Ruby Cheesman
ULA President

Wow! Is it just me or did the past year seem to fly by? My theme for 2009-2010 has been: “Come Together….for Utah Libraries!” Each of the activities we undertook this past year was with that theme in mind:

• Statewide Trustees Trainings: ULA partnered with Utah State Library to hold three workshops for public library trustees. Held in Logan, Salt Lake City and our last one in Cedar City, these trainings were very successful in giving our wonderful library board members information and ideas about how they could advocate for their respective libraries. We hope to continue these each year, holding trainings in two different regions.

• Executive Director: After ULA Board approval, Vice President/President-Elect Andy Spackman spearheaded a task force to write a job description and advertise for our new Utah Library Association position: Executive Director. We interviewed a number of very qualified candidates and selected Anna Neatrour, who will officially begin her duties July 1st.

• Fall Conference: Thanks to Connie Lamb and Karen Griggs, we had a wonderful one-day session in September 2009. The historic Fillmore Statehouse provided a great backdrop.

• State Legislative Day: ULA was very proud to speak in support of our great Utah State Library Division on February 1st, at the State Capitol. Donna Jones Morris and her staff work tirelessly on behalf of public libraries throughout Utah. I was able to relate specific examples of how our library customers benefit from the Pioneer databases, provided by the USL consortia, and mentioned the statewide trustees’ trainings developed in partnership with USL.

• SNAPSHOT Day! I hope all Utah libraries were able to participate on April 12 for our first (but hopefully, not the last!) SNAPSHOT day. Begun by New Jersey State Library, SNAPSHOT Day reached a national audience this year as ALA encouraged all libraries to pick a day during National Library Week to celebrate what we do. Again partnering with Utah State Library Division, ULA encouraged libraries not only to take pictures of activities on April 12, but to record all types of stats: checkouts, library cards issued, number of people coming to the libraries, programs, reference questions asked, etc. We hope to have the various pictures submitted by all of you available as a virtual slide show sometime during our conference in St. George….and of course, online at USL’s & ULA’s websites.

• ULA Annual Conference: Saving the best for last! I am so excited (and just a little nervous) about our

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President’s Message

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It has been a privilege to serve as your President this year. All of you have been very supportive of ULA’s programs and initiatives. I ask that now you lend your support to our new President, Andy Spackman, as he takes over the reins of our organization. Utah’s Libraries are the Best!

Enhance Your Visit During the ULA Conference

A number of group activities have been organized to encourage conversations among conference attendees. These are also great opportunities to try out the local restaurants, cultural offerings, and state parks. Sign up to join a group at the ULA Registration Desk.

Wednesday, May 12

Dine-around: Bent Fork. Meet in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Dine-around: Scaldoni’s Restaurant and Bar. Meet in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Dine-around: Painted Pony. Meet in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby at 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Group tour: Snow Canyon State Park, 8-11 a.m. Meet in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby at 7:45 a.m.

Group tour: Coyote Gulch Art Village, 12-3 p.m. Meet in the Hilton Garden Inn lobby at 12 p.m.

There are also additional offerings to take in on your own...

Thursday, May 13

• Downtown Thursday Nights, 6-10 p.m.

Friday, May 14

• Comedian Brian Regan 8 p.m. at the Tuacahn Amphitheatre and Centre for the Arts in Ivins

Saturday, May 15

• Tuacahn Saturday Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tuacahn Center For the Arts in Ivins – Set in the beautiful outdoor Padre Canyon, local artists and crafters will offer their goods for sale. Food vendors and live entertainment will also be provided for your enjoyment. Come early and enjoy breakfast on the Plaza.

• Comedian Brian Regan 8 p.m. at the Tuacahn Amphitheatre and Centre for the Arts in Ivins

• Southwest Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. at the Tanner Amphitheater in Springdale Sunday, May 16

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ULA Offers Virtual Conference

Are you unable to attend the ULA conference this year? Or torn because you will be unable to attend all of the sessions you are interested in because you can’t listen to two presentations at once? Then you will enjoy the new “ULA Virtual Conference.”

Utilizing the Wimba online presentation service, the ULA conference committee will provide live Internet broadcasts of some sessions as they happen at the conference. An archive will be built and the sessions will become part of a virtual conference archive.

As this is a pilot project there may be some bumps along the way, but we invite you to virtually attend this year, especially if you are unable to come to St. George.

