Our joint conference is rapidly approaching, beginning Tuesday April 29th and ending at noon on Friday May 2nd in the Downtown Salt Lake City Hilton hotel. The broad strokes of the conference are in place and the conference registration page and hotel registration pages are up and running. Both MPLA and ULA members have submitted programs, the programs have been scheduled and the schedule is being refined. Members of both organizations have worked well together, that has been exciting to me. The ULA Conference Committee has posted a draft of the schedule and is considering details and minutia to ensure that they’ve remembered everything. Our Program Board is gathering speaker contracts and working out details.

I promised to reveal more details of the conference program. Some of the highlights scheduled are:

Our keynote speaker will be Jim Rettig, the current American Library Association President-Elect.

Our luncheon speakers are Carolyn Hart on Wednesday for the Author Luncheon and Susan Patron for the Children’s Author Luncheon. Carolyn Hart is a bestselling mystery writer. I am a big fan of her Death on Demand series featuring the owner of a bookstore. Susan Patron is a librarian who found herself in the middle of a censorship controversy when she wrote the children’s book The Higher Power of Lucky.

We have two breakfasts scheduled: Wednesday morning Brandon Sanderson will attend the “Breakfast with Brandon” breakfast. A major fantasy author, including the teen book Alcatraz and the Evil Librarians, Brandon has recently been selected by the widow of the recently deceased fantasy author Robert Jordan to write the last book of Robert’s Wheel of Time series. Brandon has taught creative writing at BYU and also has an interest in library services to young adults. The speaker for the Friday morning breakfast will be David Lee King. David is a well-known Library 2.0 speaker and blogger.

Some prominent speakers who have agreed to present programs are: Camila Alire, current candidate for President-Elect of ALA, Dean Emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University and Adjunct Professor at Simmons College; Susan Guevara, illustrator of the award-winning children’s books Chato and the Party Animals and Chato’s Kitchen; Curt Wicher, prominent genealogist and librarian at the Allen County Public Library; Carrie Russell, ALA Copyright Specialist and the author of a column in School Library Journal; Dr. Chris Finan, author of From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America and President of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression; Anita Silvey, author of 500 Great Books for Teens, who has appeared on NPR, the Today Show and 60 minutes; Diana Tixier Herald, a member of the Advisory Board for The Reader’s Advisor Online; Carole Fiore, YALSA and PLA trainer, Library Consultant, the author of multiple publications dealing with summer reading contests and of numerous articles in various library journals,
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former member of the Booklist Advisory Board, and former Youth Consultant at the State Library of Florida who directed an award-winning bid for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award for the Florida State Library; and Jim Gill, recorder of “May There Always be Sunshine.”

Other events at the conference include an opening reception in the exhibit hall on Tuesday night, the MPLA Birthday Bash at the award-winning Salt Lake City Public Library on Wednesday evening, and the Presidents’ Reception and Awards Banquet on Thursday evening. There will also be opportunities to participate in Dine Arounds to several local restaurants, tours of local attractions such as the Family History Library, and the possibility of attending a rehearsal of the world-famous Tabernacle Choir.

It should be a great conference! Please plan to attend!

Dorothy Horan
ULA President

Next Utah Library Association Board Meetings

Date: April 11
Time: Board of Directors: 1:00
       Program Board: 2:20
Location: Salt Lake City Public Library

My Experience at ALA Midwinter

The 2008 American Library Association Conference was held in Philadelphia. The program included many, many meetings, exhibitors and a few programs.

Utah Library Association-related meetings:

I attended the ALA Chapter Officer Training Session and one of the Chapter Relations Committee Meetings on behalf of the Utah Library Association. The training session dealt with association websites, the management of associations and how various associations utilize professional executive officers I appear in the top picture on the left. This presentation was very informative.

There wasn’t a good picture of the Chapter Relations Committee Meeting that I attended, but the lower left photo is of the organizers of the Chapter Officer Training Session making their report to the committee. The ALA executive officers report the progress of their initiatives at these meetings, as well as representatives of many ALA Committees.

The meeting also explains Chapter Officer Committee goals and looks for feedback from chapters. One new issue of great interest to ALA is helping ease the transition to digital television from analog. Libraries will distribute information about DTV receivers to patrons.

Other Meetings:

I was able to attend some meetings that revolved around my day job. One of them was a meeting about FRBR. It was fascinating to meet and listen to some of the people whose blogs and other writings I’ve
My Experience at ALA Midwinter

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read for years, including Utah’s own Bob Maxwell, who has written a new book on the topic.

