President’s Message

The Top Ten Reasons to “Come Together….for Utah Libraries” at ULA’s Annual Conference: May 12-14 in St. George, Utah!

Ruby Cheesman
ULA President

1. A chance to view “The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians Through Film” — Thursday @ 5:30 pm, after the President’s reception. “A touching, amusing, insightful and entirely delightful film” says Vartan Gergorian, Carnegie Corporation.

2. Delicious lunches — free with your registration!

3. Hear from Brenda Jensen, Vice President of The HOPE Organization, a non-profit group dedicated to assisting survivors of abuse within polygamous relationships, in the session: “Fahrenheit FLDS” Thursday @ 11am (sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee)

4. Discover how to “Use Music in Children’s Programming” from Jill Baird! …and take home a free CD! Thursday, 11am. (sponsored by Children’s Services Round Table)

5. Catalogers unite @ “Making ‘Cents’ of Cataloging: Are We Getting What We Are Paying For?”: Thursday @ 11:35-noon (sponsored by Technical Services Round Table)

6. Come learn how to be a great advocate for your library and what ULLN can do for you: Thursday @ 1:30 (sponsored by the Legislative Committee)

7. Hear from three LDS fiction authors: K.C. Grant, Heather Moore, and Annette Lyon….and you might win a free book! Thursday @ 2:45 (sponsored by Public Section)

8. Learn why you should weed…and even enjoy it, from Kathleen Sullivan, Phoenix Public Library, Thursday @ 4:15

9. Meet and greet 8 Teen authors on Friday @ 9:00 & 10:30. Bobbie Pyron, Bree Despain, Emily Wing-Smith, Sydney Salter-Swoon, Lisa Mangum, James Dashner, Lee Modesitt, and Phillip E Jones. (sponsored by Young Adult Round Table)

10. Hear from current ALA President Camila Alire, who will speak on Frontline Advocacy: Wednesday Preconference & Thursday’s Keynote speaker. Camila is dynamic, witty and totally committed to America’s libraries!

And I could name many more wonderful reasons to join us in St. George, such as: seeing who will receive our coveted awards; visiting with librarians from throughout Utah; taking in a show at Tuacahn; learning about new innovations from our many vendors; exploring creative thinking in our Poster Sessions, just to name a few more.

Many thanks to Conference Chair Greg Hatch and his fantastic Conference Committee for their hard work putting it all together. Kudos to Sarah Bosarge for her tireless efforts as Program Board Chair. Pia Jones, our ULA Conference Planner, has made it much easier to organize this annual event.

If you haven’t already registered, it’s not too late! Early Bird registration is open through April 6 (save $25). Click on the 2010 Conference link on our website: www.ula.org
ULA Annual Conference Almost Here!

Remember to register by April 6 (the early-bird deadline) to save money on the Utah Library Association’s annual conference which will be held in St. George this year from May 12-14. Registering early saves you $25! Included in your registration are two pre-conference sessions and lunch on both Thursday and Friday! This year the pre-conference sessions include:

**Wednesday, May 12**
8:30 - 11:30 am

**Camila Alire: Frontline Advocacy**
Learn about our ALA President’s Advocacy Initiative first hand!

**How to Write for Library Science Journals**
This author workshop from Emerald Insight will provide you with background information on Emerald journals and books and give you advice on preparing articles for submission, and much more.

**Mary Bushing: Leading from the Middle**
Learn the necessary skills, attitudes and means of exerting influence in any organization.

1:00 – 4:00 pm

**Nancy Dowd: The Art of Telling a Compelling Strategic Story.**
The single most important skill for librarians is the ability to share your library’s story in a compelling way so others want to help you succeed. This workshop will help you to win support from many different camps including patrons, administrators, voters, donors, and government officials.

**What’s New with Family Search?**
Learn how you can access more records to more people quicker and more economically.

**Pam Smith: Anythink Libraries**
Join Pam Smith for a presentation about how and why the Rangeview Colorado Public Library System strategically reengineered basic systems from the ground up to revolutionize service to patrons.

