



Utah Library Association

Rural & Small Libraries Committee

MISSION

The mission of the Rural and Small Libraries Committee of the Utah Library Association is to promote and facilitate the development of rural and small libraries through communication, collaboration and training opportunities.

Goal 1: Communication

Librarians involved in the development of library services in rural and small communities cultivate a network of peers and personal connections to share information about trends, issues, strategies, success stories and innovative solutions.

Objectives

1. We will create a ULA Webpage and an RSLC Facebook page by August 15, 2016
2. We will distribute a document, through Memberclicks, to outline the mission and goals of the Committee by September 1, 2016, and invite participation among ULA Members
3. We will identify and personally contact at least 30 ULA members likely to be interested in the committee mission by October 1, 2016
4. We will identify and personally contact at least 30 library staff that are not ULA members, and encourage their involvement and participation in ULA, the RSLC Committee and/or to connect through Facebook by November 1, 2016
5. We will collect data from committee members to: (a) Identify needs and issues that ULA can address, (b) Identify needs and issues for peers to discuss, address and solve, and (c) compile information and statistics to advocate for rural and small libraries at the local, state and national levels by October 1, 2016

Goal 2: Collaboration

Librarians cooperate, collaborate and partner with library and non-library organizations serving rural and small communities

Objectives

1. We will identify at least 3 library or non-library organizations to partner with a library in a rural or small community by December 1, 2016.
2. We will encourage libraries to contact, connect and create with these organizations by February 1, 2016

Goal 3: Training

Librarians participate in education and training opportunities relevant to library services in rural and small communities

Objectives

1. We will analyze survey results and form an action plan for training topics and to solidify a network of librarians to address the committee mission
2. We will forward survey results to the ULA Continuing Education Committee
3. We will develop and conduct at least one training for library staff by May 1, 2017