By Dan Compton, ULA President

A big part of ULA to me is the continuing education opportunities. Thanks to everyone who participated in the ULA Fall Workshop on September 29th at the Park City Library. Thanks especially to Valerie Buck and the rest of the Continuing Education Committee, and the Park City Library staff for providing a wonderful day for everyone who attended. Coming up, we have the Youth Services Round Table workshops, which will be offered in St. George on Friday, February 9th and in Salt Lake on Friday, February 16th. Registration is available now on the ULA website, and the cost is $15.00 for the day (includes lunch).

Thank you also to everyone who submitted a 2018 ULA Conference Program Proposal. We are excited to meet in December as the Program Board to finalize the selections. Here is some more information about one of our keynote speakers for next year, Kris Boesch:

Kris Boesch is the CEO and Founder of Choose People, a company that transforms company cultures, increases employee happiness and boosts the bottom line. The Choose People 360° Culture Audit is based on over 1000 hours of research Boesch conducted with the Industrial Organizational Psychology Department at Colorado State University. Kris Boesch is also the acclaimed author of Culture Works: How to Create Happiness in the Workplace. Prior to Choose People, Boesch was the CEO of Exodus Moving & Storage. Under her leadership, Exodus became the largest mover in Northern Colorado with a
turnover rate nearly 40% less than the industry average and a bottom line twice that same average. Kris has been featured as a workplace culture expert in Inc., Entrepreneur, and Forbes. Kris is also a proud mother, dancing diva, and dog lover.

Kris’ Thursday morning keynote is titled “Make Happy Work: How to Experience More Joy in Your Workplace.” She’ll also be offering a Wednesday morning preconference session titled “How to Communicate in Funkytown: What to Say & How to Say It.”

I’ll post more details on the ULA website soon, along with our other keynote speaker Miguel A. Figueroa who is the Head of ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries. This year is flying by and I’m already so excited for our annual conference. Thanks to all of you for Leveling Up with me this year.

The Youth Services Round Table would like to invite you to our 2018 Winter Workshops in February! Exploring the theme "Building Bridges" the workshops will feature sessions on building partnerships with local schools, children and teen librarians working together to create successful tween programming, and much more. Each workshop will kick off with a keynote address from ULA President Dan Compton on the topic of building bridges with colleagues. Also, the St. George workshop will feature renowned science fiction author L.E. Modesitt Jr., and the Salt Lake City workshop will feature children’s author and illustrator Mark Pett. The St. George workshop will take place on February 9th, from 10 am to 5 pm at the St. George Library, while the Salt Lake workshop will take place on February 16th, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Main Library of the City Library. The cost to attend is $15, which includes lunch. To register, go to http://ula.org/ysrt-workshop-registration/.
Utah Librarian Spotlight

Every issue, ULA President Elect Rebekah Cummings introduces readers to a Utah librarian. In this issue, the spotlight falls on Trish Hull and the Magna Branch of the Salt Lake County Library.

Trish Hull has gone to libraries ever since she was a little child. When her family moved to Magna she was at the library several times a week and got to know the staff well. When she decided to look for a part-time job, she thought “I’m here all the time, I might as well get paid for it.” She asked if they had openings and they hired her on as a shelver substitute. She then became a clerk substitute and was hired on at Magna as a regular clerk. At 43, she went back to school to get a MLS at the recommendation of her manager. She became a librarian in 2002 and manager of Magna Library in 2006.

Magna Library is a medium-sized branch with a large presence in Magna. It was the first of the county branches to explore 3D printing. They have done over 4000 print jobs in the last two and a half years. STEM is really important to Magna and they have done some fun STEM stuff including Code Club, Stem Camps and Jr. Ranger Club. They are currently doing a “teen time” every day where kids of all ages can come in for two hours and play on the Wii, use a laptop or chromebook, make something with a variety of craft offerings and have an afterschool snack, provided by Kids Café from the Utah Food Bank. They are in the process of creating a digital create space.

Magna Library is in a partnership called Magna United with all the schools in Magna and their afterschool programs. In October, the older afterschool kids created the fourth annual Haunted House for the elementary afterschool kids. It was a “howling success.” The teens also built little free libraries this summer, which are going to be placed at every school in Magna. Magna Library is also forming a partnership with iCHAMPS, a police nonprofit program, to help foster good relationships with law enforcement, encourage the kids to set higher educational goals, and show that education is a way out of poverty.

For Trish, the most rewarding thing about working in libraries is making a difference in people’s lives. It can be as simple as helping someone get the “perfect” book, a program that excites kids about technology, helping someone learn computer skills, working with a homeless man to start studying for his GED, working with other agencies to improve the health and wellbeing of the community…the list goes on and on. She says there are some hard times with difficult people, but almost every day there is someone she feels she or her staff genuinely helps or makes a difference in their lives.
Collaboration in Utah’s Academic Libraries Creates Positive Connections

By Chloe Barnett, Ernesto Hernandez, Carol Kunzler, and Rachel Wishkoski

The annual Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) Professional Development Retreat was held on October 6, 2017 at the newly renovated Stewart Library on the Weber State University campus. Along with ten 50-minute presentations offered in concurrent sessions, retreat organizers planned lightning talks over lunch and a tour of the Stewart Library at the conclusion of the day. Representation from many UALC college and university libraries in the state made the retreat a success, with over 65 attendees participating.

Presentations and lightning talks reflected the retreat theme – “Focusing on Collaboration: Partnerships Inside and Outside the Library” – and explored the many ways collaboration is integral to the success of academic libraries in Utah. Examples ranged from librarians partnering with instructional designers, to an 11-year project (TRAIL) providing open access to U.S. Federal technical reports, to research and writing collaborations by librarians.

The presentations showed that Utah academic librarians are reaching out to each other and to collaborators outside of the library to create sustainable programs and partnerships that add value to our communities. The event also promoted future collaborations, offering participants an opportunity for networking and idea-sharing.

For the complete 2017 UALC Professional Development Retreat program visit http://bit.ly/2yXgWRV.

Conference Planning Update

Over the next two months, the ULA Programs and Conference Planning Committees will be reviewing session proposals for the 2018 conference. They are also preparing to open registration in early January. Registration rates will remain the same as last year (see below). Start planning ahead now to attend May 16-18, 2018 in Provo, Utah at the Utah Valley Convention Center. It’s going to be epic!!

Check out the conference section of the website for updates about all aspects of the conference.

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*Note: MPLA members are eligible for ULA member rates as well.*
Public Library News

By Trish Hull, Public Libraries Section Editor

Public Library Association

The Public Library Association (PLA) is a wonderful organization and resource for public libraries. Here are a few things you may or may not know about PLA:

PLA recently announced a new initiative in partnership with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. This is the “Promoting Healthy Communities” initiative created to increase public library workers’ knowledge and skills related to consumer health services. Throughout the nine month initiative, PLA and NNLM will assess health information needs among public librarians and share free resources and professional development opportunities that will help public library staff better serve their patrons consumer health needs. A new website with health information and links to training and other resources for public libraries will be unveiled in early 2018.

PLA also offers a host of on-demand webinars, some free and some not. Webinars are available in the following areas: administration/leadership, adult services, advocacy/marketing, assessment/evaluation, buildings/facilities, collection development/reader’s advisory, customer service/staff development, literacy, technology, and youth services.

PLA 2018 will be held in Philadelphia March 20-24. If you have the opportunity I recommend attending. Either way check out PLA.

Library Leadership Podcast

Adriane Herrick Juarez, the Executive Director of the Park City Library, has an amazing podcast called Library Leadership Podcast. The most recent episode is an interview with ALA President Jim Neal regarding the future of the profession. He speaks about some new initiatives he has regarding a “Policy Corps” of librarians trained in advocacy and about the skills and values he considers necessary for librarians to demonstrate relevance and innovation. Be sure and check it out at libraryleadershippodcast.com.

Meet the Utah Society of Health Sciences Librarians

By Karen Newmeyer, Special Libraries Section Editor

The Utah Society of Health Sciences Librarians (USHSL) was founded in 2014. This group of medical librarians is networking to improve scholarship and skills as health information providers. Membership is open to all who have an interest in the field of health information management. Chaired by John Bramble from the Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah, this group of librarians is growing.

The focus of USHSL is mentoring current medical librarians, outreach to the community, recruiting librarians into the health sciences, grant writing, creating presentations, and generally supporting each other in our individual professional goals. Membership costs a measly $10 a year and generally requires being good citizen of our profession.

Check us out of social media—FaceBook, Twitter, and LinkedIn—and on our website.

The next meeting will be Saturday morning, December 2nd, 2017 at John Bramble’s home and will include breakfast. How cool is that? For more information, email ushsl@ushsl.org.
Giovale Library Turns Twenty!

By Emily Swanson, Giovale Library Director

Westminster College’s Giovale Library celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 22, 2017. The building was constructed in 1997 thanks to a generous donation from the Ginger and John Giovale family. The 47,000 square foot building was designed by Breslin Ridyard Fadero working in tandem with Salt Lake City based EDA, Inc. Architects. The Gothic design in limestone and red brick mirrors other campus buildings and takes advantage of natural light from the many windows including those that overlook Emigration Creek.