I attended a meeting of members of ALCTS wherein we discussed various topics and shared stories. These can be very valuable meetings for librarians to learn from the experiences of others who share your interests. Many ALA divisions also post reports of conference activities and/or maintain blogs and wikis to share ideas.

Exhibits:

Once again I was able to wander the ALA exhibit hall. The artist behind the online comic “Unshelved” donated copies of each of their compilations of strips to our conference. Five conference attendees will receive those books during the conference. I will be on the sidelines crying because the autographs (drawings of characters) are wonderful and Bill Barnes was very generous to donate those items to our conference. I also met with one of the Harper Collins representatives to discuss our author luncheon with Carolyn Hart.

ALA’s gaming folks had a presence again this year. Their booth had a Wii, DDR, and of course, “Guitar Hero” for people to play. If anyone is interested in helping with a “Guitar Hero” booth at the opening reception of our conference, let me know.

Conference Committee Meeting:

Members of the Joint Conference Committee gathered over breakfast early one morning to discuss a few details of the conference. Some were meeting face to face for the first time. The attendees included Rob Banks, the current MPLA President-Elect and MPLA Committee Chair; Emily Schultz, the ULA representative to MPLA; Jeffrey Belliston, our hardworking ULA Committee Chair; Barbara Hopkins, Registration Chair; Michael Whitchurch and myself. We were able to iron out a few details on programs and pre-conferences at the meeting.

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend ALA Midwinter on behalf of the Utah Library Association. The airplane that I took to Philly was full of librarians. It was good to connect more faces with names that I’ve become acquainted with over the years. I was impressed with the number of Utah librarians who are active in various ALA committees and pleased to see that our state has a strong presence within ALA.

Dorothy Horan
ULA President

Conference Registration Volunteers Needed

Assistance is needed for registration at the ULA/MPLA joint conference. To volunteer contact

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Or
Greetings to our Public, Academic, private and specialized library colleagues! UELMA, the school library organization in Utah, invites you to join us for our annual conference in March. If you work with children, young adults or as a library school professional, our conference may be of special interest, but don’t be shy to come visit if you just love books.

We have four authors coming to our conference this year. Carolyn Meyer is our keynote speaker. She specializes in historical fiction, having contributed to Scholastic’s Royal Diaries series, but she also has her own series novels about queens and princesses and key female figures from history. Her latest novel Duchessina looks at the life of Catherine de’Medici; her next novel is about Nannerl, Mozart’s composing sister. Besides regaling us with stories of her research and travels, she will also host a session about engaging students in historical research. Terry Hokenson is also joining us. His novel, The Winter Road, is an engaging story of survival against the odds; while similar to Hatchet, Hokenson has taken the genre and really made it something special. Our last authors are the husband and wife team of Caralyn and Mark Buehner. Local celebrities in the picture book world, their fantastic illustrations and charming writing, whether together or teamed with others, have created many memorable books for younger readers.

We have an extremely full day of breakout sessions planned. You can see all of them at http://www.uelma.org/08conference.html, but here are a few highlights. CLAU will be announcing its latest slates of nominee titles for the Beehive Book Award. JaNae Kinikin and Megan Davis, from Weber State, will be talking about high schools and colleges partnering for better prepared students. Rachel Goodman from the Salt Lake County system will be sharing her talents with props and pictures to excite reading time for little ones. Jamie Tabish, a professional organizer, will be sharing her best tips and tricks for organizing space and time, geared especially towards librarians. UEN will be hosting five different sessions, including one on the new federated search and one on Internet safety. We also have sessions on this year’s best new books for children and teens and graphic novels too.

WHEW! And that’s just scratching the surface of all that will be available. If you are a ULA member, please indicate that on your registration form – you will recieve a discount of $10 off of the membership – so your conference experience will be only $70. Hope to see you there!

Cindy Mitchell
Each year the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at BYU opens its door to book collectors and book lovers of all stripes and interests. We encourage book dealers, librarians, and book lovers to attend this conference. We sincerely want to "open the vaults" to all who come so they may learn from qualified curators, handle the rarest of materials and thus experience a very real connection to the past.

The conference theme for this year highlights the A. Dean and Jean M. Larsen Yellowstone Collection. Appropriately, our keynote speaker is Susan Rugh, Associate Professor of History at BYU, who will speak on her research concerning "Vacationing in Yellowstone." Professor Rugh’s address will be delivered during the luncheon (included as part of the registration fee).

This year, our seminar topics are:

- Book Collecting 101
- Collecting Nephi: Book of Mormon editions, past and present
- Grandma Gave Me This Old Bible: Collecting English Bibles
- Orson Scott Card
- Oh, For the Love of Letters: Collecting Personal Correspondence
- Exploring Yellowstone Park Through Music
- The Book Beautiful: The Revival of Fine Printing

We are offering two separate Pre-Conference sessions for 2008.