**Conference Luncheon Speakers**
The luncheon speaker on Thursday will be author Rosemary Harris. She and her husband have helped to build the Chalula Community Library, the first library in Mvumi, Tanzania. To learn more about Rosemary and the Chalula Library visit www.rosemaryharris.com.

The Friday luncheon speaker is Taki Telonidis from the Western Folklife Center, a producer of “Red Rock Rondo,” a musical documentary film of the people, place and history of Zion National Park. He will speak about making the documentary and show clips from the film. For more information, visit http://www.westernfolklife.org/site1/index.php/CONCERTS-READINGS-AND-OTHER-EVENTS/Red-Rock-Rondo-a-Musical-Documentary.html.
Kathy Ballard

UELMA held its annual conference on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Mountain View High School in Orem. The theme was “Library Leadership: Piecing It All Together,” and it focused on advocacy. Pieced quilts were placed around the school to decorate and remind conference attendees of the theme. Dr. Ann Ewbank of Arizona State University was the keynote speaker and in spite of a short power outage during her address, it was entertaining and informative. Debbie Naylor was the Conference Chair. She and her committee did an outstanding job.

38 different workshops were taught in 5 different sessions. The featured authors were James Dashner, Michael Ramsdell and Larene Ellis.

This year the fund raiser was raising cash for books for the Grand County School Libraries, which have received no funding for the last while. Even their book fine money has been claimed by the district for other purposes.

At the luncheon, Lanell Rabner passed the gavel to Brent Jones, the new president for the coming year. Andrea Woodring is the new President Elect and Stan Fuller and Cindy Moyle are new Board Members. They will each serve a three year term.

Kayla Willey
Connie Lamb
Co-Chairs, Past Presidents Committee

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Many thanks,
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MPLA Representative Report

Dorothy Horan

Three Utah librarians have been selected to attend the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute:

Donaldson, Christy - Media Librarian, Utah Valley University

Eye, John - Interim Dean of Library Services, Southern Utah University

Sherratt Library

Hebron, Tiffany - Assistant Manager, Salt Lake City Public Library

The Institute will be held April 25-30 in Estes Park, Colorado.

The Mountain Plains Library Association Annual Conference for 2010 is being held in Oklahoma City April 19-21. This is a joint conference with the Oklahoma Library Association. Activities will include the Oklahoma Book Awards, Sequoyah Children’s and Young Adult Book Awards, a conference event at the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library, pub crawl, tours and several receptions.

On the evening of April 20, the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library will host “Stacked, Fashion Off the Shelf.” This event will include a runway event and silent auction featuring fashions and home accessories created from library materials. The Master of Ceremonies will be award-winning author Michael Wallis and feature hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar and tours of the library. Designs are currently being solicited for the event.

The OLA/MPLA Awards Banquet will feature television series producer and writer Nancy Miller who created the TNT series Saving Grace, which is set in Oklahoma City. Nancy created the television shows Leaving LA and Any Day Now and has been involved in the production or writing of several other shows.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. J. Rufus Fears, the David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Fears is the author of several volumes, including The Cult of Jupiter and Roman Imperial Ideology, The Theology of Victory at Rome and Selected Writings of Lord Acton.

Luncheon speakers will be Oklahoma author/publisher Dorothy Alexander and fantasy author Michael Sullivan.

Other speakers will include ALA President Camila Alire, and award-winning author Wendelin Van Draanen.

The results of the Mountain Plains Library Association election have been announced:

The new MPLA Vice-President/President-elect will be Dana Braccia, currently a member of the MPLA Board, and the Collection Development Coordinator, Scottsdale Public Library System in Arizona.

The new MPLA Recording Secretary will be Tamara Meredith, a former member of the MPLA Board, and the Head of the Learning Resource Center at the University of Wyoming, Laramie.
Utah State Library Opens Outstanding Library Award

The Utah State Library is now accepting nominations for Utah’s 2010 Outstanding Library Award.