The schedule and access instructions will be posted on the ULA website (ula.org/) before the virtual conference begins, Thursday morning, May 13. If you have any questions about the virtual conference, please contact Dale Larsen of the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library at dale.larsen@utah.edu

ULA Welcomes Anna Neatrour as Executive Director

We are happy to announce that ULA now has an Executive Director. Anna Neatrour begins work in May and will be spearheading ULA’s advocacy efforts and managing our web presence and membership records. She will work under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and collaborate closely with the Legislative Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Membership Committee to ensure our success as we promote ULA, libraries, and librarians.

At this year’s conference you will have the chance to meet Anna and give her your ideas on what you want from the ULA website and how ULA can more successfully advocate for libraries. Visit her at Booth #402 in the Exhibits Hall, right next to the ULA booth.

Anna received her M.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. She is the Project Manager of the Western Soundscape Archive at the University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library. She has previously been Program Manager for the Utah Digital Repository and Coordinator of First-Year Library Instruction at the Tisch Library of Tufts University, in Medford, MA.
MPLA Representative Report

Dorothy Horan

The MPLA/Oklahoma Library Association Joint Conference was held in Oklahoma City, from April 19-21. There were over 700 attendees, most from the State of Utah. Throughout the conference, many sessions were full with several focused on coping during a slow economy. The current ALA President, Camila Alire was one of the speakers at the conference. Camila is scheduled to present two programs at the ULA conference later this month in St. George.

In order for individuals and state associations to save money, the outgoing MPLA board met on Sunday, and the incoming board met on Wednesday. The second meeting is often an in-person meeting later in the year. A second face-to-face meeting will be held via Internet conferencing in the fall.

Connie Lamb was presented the Distinguished Service Award by MPLA. Connie has been involved in ULA and MPLA for many years. Currently she is a senior librarian in the Social Sciences Department at the Brigham Young University Library. In addition to her MLS, Connie has Master’s degrees in biology, international relations, and anthropology.

Connie began her library work at the Utah State Library Commission as a reference librarian and was coordinator of the Governor’s Conference on Library and Information Services held in Salt Lake City, April 1979. She served as president of ULA in 1985-86, past president in charge of finances the following year, and program co-chair (2000-2003). Connie has been involved in the Continuing Education Committee for many years and currently serves as co-chair. She has also been co-chair of the Past Presidents Committee for several years. She helped establish the Fall Workshops in 1989 and has been involved with the planning of them most years since then. She received the ULA Distinguished Service Award in 1990.

Connie has been a member of MPLA for 30 years where she has served on the publicity, bylaws, nominations, and professional development grants committees, was secretary of the Academic Section, 1997-98, and has given several presentations. The MPLA Distinguished Service Award is given to an MPLA member who “has made notable contributions to the library profession…or who has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.”

Connie says, “I have enjoyed very much my career as a librarian in Utah and my involvement in professional library organizations like ULA and MPLA which have allowed me to become acquainted with many wonderful people, gain new insights and knowledge in librarianship, and travel to many interesting places.”

In other MPLA news, the MPLA Leadership Institute was held last week in Colorado. Three Utah librarians were scheduled to attend, and Jeff Belliston, of BYU, was asked to serve as a mentor at the Institute.
UELMA Workshop Announced

UELMA would like to welcome the following new members to its board – Andrea Woodring (President elect), Stan Fuller (3 year board member), Cindy Moyle (3 year board member), Michael Goodman (2 year board member), Celia Powell (Secretary) and Armin Bucad as the new vendor representative.

We would like to announce our fall workshop, “Library Roundup . . . Lasso in a Rootin-Tootin Year!” which will be held on October 7 and 8 in St. George.

Teach Sign Language for Families at Your Library

Has your library thought of incorporating Sign Language in library programs? Robin Davis of Richfield Library will be presenting a poster session on ‘Teaching Sign Language for Families at Your Library’ at ULA. Learn about "Baby Sign" board books, see PBS DVDs from the “Signing Times” award winning program, discover how to contact American Sign Language speakers and interpreters in your community about interpreting story times, and explore programs teaching simple sign language to parents and kids in your library programs. Lots of books, DVDs, and handouts describing resources will be available to review. Baby Sign and Family Sign for Young Kids increases cultural diversity, vocabulary, and is just plain fun for kids, parents - and librarians! Come by the poster session and learn to say "Vampire," "Penguin" and "Baby Signing Time" in ASL!

Multicultural Round Table Sponsors Program on Servicing LGBTQ Community

The Multicultural Round Table is sponsoring the “Serving your LGBTQ Community” program at the ULA conference on Friday, May 14 from 2:40 – 4:00 pm.

Panelists for the program include Gail McCulloch, Salt Lake City Public Library, and Kay Robinson, Salt Lake City Public Library, with Tessa Epstein from Salt Lake City Public Library introducing the program.