- Coptic Binding Workshop
- Discovery of Photography

Learn more at http://net.lib.byu.edu/scm/bookconference2008/index.php or phone (801) 422-3514

We are grateful to Jean M. Larsen, wife of the late A. Dean Larsen, for establishing the A. Dean Larsen Book Collecting Conference endowment. Through her generosity, registration for the conference has been reduced to $35.00

Roger Layton
Harold B. Lee Library

Conference Registration Volunteers Needed

The Sandy Journal recently reported that Brookwood Elementary offers a Birthday Book Club. The club began with faculty inviting students to bring a hardback book, if possible, to donate to the school library in place of the typical treats such as candy and cupcakes.

As added incentive, students who donate books receive recognition with a bookplate in the book as well as a photo. Students also receive recognition on Bear TV, a closed circuit television broadcast on Monday and Friday morning. When the birthday student’s class visits the library, the librarian will read the book to the class.

Librarian Gail Coleman says the birthday books are checked out more often than the other books in the collection.

For students with summer birthdays, their birthdays are celebrated at the halfway mark, and this allows for these students to submit books as well.

Books donated are accepted as long as they are approved by the district. A list of accepted books is available on the district’s web site.

Coleman said the library has received at least 50 books a year through the program.
The Utah Library Association nominating committee is submitting the following list of candidates for elected office. Candidates for president-elect and members at large have an associated biographical sketch. Round Tables and Sections submit just the names of people willing to fill chair, chair-elect, secretary and member at large positions.

The electronic ballot will be available to ULA members on February 25, 2008. Members will be informed by email and provided with a link to the ballot. Online voting will remain open until March 10. At that time the ballots will be counted and candidates will be informed of the election results by March 24. A formal announcement of elected officers will be made at the ULA conference April 29-May 2, 2008.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee for 2007-2008

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President-elect (1)

• Kimberly Bray (Salt Lake City Public Library)
• Ruby Cheesman (Salt Lake County Public Library)

Members at Large (2)

• Valeri Craigle (S. J. Quinney Law Library; University of Utah)
• Karen Hales (LDS Business School)
• Shannon Hoffman (Lee Library; Brigham Young University)
• Adriane Juarez (Utah Center for the Book/Salt Lake City Public Library)
• Michael Whitchurch (Lee Library; Brigham Young University)

Biographies below; followed by Round Table and Section Slates

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kimberly Bray
Salt Lake City Public Librar
kbray@slcpl.org

Kim has been with The City Library for over 8 years, first as a branch manager and now as manager of Technical Services. She has worked in a variety of libraries including: The Smithsonian, NASA, Washington State University, and a unique community library in Kansas City. Kim has served ULA since 2000 when she was the Conference Co-Chair and then Conference Chair in 2001; she has served as the Legislative Chair for the past year. This has given Kim wonderful opportunities to showcase Utah libraries to local, state, and national legislators and to discuss issues of tremendous importance to libraries.

As ULA President, Kim would continue to promote Utah libraries inside and outside the state. She would also work to continue improvements to the ULA website by promoting the creation of more timely and interactive content by our members. Another primary goal would be to work towards a greater collaboration between Utah’s libraries on various projects and negotiations with vendors. Libraries are more powerful united than as individual entities. We find ourselves in a time when our profession must clarify its internal vision so that we may effectively promote issues and provide services that will make libraries increasingly more relevant to our community’s (academic, public, school, or special) daily lives. We work in a profession that allows us the opportunity to be truly brave by

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standing for the ideals of equality, intellectual freedom, access, and compassion when others have forgotten them. The question we must ask is: What is impossible today that, if made possible, would change everything? Within this lies our vision for the future.

Ruby Cheesman
Salt Lake County Public Library

Ruby Cheesman has worked for Salt Lake County Library Services for over 20 years, and currently manages the Hunter Library. Ruby and her husband migrated to Utah from Georgia shortly after they were married in 1972 so Ron could finish his degree at BYU. They returned to Utah from a 12 year stay in Oregon and Ruby began working as a librarian at the Magna Library for Salt Lake County in 1987. After receiving her MLIS from BYU in 1993 (the “last gasp” class), Ruby became a Senior Librarian in Reader’s Advisory Services, then in 1998 was promoted to Assistant Manager at Hunter Library. Manager at Magna in 2000, then finally returning to Hunter as Manager in 2003.