Awarded to the library that:

- Demonstrates innovation and creativity to provide increased access to valuable library services
- OR
- Demonstrates effective collaboration with local organizations to promote regular use of libraries

Demonstrated by at least one of the following measures:

- Increased circulation
- Increased patron visits to the library
- Increased program opportunities
- Increased patron satisfaction (through surveys)
- Increased cooperation with local agencies
- Increased funding from local agencies or partners
- Increased staff morale / involvement
- Increased funding from the local community

Supported by:

- Effective assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation

Submission Deadline:

- April 1, 2010

The selected outstanding library will receive a $1000 grant!

For nomination form and more information, see http://library.utah.gov/outstanding_library/index.html.

ULA Treasurer’s Report: Dues and Registration

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Don’t forget 2010 dues are due and should be paid before registering for the conference. The best way to process dues is to renew or join online through ULA’s website using a credit or debit card.

If your organization sends a check, please use the following mailing address:

ULA
P.O. Box 708155
Sandy Utah 84070

Unfortunately, some cities and counties are using an address at least 10 years old.

Also, if your organization processes multiple people, please include a list of the names, so we can make sure you are enrolled.

The same is true for the conference since ULA use an outside registration service. Please don't combine renewal and registration checks, but if you must, indicate all of the details, i.e. who is renewing, who is attending the conference, and what are they paying for. For conference registration, the best way is to pay is online with a credit or debit card.

Thank you for your assistance. Remember, membership and conference registration are two separate things, handled by two separate services and paying to one is likely to cause some problems.
National Genealogical Society Offers Free Workshops for Librarians

Utah librarians will have a unique educational opportunity in April, thanks to a national conference being held in Salt Lake City.

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will hold its annual conference at the Salt Palace Convention Center April 28-May 1. In conjunction with the conference, NGS and Proquest are sponsoring a free Librarians’ Day on Tuesday, April 27. The event will go from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building Empire Room, 15 East South Temple in Salt Lake City.

All librarians who work with family history patrons will benefit from this special pre-conference meeting, which includes an enriching day of classes and behind-the-scenes tours of the Family History Library and the new LDS Church History Library.

Here is a brief look at the day’s events.

9:00–10:00 A.M. How the Library of Congress Can Help You with Your Family History Patrons
James P. Sweany, head of the Local History & Genealogy Reading Room at the Library of Congress.

The world’s largest library holds more than 60,000 genealogies and 100,000 local histories plus rich collections of manuscripts, microfilms, newspapers, photographs, maps, and other material that should not be overlooked. Focus will be on helping librarians who serve family history researchers utilize the services and the print and digital collections of the Library of Congress.

10:15–11:15 A.M. Funding Projects Large and Small
Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, CG, CGL is the executive director at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth, Michigan.

A tough economy requires creative thinking in order to find funding for projects, regardless of size. This lecture explores several ways to capture funds, from an "adoption" campaign, to sponsorship, to applying for grants. Successful examples will highlight the lecture. Don't give up! Money is available if sought from the right people in the right way.

11:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Lunch

1:00–2:00 PM Collection Care for Your Library
Chris McAfee works for BYU and the LDS Church History Department conserving and preserving. M. Scott Simkins is the head conservator at the Family History Library.

Two conservators will share methods for storing, mending, and preserving your library materials.

2:15–4:00 PM Behind the Scenes Tours of the Family History Library and the new LDS Church History Library.

At the Church History Library, visit with professionals in the preservation image center, conservation lab, and public services area. Building construction details, reference staffing, and other service issues will be discussed as you learn more about this new facility that opened in June 2009.

At the Family History Library, see unique genealogical assets, learn what services are offered, and find out how to bring its resources to your library.

From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., socialize with library professionals from both facilities during an Open House at the Church History Library that will include demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies used in preserving and restoring archival materials.