This workshop will discuss ways of building collections for the LGBTQ community, resource selection and reader's advisory, getting your Board on board, getting your staff on board, and programming. We will also discuss how to handle challenges, and, how and when to put up that display.

With Gay Straight Alliance Clubs in High Schools increasing in the State the panel will address ways Public Libraries can serve parents and relatives as well as the young adults taking part in the clubs.
The Utah State Library is offering two programs focusing on 21st century libraries at the ULA conference:

21st Century Libraries
Friday, May 14 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm - Room 2
Donna Jones Morris, Utah State Librarian
Dr. Steve Matthews, Utah State Library Consultant

Session Overview:
The 21st Century Skills movement has been in progress for several years, both in education, and in libraries as Library2.0. It seems undeniable that the 21st Century does require different skills, practices and thinking for individuals to be successful. If Utah libraries hope to be relevant in that future by helping its citizens keep pace with the global society and marketplace, and helping our youth and workforce be successful in that future, the discussion regarding how Utah libraries can become 21st Century Libraries needs to be held continuously until they are meeting the challenges.

This conversation continues with a session hosting a panel of experts on the topic.

21st Century Libraries Panel Discussion:
Friday, May 14 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm - Room 2
Moderated by Donna Jones Morris, State Librarian

Session Overview:
This important discussion of 21st Century Libraries in Utah continues with a highly qualified panel of librarians from public, school and academic libraries. The panel will give their opening remarks focused on how they have achieved 21st Century Library goals and objectives, and will then accept questions from the audience.

Gina Millsap, Executive Director, Topeka & Shawnee County (KS) Public Library.

Janene Bowen, Director of Media Specialists and Instructional Support Services, Jordan School District. Janene works directly with the District’s elementary and secondary library media specialists in collaborative settings to support consistent integration of the Utah Library Media Core Curriculum and 21st Century Skill development into grade level content instruction, which includes compliance with UDOE standards for 21st Century Skills. She was also instrumental in developing and participating in the Jordan School District “Engaged Classroom” pilot program during SY 2008-09, that implemented the various tenants of 21st Century Skills education methodology in the classroom, and she has firsthand experience with school library support of that 21st Century Skills program.

Michael J. Freeman, Director, Utah Valley University Library, Orem, UT. Mike has been Director of the Utah Valley University Library since 1995. Mike earned his MLS at the University of Missouri, working in reference and interlibrary loan, and also has a Master’s in History. He has worked at Utah Valley University in Reference for several years before being selected as Director, after which Mike built a new 190,000 sqft library to match UVU’s move from community college to a four-year school, and finally to university status, supporting Master’s degree work. Mike is currently a member of the Utah State Library Board and the UALC Council, as well as a Northwest accreditor.
Salt Lake County Library Services Receives Award

Salt Lake County Library Services received one of four awards for its public library/public health partnership with the South Main Clinic. The award, sponsored by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region, is offered to recognize public libraries that have had successful public library/public health partnerships involving health information. Recipients receive a $200 cash award.

The clinic, located at 3690 South Main Street in Salt Lake City, serves the highest at-risk population in Salt Lake County – a population with predominately low-income and low-literacy. To boost literacy with this group, the Byington Reading Room was established as a partnership between the clinic and Salt Lake County Library Services. Located at the clinic, the Reading Room provides visitors information on educational requirements and opportunities, early literacy training in Spanish, and informal drop-in storytimes.

The Reading Room also provides a computer for access to online resources and has trained staff available to assist visitors with health information. Each child visiting the Reading Room receives a gently used library book to keep. Since 2007, the library has shared an average of 1,000 books per month.

This partnership program has received numerous letters of thanks:

“…thank you for the opportunity you give Latinos to learn to read and speak English. Thank you for the books that are simple to understand. I can assure that these books are of vital importance for us as Latinos and they form a fundamental base for the growth of our children.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to come together, learn, and enjoy reading in English and Spanish.”

Salt Lake County Library Services, the largest library system in Utah, serves a population of over 783,000, and will check out an estimated 15 million items in 2010. With over 4.5 million visitors to its 20 locations, Salt Lake County Library Services provides storytimes, reading recommendations, programs and reference services.

The South Main Clinic provides immunizations; women, infants and children clinic; women’s cancer screening, pediatric and prenatal services; and programs for teen mother and child, home visitation and nurse-family partnerships.
Utah State Library Sponsors Trading Spaces Mentoring Program

USL 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 listervs. Preliminary support is strong for the program; more details are available on the blog, http://utahlibraries.org.