Ruby has been involved with the Utah Library Association for most of her 20 years here in Utah, serving as Vice Chair/Chair Elect of Public Section twice; Exhibit Chair three times; and most recently as Awards Chair in 2007 and 2008. Beginning in 1996, Ruby has hosted the LDS Fiction Extravaganza! Program at the spring ULA conference, bringing in such noted LDS authors as: Chris Heimerdinger, Rachel Nunes, Dean Hughes, Michele Ashman Bell, and Gerald Lund. Connecting readers to books or giving them the exact piece of information they need for a report is one of the most rewarding aspects of Ruby’s job. Ruby is thrilled when someone tells her they just loved the latest mystery she suggested; or that article they found on our library’s database helped them get an “A”. Ruby would like to see all librarians, whether academic, public, school or special, feel that excitement and joy that comes from helping customers find the information they need to make a difference in their lives. Yes, we need technology to survive in the 21st century – who would ever want to go back to the card catalog? – but we sometimes need to be reminded WHY we exist. Working together as a community of Utah librarians we can share our resources and our expertise as we strive to better the lives of those we serve.

MEMBER AT LARGE
Valeri Craigle
S. J. Quinney Law Library; University of Utah

Valeri Craigle is the Digital and Bibliographic Technologies Librarian for the S.J. Quinney Law Library at the University of Utah. Valeri has worked in medical libraries for over 13 years, including 12 years at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, and almost two years at the University of Southern Nevada South Jordan Campus. Valeri changed course from medical to legal librarianship in the beginning of 2008 when she became the newest member of the faculty at the S. J. Quinney Law Library.

Valeri's new position at Quinney Law aligns well with her background in digital technologies and electronic resource development. At the Eccles Library, Valeri worked as project manager for the Neuro-Ophthalmology Virtual Education Library (NOVEL) and was the health sciences coordinator for the University of Utah Institutional Repository. In the spring of 2006, Valeri pursued an opportunity to build a health sciences library for the Utah satellite campus of the University of Southern Nevada's Doctor of Pharmacy program. Valeri enjoyed

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the rare opportunity of starting a library from the ground up. Some of her accomplishments include the purchasing of furniture and equipment for the library facility, establishing a core print and electronic collection, setting up a document delivery service, and working in conjunction with the USN IT department to set up an electronic reserves service and a service that provides off-campus access to electronic resources.

Valeri looks forward to her new position at the Quinney Law Library where she will once again be able to coordinate and facilitate the use of technology in information services. And she looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Utah Library Association.

Karen Hales
LDS Business School
Karen Hales graduated with an MLIS from Brigham Young University in 1993. She has been the Library Director at the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City since 1992. Her professional experience includes working in a corporate business library for an international accounting firm and as the children/YA librarian in a small public library.

Karen has served on two ULA annual conference committees. Other community service includes United Way Allocation committee and Literacy Volunteers of America.

Over the past 15 years Karen has had the opportunity to associate with many librarians throughout the state from academic, public and corporate libraries. We have a great tradition of collaboration in the state of Utah and this is a model for other states. Karen would like to have the opportunity to give back to the profession and feels that she can bring a broad perspective of experiences having worked in academic, public, and corporate libraries.

Shannon Hoffman
Lee Library; Brigham Young University
Libraries of all types and sizes are changing at an unprecedented pace. This change is important for our libraries to grow and succeed in our ever changing world. Utah Library Association (ULA) is an important resource for Utah librarians in this changing world. In the years to come, ULA must reach out to all libraries in Utah using the changes in technology to expand our reach and influence to the whole of Utah. No librarian in Utah should feel alone as they strive to succeed in their library. All should know that there is a large network of librarians ready and willing to help them reach the goals they set. ULA needs to be that network if Utah libraries are going to succeed in this changing world.

Shannon Hoffman has been a member of ULA since 1989. She has served on numerous roundtables and committees: Academic Section Chair; Member-at-Large of the ULA Board of Directors, and Chair of the Certification of Achievement Board. She earned Masters of Library and Information Science from Brigham Young University in 1989 and currently works as the Authorities Librarian at the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University.

Adriane Juarez
Utah Center for the Book/Salt Lake City Public Library
Adriane Juarez is the Manager of the Sprague Branch Library and a long-time member of ULA. She chaired the ULA Children's Services Round Table in 2005-2006, planning the children's conference events for St. George. She now serves as the ULA Reforma de Utah Liaison. As a member of the Utah Kids Ready to Read Coalition, she has enjoyed the opportunity to travel with librarians from various organizations going around the state to conduct Emergent
Literacy trainings. She is past-Chair of the Utah Center for the Book and presented the Utah Book Awards at the ULA Conference in 2006.

