, the budget totals $62,951. The Marriott Library and its partners will explore ways to improve the usability of software and systems designed to search groups of encoded descriptions of archival collections. Once the planning is completed and the methods are implemented, the need for extensive Internet searching will diminish, and end-users will find easier and quicker access to archival materials.

The second grant was a $439,142 demonstration grant for the three-year project, “Getting Found: Search Engine Optimization for Digital Repositories.” With matching funds, the total project budget is $878,820. Working with the Online Computer Library Center, Inc., the Digital Library Federation, and the Mountain West Digital Library, the Marriott Library will test and evaluate a strategy for making library digital repositories significantly more visible in Internet search engines such as Google, Google Scholar, and Bing.

Twin Cities Library Update

By Wanda Mae Huffaker, Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee

In September the Hope Organization in St. George updated the Intellectual Freedom Committee about the library book situation in the Twin Cities Library. The Colorado City Police Department released the books and authorized the use of a storage unit until the library can be organized in a permanent location. Barnes and Noble donated new books through the Hope Organization, and these will be transferred there as well. The library will be built in the Centennial Park area, which is in Mohave County, Arizona. The books that were burned, sold, and discarded will never be recovered, but for the time being some books have been returned to the library. The Hope Organization remains interested in and concerned about all of the reading and informational needs of the citizens in the Twin City community.
MPLA Leadership Institute Accepting Applications

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MPLA Leadership Institute 2012 Deadline for Applications: November 1, 2011

The 2012 Leadership Institute will be held May 6 – 11, 2012, at the YMCA of the Rockies in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. The Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan, who has over 25 years experience in leadership development. Maureen has been elected to the 2012-13 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA) and will be facilitating the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute during her presidential year.

The MPLA Leadership Institute is not your average conference or classroom continuing education experience. The Leadership Institute is an intense program with long days filled with a variety of activities, active discussion, and critical reflection built around:

- Leadership
- Principles
- Strategies
- Values
- Communication
- Managing Differences
- Risk Taking
- Power and Influence
- Leading Change
- Commitment
- Groups and Teams
- Project Management
- Personal Planning

Find guidelines and link to application form: www.mpla.us/leadership/. Completed applications are due no later than November 1, 2011.

Requirements for 2012:

- Employed in a library organization in MPLA’s 12-state region
- Current member (last two years) 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
- A thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation

The MPLA Leadership Institute is designed to provide a high quality, affordable development experience for current and future leaders in the 12 state Mountain Plains region. Cost: The cost $650 for state association members without a current MPLA membership; or $550 for those who are also MPLA members. Cost includes double room, all meals, facilitation and materials. Participants are responsible for transportation.

For more information contact Judy Zelenski at execsecretary@mpla.us, Dan Stanton at danton@asu.edu, or Adriane Juarez at ajuarez@slcpl.org.
Introducing the Hope Fox Eccles Health Library

By Erica Lake, Associate Director, Hope Fox Eccles Health Library

“My doctor just told me I have type II diabetes. Now what do I do?”

“Everyone says I have to lower my BMI. I don’t know what that means.”

“I want to join an ALS patient support group. Is there one near my home?”

As we know, the need for reliable and clear consumer health information has never been greater. University of Utah Health Care in Salt Lake City provides 850,000 inpatient and outpatient visits annually, with 10,000 people passing through the front doors of the University Hospital daily. With the opening of the new Hope Fox Eccles Health Library in March 2011, every one of these visitors now has convenient access to free health information, as well as the services of a professional librarian and trained staff.

The library was funded through a generous donation from the George and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation, and through the support and commitment of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library and University of Utah Health Care. Located off the University Hospital’s main lobby, the library offers an inviting, comfortable, and contemplative environment for information seekers. All patients, their families, and the general community are welcome. Trained staff can assist in locating health information from reputable sources and can show visitors how to identify trustworthy websites. Five computer workstations are available, and laptops may be checked out for use on other floors within the hospital. Visitors may also help themselves to free pamphlets and brochures on a wide variety of health issues.

Erica Lake and Sam (Sung-Eun) Yu at the Hope Fox Eccles Health Library

Erica Lake, formerly with Intermountain Healthcare for 11 years, joined the faculty at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library as Associate Director of the new library and is delighted to be a part of the Eccles team.