Goals
• Developing 21st century skills for all Utah library staff
• Finding new ways of doing things and solving problems
• Sharing expertise through collaboration and networking
• Supporting newcomers to Utah libraries

Brief Description
Trading Spaces is a mentoring program that will enable Utah library staff to learn skills from each other. Library workers sign up for the program, get approved, and then work with their mentor on a specific project that might lead their library in positive directions.

You may apply for:
• Compact program (1-8 hours of instruction)
• Mid-sized program (2-5 days spread over time)
• Luxury program (2-6 month commitment)
• Custom built program(tbd by participants)

Mentors are matched with applicants by Trading Spaces Committee members. There will be an opening session to explain the program and discuss the mentoring relationship. At that time, applicants will be matched with mentors and develop an action plan. The mentoring takes place within the year.

Apply online: http://bit.ly/tradingut
Apply to be a mentor online: http://bit.ly/tradingment.

Who might request a mentor?
Any library staff member that wants to learn new skills, with the approval of their manager or library director

Why request a mentor?
• Mentors can be a resource for advice on professional development and how to perform specific library functions
• Mentors can provide assistance getting involved at both the local and statewide level
• Mentors can offer different perspectives

Why be a mentor?
• It looks great on a resume/ cv
• Increase your job satisfaction by helping others grow professionally
• It adds to your professional toolkit
• Develop your communication and teaching skills
• Pass on your professional legacy
• Increase your library’s visibility and value to the community

How does the program work?
Participants will submit an application by the deadline

Upon approval, participants will be matched to appropriate mentors. The Trading Spaces Committee will determine placement of individuals

Once the mentoring agreement is established, it is the responsibility of the participant to contact the mentor to work out meetings and topics for discussion

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General Guidelines

• The program goes from July 1-June 30, with application deadlines twice a year: June 1, Dec. 1
• There will be an introductory session explaining the program and providing details on what to expect
• Meetings should be planned based on the scope of the project. They may take place in person, by phone, or online

Guidelines for Participants

• Decide in advance what goals you would like to accomplish
• Apply online or by filling out the print application
• Value and take advantage of this opportunity
• Track your interactions on the Trading Spaces online system at least monthly
• Evaluate your experience at the conclusion

Guidelines for Mentors

• Have working knowledge and experience in the library profession and be willing to share that with others
• Apply to the committee to become a mentor
• Indicate your areas of expertise
• Track your interactions on the Trading Spaces online system at least monthly
• Receive a mentor certificate upon completion
• Libraries that sponsor mentors will receive a mentoring certificate and recognition at an annual mentoring event

Finances

• To offset expenses and encourage collaboration, Utah State Library offers a grant available to institutions that provide mentors
• Upon pre-approval, Utah State Library will pay a scholarship of $150 which should be used for any costs incurred while participating in the program
• Expenses incurred over the above rates will be the responsibility of the individual or their library

Trading Spaces Committee 2010/11:

Britton Lund, Washington County Library
Carla Morris, Provo Library
Colleen Eggett, Utah State Library
Jason Cornelius, Logan Library
Jennifer Fay, Salt Lake County Library
Linda Fields, Richfield Library
Lynn Darrough-Walton, Salt Lake County Library
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To help librarians across the state, the Utah State Library offers two new resources that look at the 21st century library and librarians:

21st Century Blog

Library Consultant Steve Matthews established this Blog as an online forum to share, learn, discuss and shape the future of Utah’s libraries for the 21st Century. The forum, available at https://21stcenturylibrary.wordpress.com, addresses such issues as:

21st Century Library: What does it look like? How is it different from yesterday’s library? What does it offer? What role does it fill in the community? Who decides?

21st Century Librarianship: Is there a role for librarians in the 21st Century? What is it? How are we different from and similar to yesterday’s librarians? What do we do? What role do we fill in the library?

21st Century Librarian Skills: What skills do we need? How do we acquire the necessary skills?

21st Century Library Patrons: Who are they? What do they need in library services? What do they want in library services? How do we attract them into the library?

21st Century Librarianship Wiki

Library Consultant Doug Gould established a Wiki, designed to serve as another forum to address the issues that distinguish 21st Century Librarianship from the traditional librarianship of the past two centuries. A second, but closely related purpose is to seek consensus on just what is 21st Century Librarianship by inviting comments. It also addresses the very different information needs of three types of library users: digital natives, digital immigrants, and traditional patrons.

Read the Wiki at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Librarianship_in_the_21st_Century

Trustee Conference Held in Cedar City

Director Donna Jones Morris, Assistant Director Cheryl Mansen, and Consultants Steve Matthews and Juan Lee presented Utah State Library information at the South Utah Region Library Trustees Conference on 21st Century Skills on Friday, Apr. 16th, at the Cedar City Library in the Park.