To register for the free Librarians’ Day, please visit: www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/preconference_events
Donna Jones Morris  
State Librarian

Joint Trustee Regional Conferences

The joint Utah State Library and Utah Library Association (ULA) sponsored Trustee Regional Conferences have been announced for the South Central Region for March 24 at Snow College, and the South Region for April 16 at Cedar City Library in the Park. Registration was created online for these sessions at http://library.utah.gov/services/trustees/conferences.html
Conferences are scheduled from 10am to 2pm, including a working lunch provided by ULA.

DCC Capital Facilities Grant Applications – 2010 Round

In December 2009, the State Library Board adopted the final revised process for reviewing and evaluating grant applications from Utah libraries submitted under the new H.B. 236: Department of Community and Culture, Capital Facilities Grants. The main element of the process is a Grants Prioritization Evaluation Rubric that allows the Board to review grants based on objective criteria that reflect the intent of the legislation. The approved rubric is located at: http://library.utah.gov/grants/capfacilities/index.html

Because the LSTA Fall Grant Round successfully used the Salesforce CRM system for grant applications, efforts are underway to clone that system for use with the 2010 DCC Facilities Grants applications that, by statute, have a deadline of June 1, 2010. Hopes are that the online application system will be available early in 2010.

LSTA

The State Library Board voted October 14, 2009 that LSTA regrants be suspended until the funding can be restored. Since there have been no significant increases in funding to the State Library, there has been no change to the State Library Board’s decision. As a result of this decision, there will not be an LSTA grant round in spring 2010 and it is looking like there will not be a round in the fall 2010. The 13 mini grants awarded during the recent Fall 2009 LSTA Grant Round totaling $100,000 are being administered. That grant information is located at USL website: http://library.utah.gov/grants/lsta/index.html

21st Century Library Blog

Library Specialist Steve Matthews established a 21st Century Library Blog for USL that provides a forum for the Utah library community to discuss and share 21st Century Library issues and practices. https://21stcenturylibrary.wordpress.com

Gates Foundation Grants

Rural Library Consultant Doug Gould sent the final report to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for 27 Utah libraries that participated in the last Gates grants program, called Opportunity Online Hardware Grants. A total of 107 new computers were granted to the participating libraries for a total of $233,597 that USL distribute among the 27 libraries. There are no active Gates Foundation grants in progress, marking the end of their computers for libraries grant program in Utah.

Trading Spaces Mentoring Program

Continuing Education Coordinator Colleen Eggett met with librarians from Salt Lake County Library, Utah Library Association, Logan Library, Salt Lake City Library, and Highland Library to create a statewide "Trading Spaces" mentoring program. There are 12 people on the committee. The program will be highlighted in a poster session at the Utah Library Association Conference in May, in one of the conference sessions,
in the ULA newsletter, and in other means. A needs assessment survey will be sent out through the listservs. Preliminary support is strong for the program; more details are available on the blog, http://utahlibraries.org.

**USL Fundraiser Donates Funds**

Director Donna Jones Morris, Library for the Blind Program Manager Bessie Oakes, Information Specialist Jeri Openshaw, and Contracts/Grants Analyst Julie Anderson presented the Rose Park Elementary School with a check for $570, the proceeds from the fundraiser for the school, on February 16.

**Broadband Initiative**

Library Service Program Manager Craig Neilson has coordinated an effort between Utah State Library and Utah Education Network to submit a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) draft grant application to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to secure matching funds for broadband access for public libraries.

**Bookmobile**

Director Donna Jones Morris and Bookmobile Librarian Shawn Bliss were interviewed by The Herald Journal (Logan) reporter Kim Burgess and it resulted in a full-page article in the Sunday, February 7th newspaper championing the Cache County Bookmobile that is providing library services to rural Cache County citizens through a cooperative contract between the Utah State Library and the Cache County Commissioners.


**Church History Library Hosts Treasures of the Collections Open House**

The Church History Library will host a Treasures of the Collections open house on Friday, April 2, 5pm-9pm and Saturday, April 3, 12:00pm-2pm, 4pm-9pm.