Michael Whitchurch
Lee Library; Brigham Young University

As a librarian Michael Whitchurch has had experience at every level and in most departments. His position responsibilities have included shelving, ILL, computer support, faculty support, subject librarian, instructor, copy cataloging and reference. Michael has worked in the Harold B. Lee library at Brigham Young University, the Law Library at BYU, the LDS Motion Picture Studio (as their vault keeper), and at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. Each of places and experiences has given Michael an understanding of libraries and their purpose in connecting information with those who need or want it.

As a Member-at-large Michael wants to ensure that information is available to all in the most effective and efficient way. In addition, Michael wants to promote the progression of librarians around the state through educational and experiential opportunities.

SECTIONS
Public Library
- Chair: Carla Zollinger (Provo City Library)

School Library Section
- Chair: LaDawn Broberg (Ensign Elementary School Library Learning Center)
- Vice-chair: Richard Huff (Spanish Fork Jr. High Library Media Center)

MPLA Rep
- Dorothy Horan (Family History Library, Salt Lake City)

ROUND TABLES
ACRL officer slots:
- Chair – Adriana Reed (UU-Marriott)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect- Dale Larsen (UU-Marriott)
- Secretary – Crystal Goldman (UU-Marriott)
- Members at Large –
  - Peter Kraus (UU-Marriott)

AMSC officer slots:
- Chair – T. K. Edlund (BYU-Lee)

BURT officer slots:
- Chair - Andy Spackman (BYU-Lee)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect- Ed Hahn (WSU)
- Secretary - Karen Hales (LDS Business School)
- Members at Large –
  - Leticia Camacho (BYU-Lee)
  - Craig Neilson (USLD)

CSRT officer slots:
- Chair - Anna Zanarini
- Secretary – Kara Peason (Sandy Library)
- Members at Large –
  - Kira Moody (Whitmore Library)
  - Jennifer Fay (Sandy Library)
  - Carrie Rogers-Whitehead (Kearns Library) –
  - Donna Cardon (Provo)
  - Laura Berube (Draper)

GenRT officer slots:
- Chair – Anne Roach (Family History Library)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect- Marci Purnell (Family History Library)
- Secretary – Mary Lynn Sharpe (Family History Library)
- Members at Large –
  - Melanie Tucker (Salt Lake County-Hunter Library)
  - LuCinda Gustavson (Salt

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GODORT officer slots:
- Chair – Jan Robertson (UU-Marriott)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Peter Kraus (UU-Marriott)
- Secretary – Mary McFarland (UU-Eccles)
- Members at Large –
  - Dave Morrison (UU-Marriott)
  - Ray Matthews (USLD)

HEART officer slots:
- Chair – Allyson Mower (UU-Eccles)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Jennie Morris (UU-Eccles)
- Secretary – Erica Lake (IMC-Hospital Library)
- Members at Large –
  - Mary Youngkin (UU-Eccles)
  - Amy Birks (UU-Eccles)

LAMART officer slots:
- Chair – Barbara Hopkins (Fort Herriman Middle)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Linda St. Clair (UU-Marriott)
- Secretary – Ben Wilson (UVSC)
- Members at Large –
  - Debbie Short (UVSC)

LIRT officer slots:
- Chair – Fawn Morgan (Layton High School)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Sherry Paxton (Millard High School)
- Secretary – Nan Ault (North Sanpete High School)
- Members at Large –
  - Jean Truman (Canyon View High School)

LPSSRT officer slots:
- Chair – Patricia King (SLCC)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - TBD
- Secretary – Marilyn Lee (BYU-Lee)
- Members at Large –
  - Jill Stucki (SUU)
  - Linda Liebhardt (SUU)

NPRT officer slots:
- Chair – Chris Lake (Family History Library)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - TBD
- Secretary – Lauren Swift (Salt Lake City, Sprague)
- Members at Large –
  - Anita Albright (SLCC)
  - Phuong Vu (SLCC)

RASRT officer slots:
- Chair – Trish Hull (Salt Lake County; Magna)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Xiaolian Deng (Salt Lake County)
- Secretary – TBD
- Members at Large –
  - Sue Hill (Brigham City PL)

START officer slots:
- Chair – Adriana Reed (UU-Marriott)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - TBD

TFRT officer slots:
- Trustees and Friends Table
- Chair - Kate Doordan (Park City)
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect - (Annette Handy, Brigham City)
- Secretary - Megan Fernandez (Summit County Library)
- Members at Large –
  - Douglas Alder (Washington County Library)
  - Terry Ann Harward (Utah State Library)

TSRT officer slots:
- Chair – Jan Robertson (UU-Marriott)

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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. The Association also initiates and supports legislation promoting library development and monitors legislation that might threaten Utah libraries and librarians. 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.