The event, sponsored jointly by USL and the Utah Library Association, trained 17 library directors and trustees representing nine libraries from southern Utah.

Two other conferences held in Logan and Salt Lake City in November, 2009, along with the Trustee Conference in Cedar City in April were unquestionable successes. As Steve Decker, ULA Past-President, and Cedar City Library Director pointed out to the attendees in Cedar City, ULA and USL share a common goal and benefit from mutual support of such joint programs.

Together both organizations reached a total of 93 trustees and library directors from 44 public libraries across Utah through these three conferences.
Gates Foundation Grants

USL 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. Gates is moving into other areas including supporting library broadband development.

Trustee Regional Conference Program

Utah State Librarian Donna Jones Morris communicated to ULA President Ruby Cheesman, in an April 20th letter, USL’s commitment to continue this joint program, stating “Together we reached a total of 93 trustees and library directors from 44 public libraries across Utah. This was an extremely worthwhile endeavor by all participant feedback. With comments like ‘It made me think about planning for the future…,”’ ‘like the ‘broader vision’ discussion,’ ‘I learned a lot’, “excellent information,” ‘excellent material,’ ‘it was great time spent,’ ‘fascinating topics and very valuable recommendations,’ ‘packed w/ info – no fluff,’ and ‘loved hearing ideas from other libraries,’ it seems evident that we should continue this highly worthwhile joint program.” Plans are to conduct Trustee Regional Conferences in two of four regions annually.

Bookmobiles

Bookmobile Program Praised at Utah State Legislature

“Just a quick comment from a rural perspective. The bookmobile service that provides the opportunity for those folks in rural Utah to be able to have a chance to check out some of those books is just a wonderful service. I was involved in that for a long time as a county commissioner as you know and saw the tremendous amount of good that it does. It’s a great program and without that service in rural Utah it would be very difficult to have those resources available. So we appreciate all the work you do.”

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chair, Economic Development and Revenue Appropriations Subcommittee, Utah State Legislature, February 1, 2010


New Services

Bookmobile Maps - The bookmobile web site: www.bookmobiles.utah.gov has added "Google Maps" to each County Bookmobile schedule, showing the location of each Bookmobile service stop and a photograph of most locations.

Twitter and Facebook - Also at: www.bookmobiles.utah.gov USL Twitter and Facebook links have been added, allowing bookmobile customers to follow easily what is happening at USL and in the USL bookmobile program.

New State Library Automation System Update

The Bookmobile program has completed the conversion of three of its nine obsolete circulation control systems to Symphony. The new system will

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ultimately serve 14 rural counties. The new system offers enhanced patron services, efficient new staff functions and promises innovative new technologies to deliver information and materials to Utah’s rural patrons.

Utah State Library for the Blind Radio Reading Service Closes
After 34 years of broadcasting, due to difficult economic times and lack of participation in the program, the RRS closed April 21, 2010. Director Donna Jones Morris, Assistant Director Cheryl Mansen, Program Manager Bessie Oakes, and Special Services Coordinator Lisa Nelson spent several weeks working with the closing of the Radio Reading Service. Director Morris was interviewed by KCPW radio and KTVX, ABC TV, and reports on the closing have been carried in a variety of media. KBYU and USL worked together for 34 years on broadcasting the program for the Radio Reading Service.

State Law Library Announces May Public Classes

The Utah State Law Library has announced its free public classes during the month of May. These include:

- Small Claims Basics: Thursday, May 6th, 4:30–6:00 pm.
- Collecting a Judgment Basics: Thursday, May 13th, 4:30–6:00 pm.
- Resources for People Representing Themselves: Friday, May 14th, 3:30–4:30 pm.
- Guardianship of a Minor Basics: Thursday, May 20th, 4:30–6:30 pm.

For More Information ... Visit the Utah State Law Library Classes page: http://www.utcourts.gov/lawlibrary/classes/

Register Today! Class size is limited. To reserve your spot call 801-238-7990 Email library@email.utcourts.gov

About Utah Library Association...

The mission of the Utah Library Association is to serve the professional development and educational needs of its members and to provide leadership and direction in developing and improving library and information services in the state. In order to accomplish these goals, ULA supports and provides continuing education programs for Utah librarians and library employees, especially at its annual spring conference. ULA also offers members a number of opportunities for library leadership, professional growth, networking, and community service. We hope you find the Utah Library Association to be an organization that makes a difference for you, for Utah librarians, for Utah Libraries, and for the citizens of Utah.