Come enjoy a rare and unique display of historical items from the archives of the Church History Library. View seldom seen historic books, photographs, manuscripts, journals, and minutes relating to the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Items on display include journals of Joseph Smith, Wilford Woodruff, Eliza R. Snow and other Latter-day Saints. Learn about the scriptures, including the Book of Mormon manuscript and the rare 1833 Book of Commandments. View photographs of Mormon pioneers and early Mormon scenes. Experience Church history through these and other treasures of the collection.

The Church History Library is located at 15 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. To learn more, visit www.churchhistorylibrary.org.
Donna Cardon  
McSRT Chair  

What is a culture? Is a culture based on ethnicity, or can there be other defining factors? What diverse cultures exist in our communities and what can libraries do to meet their unique needs? These are some of the questions discussed in the new Multicultural Services Round Table (McSRT).

The officers of the round table represent academic, public and school libraries. Some of the members are from the currently inactive Reforma de Utah, but others are associated with non-Hispanic minority populations.

Within its first few months of existence, McSRT sponsored a speaker at the ULA fall workshop. Yvonne Keetch, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for the Provo Library, presented a class on teaching emergent literacy skills to bilingual families.

The round table is also pleased to be sponsoring a class dealing with library services to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender community in the upcoming ULA Conference and are co-sponsoring the ULA pre-conference featuring Camila Alire.

The McSRT is currently looking for members and program ideas for the 2010-11 year. If anyone is interested in participating please contact the current roundtable chair, Donna Cardon at donnac@provolibrary.com.

Salt Lake County Library Services Connects with Social Media

Greg Near  
Salt Lake County Library Services  

Salt Lake County Library Services has recently begun actively connecting with our patrons through various social media outlets, and while this kind of new outreach always takes time to build up steam, we’ve had great success in the past few months. We established a Social Media Committee comprised of Librarians, the Training Coordinator and the Public Relations Coordinator to help manage the wide variety of social media options, and provide the staff with direction for using the online tools to better serve our community. We’ve established a page on Facebook and a Twitter account where we provide information about library promotions, programs and general information; the Facebook page already has almost 450 followers, including library lovers from Chile, Mexico and Sweden, with the breakdown of followers being approximately 78% female and 22% male. We regularly post photos and short videos of events happening at the libraries, as well as updates about the four new libraries currently under construction. Find us on Facebook and become a fan! We also have various blogs that are maintained by librarians, including a popular one focusing on the Reader’s Choice campaign, as well as accounts on MySpace and YouTube.

One of the promotions we’re currently featuring on these pages is a celebration of National Poetry Month in April. We’re encouraging teens and adults to enter the Magnetic Poetry Contest between Monday, March 15 and Saturday, April 17, 2010. They can simply create an original poem using a magnetic poetry kit of any kind (including handmade), take a photo of the poem and submit their entry by emailing the photo to magneticpoetry@slcolibrary.org. Entries will be judged on creativity and originality. More information can be found on our new website at www.slcolibrary.org/le/lesp/index.htm.
Spotlight Your Library and Make a Difference

On Monday, April 12, 2010, the Utah State Library (USL), Utah Library Association (ULA), Utah Educational Library Media Association (UELMA), Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) and other organizations are participating in “SNAPSHOT 2010-ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF UTAH LIBRARIES” where libraries can show what happens in a single day in their libraries. How many books are checked out? How many people receive help finding a job? Doing their taxes? Doing their homework? This initiative provides an easy means to collect statistics, photos and stories that allow library advocates to prove the value of their libraries to decision-makers and increase public awareness.

The purpose? To capture the impact that Utah libraries have on their communities on a typical day. This joint project is a model of collaboration and a great example of a multi-type library project. Photos and events can portray patrons on computers searching for jobs, doing taxes, teens reading, storytelling sessions or community activities of all kinds.

Librarians from all types of libraries are planning to participate: public and academic libraries, school and special libraries, hospital libraries and government libraries; from the tiniest facility to the largest systems. A quick survey has been created to capture the daily activities of libraries across the state.

