

Consent agenda for Utah Rural & Small Libraries Committee:

Below, I have identified the progress, definition and scope of this new committee.

1. Shawn Bliss accepted the position of Vice-Chair
2. Juan Lee accepted the position of Secretary/Webmaster
3. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARAMETERS OF URSLC (Utah Rural & Small Library Committee)
 - a. This is a new, ad hoc committee, designed to address specific unique experiences and challenges that face individual librarians around the state, focusing on ones who work in rural & small communities. We will invite participation and input from committee members and will initiate conversations with librarians working in rural or small libraries. We will assemble a framework for support between librarians, ULA and the Utah State Library. This will serve to match librarians with their best individualized resources and training, leaving community members in receipt of a continuous supply of stellar and relevant library services
4. GOALS & STEPS
 - a. Find additional committee members
 - b. Prepare mission statement
 - c. Identify librarians around the state that would fit the criteria of a rural and small, plus those who express interested in contributing to the discussions, regardless of size or location of their library
 - d. Implement a survey to identified and interested librarians for their input on:
 - i. Services they currently provide
 - ii. Services they would like to include, to address a community need
 - iii. Training that would be beneficial for handling the existing and changing services patrons want and need
 - iv. The interest to participate in a network of similar librarians, for support, troubleshooting and as a place for collaboration of ideas
5. COMPILE SURVEY RESULTS
 - a. Produce a report to identify areas of training needed by ULA or the Utah State Library
 - b. Create a network of interested librarians to share their concerns, successes and issues, including benefits from collaboration
 - c. This committee will provide a collective voice to represent the views and perspectives of Rural & Small librarians, to be heard within the entire Utah library community
6. DETERMINE NEED OF COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE
 - a. Decide if there is a continuing need for this committee, that promotes interaction with other librarians, so as to change the status from an ad hoc to standing committee