

UTAH Libraries News

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President's Message

When is the time to develop a plan? What is needed to complete a plan? These are important questions that arise when we think about and discuss the future. A builder needs plans from an architect to realize an owner's dream home. In order to enjoy a trip overseas, a family plans to save adequate financial resources. An individual plans a training regime in order to finish running in a marathon. So I ask, "How should we as members of the library profession approach planning?" Measured thought, evaluation of resources, clear definitions of desired outcomes, and action are all necessary to complete our goals. Successful plans typically have a starting point, a path, and an end point.

What plans are currently being made by the Utah Library Association and the greater Utah library community? How do we envision our future? What are our goals?

On June 9th the ULA Board of Directors met and adopted ULA's *Strategic Plan for 2006* –

2009. The plan can be found on the ULA webpage. It emphasizes six areas of focus: advocacy, intellectual freedom, continuing education, membership, building the profession, and organizational excellence. I would like to thank the Strategic Planning Committee for all of their efforts and I would also like to thank the ULA membership who provided the Strategic Planning Committee with input and feedback. This planning document will chart the course that our association will travel.

The theme for the Utah Library Association 2007 Annual Conference is, "Living Libraries: Remembering our Past, Planning our Future." It is not too early to begin thinking about and planning for conference programs. If you have an idea for a conference program please contact the appropriate ULA section or round table officers at <http://ula.org/organization/officers/dir.htm>.

During the past few months I have been

heartened and encouraged by the amount of planning that is taking place in the greater Utah library community. Earlier this month 146 librarians and archivists from the University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Utah State University participated in a two day retreat for the purpose of planning for research success in the 21st century. On September 7th and 9th the Salt Lake City Library will host the *Thinking Ahead Symposium 2006* <http://thinkinglibraries.org/> and discuss issues that will shape the future of library service.

This year some of my plans for Utah Library Association include working with the Bylaws Committee to update both the *ULA Bylaws* and the *Policies and Procedures Manual*, increasing our membership activity, and improving the functionality and aesthetics of our association webpage. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Warmest regards,

Julie Williamsen
ULA President

ULA Strategic Plan Finalized

During the June 9th Board of Director's meeting, the "Strategic Plan for the Utah Library Association 2006-2009" was adopted. This culminated a year-long process of gathering and synthesizing information so the committee could present a comprehensive and forward-thinking plan for our association's use.

Many members gave us feedback and input during

the past year, for which we are grateful. Thanks!

Strategic Plan Committee:

Hikmet Sidney Loe, Chair (SLC Public Library)

Chris Anderson (former Executive Secretary/Treasurer)

Susan Hamada (Salt Lake County Library System)

Cindy Mitchell (Jordan School District)

Jane Smith (Utah State Library)

Eve Tallman (Grand County Public Library)

Julie Williamsen (Brigham Young University)

See the complete strategic plan online at www.ula.org.

Hikmet Sidney Loe, Chair Strategic Directions Committee

ULA Legislative Committee Seeks Members

The ULA Legislative Committee is seeking new members who would like to be aware of and participate in the state legislative process.

Often we, as Utah librarians, are blindsided by legislation that adversely affects libraries. The Legislative Committee strives to stay abreast of these issues so that we can aid legislators

in having a greater insight into the impact that legislation might have on our citizens, hopefully gaining their support on these issues.

The Committee meets monthly at the Utah State Library Division, excluding the month of the ULA Conference. Those in outlying areas may participate via a conference call.

If you are interested in participating on the committee, please contact Dianne King at dianne_king@byu.edu or call (801)422-6180.

*Dianne King
Co-Chair, ULA Legislative Committee*

Join a Section or Round Table

Did you know that your membership dues entitle you to affiliate with a ULA section (Academic, Public, School or Special) and several or all round tables? If you would like to increase your involvement with ULA and your colleagues

throughout the state, join a section and round table.

For a listing of section and round table officers, please refer to the ULA webpage <http://www.ula.org/organization/officers/dir.htm>.

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Salt Lake City Public Library Named 2006 Library of the Year

Thomson Gale and *Library Journal* announced on 13 June that the Salt Lake City Public Library has been named the 2006 Library of the Year. The City Library was selected from more than 30 nominations. The judges considered three key factors when making their selection: service to the community, creativity and innovation in developing specific community programs or a dramatic increase in library usage, and leadership in creating programs that can be emulated by other libraries.

The City Library will be featured in the June 15, 2006 issue of *Library Journal*. Library Director Nancy Tessman said, "The

staff, the Board, the Friends, the volunteers, the Mayor and City Council, and particularly the community can take great pride in having created one of the finest libraries in the country."

SLCPL serves as the center of the Salt Lake City community. The library's new building, which opened in 2003, occupies a city block, now called Library Square. According to library staffers, SLCPL is where "citizens practice democracy," and serves as a reminder to fellow citizens and the world that the Salt Lake City community is more culturally and ethnically diverse than ever. Patrons check out materials at a

rate three times the national average. Nineteen books or more are borrowed annually by each of the 179,894 city residents. The library hosts 550,000 Internet sessions and receives 3,676,000 catalog hits annually.

According to *Library Journal*, "SLCPL truly deserves to be Library of the Year in 2006. Its model for the library of the future includes a magnificent setting in which to hold the community forum and brings the riches of a full array of library materials and services to a public that is clearly hungry for them."

ULA and the Utah Nonprofits Association

During the March Board of Director's Meeting, we voted in favor of joining the Utah Nonprofits Association. They are a strong association that offers us training opportunities, information, and advice on running a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

They have an extensive training schedule, which we will begin to distribute

to our Association members. The ULA Board of Directors are considered members of UNA under our organizational membership. Our 800 ULA members are not members of UNA but are welcome to enroll in any training that UNA offers at the non-member rate.

Information about training

opportunities will be sent to you via the ULA listserv. You may also go online to <http://www.utahnonprofits.org> to see their schedule and to learn about this wonderful association.

Hikmet Sidney Loe
UNA Liaison to ULA

Grand County Opens New Library

The new Grand County Public Library opened June 3 in Moab. Hundreds of visitors poured in for the ribbon cutting and open house at the new facility, located at 257 East Center Street. State Librarian Donna Jones Morris spoke at the event, and "visiting dignitaries" