President’s Message
August 2000

This issue of the Utah Libraries News, the first ever published in electronic format, represents a milestone for ULA. I am pleased and honored that my first opportunity to address the membership corresponds with this hallmark in ULA’s communication history.

Much has transpired since ULA was founded in 1912. In that year, for example, the U.S. Congress passed the Radio Act to begin regulating the fledgling broadcasting industry, a harbinger of modern debates over the use of Internet filters. Legislation of this type had little bearing on the library profession in 1912, as electronic communication did not affect reading or the ways in which text and image appeared on the published page.

Clearly, the implications for librarianship have changed dramatically in the ensuing 88 years, with communication now unquestionably THE issue of the day – regardless of the medium. At the June 16th Board Meeting (following the wonderful Ogden 2000 conference – with many thanks to all who helped make that event so memorable!), Melanie Hawks, Staff Development Officer, University of Utah’s Marriott Library, facilitated a training session to help the Board identify ways in which we might focus our potential. Through large and small group discussions it became clear that our Board members believe ULA is most successful at creating opportunities for people to network and remain informed about professional issues, but lacks the ability to communicate effectively with our membership.

I see this as the single, most important issue this organization has to work on, and intend to make it the locus of my presidency. Many creative souls are already involved in improving the organization’s ability to talk to itself, both through the electronic publication of Utah Libraries News and by developing an electronic bulletin board. With most libraries in the State now linked to the Internet, we foresee these tools increasing the ease and timeliness with which we can connect the membership to issues of importance to librarians, while decreasing costs associated with traditional print media. Of course, as a preservation librarian, I will also see that steps are taken to ensure a clear “paper trail” is left for the sake of future.

But communication is a two-way exchange. We need to keep working on the process of “opening into each other” as Webster so eloquently put it. Please get involved and help us develop during this exciting period, as ULA is only a reflection of the cumulative thoughts and feelings of it members.

-- Randy Silverman, ULA President

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ULA FALL WORKSHOPS
September 29, 2000
Uintah County Library and County Services Building -- 155 East Main Street -- Vernal, Utah

9:30 - 10:00 am
Registration and Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 11:00 am
**Great New Books for Children and Young Adults: CLAU Nominees & ALA Printz Award Winners**
A discussion of the CLAU (Children’s Literature Association of Utah) book nominees for 2000-2001, and the new YA Printz award books from ALA. This session will acquaint librarians with some good current titles for their children and young adult collections. Presenters: Patricia Foster, Cherie Bitter and Linda Dial  Sponsor: Young Adult Roundtable and Children’s Services Roundtable

**Interviewing and Hiring: How to Stay on the Right Side of the Law**
This session will cover the basics of hiring new staff. It will include the following topics: what can or can not be legally asked of an applicant, checking references, and new hiring requirements such as the I-9 form and reporting hires to the State. Presenter: Tami Springer  Sponsor: ULA Continuing Education Committee

11:15 am - 12:15 pm
**Storytime Ideas**
Ideas and visual aids to liven up storytimes at the library. Presenter: Judy Yaka  Sponsor: Children’s Services Roundtable

**House Bill 157 - Internet Policies and Intellectual Freedom Fundamentals**

12:30 - 2:00 pm
**Luncheon and Speaker**  Luncheon consists of a Deli Sack Lunch

**Larry Cesspooch**, Ute Tribe. “Only the Objects Change–The Heart, Mind, and Spirit are the Same: A Native American Perspective.” Hand puppets, music, and videos are used to tell Ute legends. (Speaker funded by the Utah Humanities Council)

2:15 - 3:15 pm
**Remote Reference Sources**
This session will provide basic training on finding free web reference sources and effective use of the Pioneer search engine. Presenter: Robert Means  Sponsor: Academic Section

**Get Fired Up: Tips for Motivating Staff**
A discussion on ways to motivate staff members to reach toward excellence in the workplace through fun and hard work. Presenters: Lorie Evans and Susan Hamada  Sponsor: ULA Continuing Education Committee

**Digitizing Images and Text: Theory and Practice**
This session will discuss the steps involved in digitization, including scanning with flatbeds and cameras, archiving files, assigning metadata, and presenting the files via the Web. Presenter: Kenning Arlitsch  Sponsor: Computer Applications Roundtable
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Snow College South Conference Center 800 West 200 South Richfield, Utah

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Basic Cataloging
This session will cover basic cataloging of materials in various formats using primarily AACR2. Intended for those using MARC and non-MARC automated systems, as well as for those not using an automated system. Presenter: Jim Dooley Sponsor: Technical Services Roundtable

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House Bill 157 - Internet Policies and Intellectual Freedom Fundamentals
A discussion of HB 157 and its implications for policy requirements and intellectual freedom issues in public libraries.
Presenters: Intellectual Freedom Committee Members
Sponsor: ULA Intellectual Freedom Committee

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Lou Burton, scholar and writer. “An Encounter with Jim Bridger.” Jim Bridger comes to life in this dramatic presentation which sheds light on the culture and history of the Old West. (Speaker funded by the Utah Humanities Council)

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More information on the ULA Fall Workshops can be found using the following link:

www.ula.org/workshops/ulafallworkshop2000.htm

To Register for these ULA Fall Workshops follow the link below for the registration form:

www.ula.org/workshops/ulafallworkshopregistration2000.htm
The Utah Library Association and Librarians Serving Genealogists Invite you to
LIBRARIANS SERVING GENEALOGISTS PRE-CONFERENCE
To the FGS/UGA Conference 6-9 September 2000

**Free** Pre-Conference

**Day:** Tuesday 5 September 2000

**Time:** 7:45 am Registration - pick up conference packet

Welcome: 8:15

Conference **8:45 - 5:00**

Place: Wyndham Hotel, Salt Lake City

The seminar is **free**. Please let us know that you are coming so we can schedule sufficient space. Because we are holding this one in Salt Lake City, home of the Family History Library, we expect attendance to be high.

**Topics and Speakers:**
- *Something for Everyone: Reference Service for Genealogists*
  Curt Witcher, Allen County Public Library, Indiana
- *Genealogy is Not Dead in Small and Rural Public Libraries*
  Nola K. Magneson, Kearns Public Library & Bev Norton, BYU Lee Library
- *Genealogy and Interlibrary Loan*
  Pam Hall, current chair of Librarians Serving Genealogists
- *Preservation Primer: Steps for Protecting Family Records*
  Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, U of U Marriott Library
- *Collections and Services of the Family History Library*
  Staff members of the Family History Library, Salt Lake City

There is an opportunity to visit behind-the-scene operations at the Family History Library. If you are interested, please let us know so we can arrange the tours.

The pre-conference is free, but we need you to register to: 1) attend the day long sessions; and/or 2) to take a short tour of Family History Library operations.

**To register,** please send your name, position, library or business name and address, telephone, e-mail and fax. To **Anne Wuehler** by one of the following methods:
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