There are four ways to contact the library:

- Stop by in person at the University Hospital in Salt Lake City
- Call (801) 581-4685
- E-mail healthlibrary@lists.utah.edu
- Chat online using the Ask a Question feature at http://healthcare.utah.edu/hospital/library

The library is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The library is not staffed on University of Utah holidays.
BYU’s Lee Library is Flexible

By Rogert Layton, Communications Manager, Harold B. Lee Library

The librarians at the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU are getting flexible, if not in body at least in spirit. The information literacy librarians have converted one of their standard computer instruction rooms into a new Flexible Learning Room. They removed all the desks and desktop computers and replaced them with free rolling “Node” chairs. The computers were replaced with iPads and bluetooth keyboards. Librarians and university faculty are welcome to use the room to explore new, more flexible ways of learning.

Annual Utah Book Award Winners Announced

By Julianne Hancock, Communications Manager, Salt Lake Public Library

The Salt Lake City Public Library and the Utah Humanities Council announced the winners of the 11th annual Utah Book Award.

The winners by category are:

Fiction - Gerald Elias for Danse Macabre
Nonfiction - Steven R. Simms for Traces of Fremont
Poetry - Shawn Fawson for Giving Way
Young Adult - Kiersten White for Paranormalcy
Children - Shannon Hale and Dean Hale for Calamity Jack

The winners were honored at an event at the Kim T. Adamson Alumni House on the Westminster College campus.

The Utah Book Award is administered by the Salt Lake City Public Library and presented with the Utah Humanities Council, the home of Utah Center for the Book, with financial support provided by the Smith-Pettit Foundation.
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.

In the early 1990s there was a focus on reuniting the school librarians with the Utah Library Association and a few joint ULA/UELMA conferences were held in the 1990s.

A major reorganization of ULA occurred in 1996. Pete Giacoma, past president, was chair of the ULA Reorganization Committee. That group identified four goals with specific actions to accomplish them:

1. Increase continuity among the Board of Directors by establishing a smaller board with longer terms for members at large.

2. Increase the focus on programs by creating a ULA Programming Board and an appointed position of Program Coordinator.

3. Distribute duties and responsibilities more effectively. Better defined the duties for the Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and the Programming Board and created an Association Review Committee.

4. Expand member involvement by reducing competitive elections by presenting a slate of officers for round tables.

In 1998, a joint conference of MPLA and ULA met at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. It was the 50th anniversary for MPLA, so we had a large celebration and combined it with an 85th birthday for ULA. It was held in the auditorium of the Greek Orthodox Church with a program honoring past MPLA and ULA presidents.

Presidents of the 1990-1999 decade

1989-1990  Carolyn Dickinson, Librarian, Salt Lake City Public Library

1990-1991  Eileen Longsworth, Director, Salt Lake County Library System. ULA Librarian of the Year in 1989.

1991-1992  Carol Hansen, Librarian at Stewart Library and adjunct professor at Weber State University. Carol has worked in several libraries in the Middle East and Malaysia and is currently the Director of Libraries, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.

1992-1993  Randy J. Olsen, Associate University Librarian, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. Randy

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served as the University Librarian at BYU from 2002-2010 and is currently the Director of Libraries in the Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ULA Librarian of the Year in 1996 and recipient of the ULA Distinguished Service Award in 2009.


1995-1996 Julie Farnsworth, Librarian, Provo Public Library

1996-1997 Renae Pearce, Librarian, Salt Lake City Public Library


1998-1999 Larry J. Ostler, Assistant University Librarian, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. ULA Special Recognition Award in 2001. Director of Ricks College Library prior to coming to BYU.

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Emporia State University SLIM Students Visit Serbia

By Ginger Hyde

Four students from Emporia State University’s School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) Salt Lake City cohort were selected to travel to Belgrade, Serbia, to participate in a 10-day study abroad program. The students, Brienne Coombs, Ginger Hyde, Chrissy Johnson, and Heather Novotny, traveled to Serbia with four other Emporia students and attended the international conference “Digitalization of Cultural and Scientific Heritage, University Repositories, and Distance Learning” at the University of Belgrade. Presenters at the conference were from Bulgaria, Italy, Serbia, and the United States. The students also had a chance to visit American Corner libraries in Belgrade and Novi Sad, and hold discussions and workshops with the American Corner librarians as well as with librarians from the Belgrade City Library and the Novi Sad City Library.

Second from left: Ginger Hyde. Fifth from left: Brienne Coombs. Sixth from left: Heather Novotny. Seventh from left: Chrissy Johnson

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.

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