"Each day libraries across the state provide accurate information, employment help, assistance with navigating government websites, and a rich cultural experience to Utah’s residents. “SNAPSHOT 2010-ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF UTAH LIBRARIES” allows libraries to highlight the activities that occur on a typical day in all types of Utah libraries and gives customers the opportunity to describe the prominent role libraries play in their lives," says Donna Jones Morris Utah State Librarian.

Ruby Cheesman, President of the Utah Library Association, says: "In these difficult economic times, what might happen if we had no libraries in Utah? By taking a snapshot of the incredible things that go on every day in Utah libraries, we can make a difference."

All Utah libraries will be asked to share how they plan to use the data they collect. Many libraries will be using the statistics and comments they gather at a local level. They can include photos, quotes and comments from their customers in their newsletters. Libraries can also share results with mayors, city commissioners and other government officials. They can print photos and send them to their elected officials to showcase what is happening in their library on a daily basis. Photos can be easily posted to a designated flickr account and shared in many ways. Thanks in advance to everyone participating in “SNAPSHOT DAY 2010–ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF LIBRARIES.”

For ideas and easy to follow steps go to: http://utahlibrariessnapshot.pbworks.com

Or contact: Juan Lee — jtlee@utah.gov or Jeri Openshaw — jerio@utah.gov
Health Information Resources for Seniors

John Bramble  
Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library

William completed the Boston Marathon at the age of 67. Now, in his late-80s he continues to enjoy hiking, skiing and running. Mildred, 73, hits the step machine after complete knee replacement surgery and daily increases her walking distance. These are just two of the inspirational stories on the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) NIHSeniorHealth website (http://nihseniorhealth.gov). Often times these stories cross my mind as I watch the seconds painfully ticking away on the treadmill timer. However, William and Mildred’s dedication, along with the other 26 engaging exercise stories, keep me motivated to exercise for life.

People aged 65 and up numbered 37.3 million in 2006 (12.4% of the population) and are expected to represent 20% of the United States population by 2030.¹ 51% of next generation seniors (50-64) and 21% of seniors 65 and up have gone online to search for health information.² With the growth of our aging population, it’s imperative to have accurate, authoritative online resources to make informed health care decisions. Here are a selection of resources that focus on the unique needs of seniors and caregivers.

NIHSeniorHealth (http://nihseniorhealth.gov/) was developed by staff from the NLM and the National Institute on Aging to provide seniors and caregivers with reliable aging-related health information. The site debuted in 2002 with three health topics, and now includes 43 health topics, health videos, Medicare basics for caregivers, a trainer’s toolkit to help older adults learn to search online health information, and links to tips on making websites senior friendly. The site has many senior-friendly features allowing users to easily increase the text size, change the page color for higher contrast, or activate the “talking” function that reads text aloud. NIHSeniorHealth has received numerous awards and recognition including the 2009 bronze medal from the National Mature Media Awards and the Industry Innovators Award from the International Council on Active Aging. If you, or you know of someone 60 years or older who exercises regularly, consider sharing your exercise story to inspire others.

The National Institute on Aging (http://www.nia.nih.gov) provides information on healthy aging, care giving, dietary supplements, and diseases in both English and Spanish. It also provides links to other National Institutes of Health and other government websites. This Institute conducts scientific research to understand the nature of aging and extending one’s healthy active years. In addition to health information, the site has a searchable database of over 300 national organizations that provide help to older adults.

The U. S. Administration on Aging (http://aoa.gov) provides links to connect older persons, caregivers and professionals to federal, national and local programs – including the Eldercare Locator to find help with transportation, meals, home care, and caregiver support services. You can link to the Locator directly at http://www.eldercare.gov.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has a section just for seniors at www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml. Topics include health issues - such as arthritis, cancer, diabetes - drug information, medication errors, health fraud, and nutrition.