Giovale Library kicked off the celebration at the beginning of September with 20 Days of Giveaways: students, alums, and the campus community were able to win prizes each day and participation and attendance were high in the contests and events. These included a coloring contest, haiku contest, Facebook contests, coffee and tea giveaways, and more. The college was happy to welcome the Giovales back to campus for the celebration on September 22nd as well as some members of the 1997 Westminster College Board of Trustees. Speakers at the event remarked that the Giovale Library has become a center point on campus, used and loved by all students, staff, faculty, and the community.

During construction of the Giovale Library, Academic Vice President Dr. Stephen Baar remarked “The Giovale Library at Westminster will be the center of our effort to help our students use information. It combines Westminster’s traditional value of providing a gathering place for students and faculty to study and learn together while at the same time electronically connecting us to places and resources beyond campus. The new library will become the intellectual center of this campus.” The Library has consistently evolved to support student learning. In 2004, the Library added an Information Commons and tutoring services; in 2015 the instruction classroom was renovated, and this January the Library will add a testing center. Throughout these changes, the Giovale Library has remained the center for intellectual life on the Westminster College campus.

What’s On at Your Library?

The staff of Utah Library News are happy to publish announcements of library-related exhibits, lectures, open houses, tours, and other events.

Send announcements to Mindy at mnhale@orem.org. We publish issues in September, November, February, and April (Annual Conference Issue).
I was recently introduced to the idea of small-scale “maker” activities that pair picture books, chapter books, and nonfiction titles with crafts, STEM challenges, and low-tech maker activities that students can complete at home or at school.

In a nutshell, a book is selected and a project or craft is designed to complement the book. The instructions and materials are printed on a sheet of paper and adhered to the front or back cover (inside) or on the first page. The book is labeled on the spine and/or cover as a “Maker Book,” and students are encouraged to read the book, complete the project, and share their creations with their library.

I designed a template and several sample projects to share with all the libraries in our district. The activities included creating a constellation projector from a toilet paper tube, experimenting with chemical reactions by making a paper bag volcano, and exploring vibrations and sound by creating a wooden stick harmonica. The goal is to collaboratively build a collection of “maker book” activities throughout the year.

If you give this a try, here are some considerations:

- Keep the steps simple, the supplies minimal and easy to come by at home, and the activity safe enough for students to complete on their own or with minimal parental guidance for younger students.
- Include images to guide the students.
- If you find and adapt an activity, cite the source at the bottom of the instructions.
- Try a Maker Book Challenge: students who complete and share a “maker book” activity get a punch on a punch card. When they complete eight “maker book” activities, for example, they receive a prize or a certificate.

For more information, visit Ms. Nora Makes, a great website where I was introduced to this idea. If you’d like some templates to create your own “maker book” activities, I’m happy to share my creations: jamisona@ogdensd.org.
Dixie State University Names New Dean

Jyl Hall, Dixie University News

Selected from a pool of highly qualified candidates from around the nation, Kelly Peterson-Fairchild has been named the new dean of library and learning services at Dixie State University.

Peterson-Fairchild, who began her duties at Dixie State University on July 17, comes to St. George from Oregon Institute of Technology, where she served as the library services director and has worked for the past 14 years.

“I am excited to be joining Dixie State University and to be part of the innovative work happening both on campus and in the library and learning services,” Peterson-Fairchild said. “I look forward to expanding on collaborations to integrate our services into the curriculum and improve student learning.”

Prior to her tenure at Oregon Institute of Technology, Peterson-Fairchild has been a consultant for LexisNexis Academic and Library Solutions, a library manager for the University of Alaska Southeast at Ketchikan and a reference technician for Southern Oregon University. She has chaired or served on numerous university committees at Oregon Tech and has made nearly two dozen presentations at various regional and national professional meetings.

Peterson-Fairchild earned a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University and a bachelor’s degree in English from Southern Oregon State College.

“Dean Peterson-Fairchild will be responsible for making sure library services has a voice when it comes to providing the resources students will need to support the curriculum as new programs are added. She is really experienced and comes from a technology-focused college, so she is familiar with many of the new degrees we will be adding in the near future here at Dixie State University,” Dianne Aldrich, DSU public services librarian, said. “She is high energy and will be a great addition not only to the library, but to the entire campus. She is focused on providing service to students and ensuring that they get what they need.”

The Dixie State library is a welcoming destination for the discovery and creation of knowledge, offering expert guidance, valuable resources, state-of-the-art technologies and a commitment to service. The library advances the mission of Dixie State University by encouraging the discovery and creation of knowledge through the provision of high quality resources, services and programs.

To learn more about library and learning services at Dixie State University, visit library.dixie.edu.
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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