USA.gov, the award-winning official portal to all things government has a wealth of resources for seniors at http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml. In addition to health information and

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caregiver resources, this site provides information consumer protection; end-of-life issues; education, jobs and volunteerism for seniors; laws and regulations protecting seniors; financial, retirement, and tax information; and travel and recreation tips and discounts.

Medicare’s official site (http://www.medicare.gov/) provides information on comparing prescription drug plans, health plans and hospitals. In addition, you can learn about planning for long-term care, Medicare eligibility, find resources for caregivers, and locate Medicare forms.

Nursing Home Compare (www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/home.asp) is a tool containing detailed information about past performance of every Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing home in the country. Sites receive ratings on health inspections, nursing home staffing, residents quality measures (health, physical functioning, mental status, general well being), and fire safety inspections.

For more information, or to schedule a presentation:

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USU Welcomes Two New Librarians

Utah State University’s Merrill-Cazier Library is pleased to announce that two new librarians have joined their faculty.

Kacy Lundstrom started work in January as a reference librarian and subject liaison to departments in the College of Education and Human Services. Kacy has lived and worked in UT, AZ, WA, NY, CA, and Russia. She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Education and English at USU in 2004 and 2007, respectively. She moved to Utah from Lexington, KY, where she completed an MLIS degree last December.

Angela Dresselhaus assumed the position of Electronic Resources Librarian on March 1 and will be responsible for maintaining, enhancing, and assessing the Library’s electronic collections. A native Kentuckian, Angela comes to Utah by way of Indiana University in Bloomington, where she received her Master of Library Science and was a serials cataloger. Angela is also the incoming editor of the NASIG Newsletter, a role that includes an ex officio position on the NASIG Executive Board.
LDS Business College’s Yearbooks Digitized by Mountain West Digital Library

LDS Business College’s yearbook collection is now available online for public inspection and reading. Readers can hunt for information about ancestors, study century-plus old photographs, and read accounts and stories from eras gone by.

The Mountain West Digital Library recently notified the college’s Director of Library and Information Resources Karen Hales that the year-long project to digitize and post online the college’s collection is finished. The books, ranging from 1902 through 1931, plus a few random years beyond, can be accessed at http://mwdl.org under “Browse by Collection Partner” in the home page right-hand menu.

Sandra McIntyre, program director of the digital library project—a program of the Utah Academic Library Consortium—noted the project was made possible through the cooperative efforts of several entities including the Consortium of Church Libraries and Archives, specifically BYU Idaho and BYU Provo, and LDS Business College’s Public Affairs office.

The online yearbooks provide access for all interested in learning about those decades of the 124-year-old institution. Alumni and those seeking genealogical information of ancestors who attended the college will be particularly well served. “This is an exciting project,” said Director Hales, adding, “It’s been a long time coming.”

LDS Business College is part of the LDS Church’s educational system. The college, founded in 1886, is the church’s only two-year institution. It offers skills-based certificates and degrees, as well as an associates degree transfer program. More than 1,700 students from all 50 states and 60 countries worldwide attend the college, located in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah.

Historical Journals Available

The following historical journals are available free to any Utah library:

Utah Historical Quarterly (1973-2004)
Western Historical Quarterly (2001-2008)

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Design Workshop Launches Landscape Architecture Archive with Utah State University

Design Workshop, Inc., a leading international landscape architecture firm, has partnered with Utah State University to create the Design Workshop Landscape Architecture Archive and Digital Collection. The archive is a collaborative effort between Design Workshop, USU’s Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, Merrill-Cazier Library’s Special Collections and Archives and the library’s Digital Initiatives Department.

“In 2008, Design Workshop was named the top landscape architecture firm in the country by the American Society of Landscape Architects,” said Sean Michael, head of the university’s LAEP department. “In the process of providing access to the firm’s genesis, evolution and workings, the archive offers students the most comprehensive look available into how leading designers and design firms succeed at their trade. Design Workshop has an impressive history with a story that can enrich future generations.”

The archive features a collection of projects that highlight the firm’s Legacy Design philosophy, which focuses on an equal balance of four key elements: environment, community, economics and art.

Merrill-Cazier Library will add a new landscape architecture digital collection to its Digital Library and partner with LAEP to develop learning objects for students, both at USU and around the world, according to Brad Cole, Merrill-Cazier Library associate dean for Special Collections and Archives.

Assisting the project is Cheryl Walters, digital initiatives department head at Merrill-Cazier Library.

“There really is no archive or digital library in the country that is tackling landscape architectural records in the way we propose,” said Walters. “We feel this is truly new territory, and we are very excited about the project.”

Additionally, the records will inform more than just landscape architects and environmental planners.

“These documents help tell the development of the modern western United States,” Cole said. “They deal with recreational sites and planned communities and how this development interacts with the natural environment. One of Special Collections’ main collecting emphasis areas is in Western environmental collections. The Design Workshop Collection will definitely be a boon to those researchers studying the history of the 20th century West.”

Design Workshop’s founding partners, Joe Porter and Don Ensign, graduated from USU in 1963, earning bachelor’s degrees in landscape architecture. Other USU graduates followed and joined the firm, including Richard Shaw, Todd Johnson and Terrall Budge, among others.

“The intertwined histories of the university and the firm highlight the importance and value of preserving the Design Workshop Archives at Utah State University,” Michael said.

The creation of the archive also celebrates the firm’s 40th anniversary.

“Choosing Utah State to house the history of our firm was an easy decision,” said Kurt Culbertson, Design Workshop’s chairman of the board of directors. “Our work is inspired by the West, and USU’s landscape architectural studies are at the center of teaching the design spirit of the West. We have strong ties to the university and are impressed with its archiving processes and technologies.”

The Design Workshop Archives and Digital Collection at USU begins by focusing on the firm’s early work in a pilot effort to bring each piece to life via carefully selected materials, colorful visuals and engaging audio.
A new exhibition located on the main floor (level 3) of BYU's Harold B. Lee Library highlights the life and legacy of Florence Nightingale. Known as the "lady with a lamp" and the founder of modern nursing, Nightingale made many contributions to public health, statistics, and nursing education. Manuscripts and books written by and about Nightingale from the L. Tom Perry Special Collections are on display to help visitors gain a greater understanding of Nightingale and her work.

Curated by Betsy Hopkins, the subject librarian for Nursing and Biology in the Harold B. Lee Library, the exhibition was timed to honor the 100th anniversary of Nightingale's death. Hopkins worked with Russell Taylor of the L. Tom Perry Special Collections and Dr. Glenda Christiaens of the BYU College of Nursing. Together they assembled a number of items from the library's collection that show both the history of Nightingale's life and the widespread impact she had on society. Popular items in the exhibit include materials related to her personal life such as the story of Florence's pet owl written by her sister. There are her professional publications that changed both Nursing and Statistics. And there are literary items including her letters to Dr. Joseph Bell. Bell was not only a proponent of nursing education; he was Queen Victoria's personal surgeon. He may be best known as the inspiration for Arthur Conan Doyle's character Sherlock Holmes.

Because Nightingale's story was so compelling a number of other people joined in creating supporting materials for the exhibit. The library's media production team organized a video shoot on level 0 of the library. The public, and even the library staff, do not normally have access to level 0 because it is the utility space under the building. With some effective props and some creative lighting the media team was able to recreate the appearance of a Crimean War hospital. They shot several scenes for a video kiosk that complements the printed materials in the collection. Ben Crowder, a web designer, produced a web site for the library (http://lib.byu.edu/sites/nightingale/) featuring a timeline, a gallery guide, and most importantly digital images of materials in the Nightingale collection that were provided by the library's digital lab.

The most rewarding aspect of the exhibit is the positive reaction by the public and by the University community. The exhibit's timing supports several lectures sponsored by the College of Nursing as well as an essay contest. Nursing faculty are bringing their classes into the library for gallery strolls and the public is welcome anytime the library is open. For library hours visit http://lib.byu.edu/hours.php.
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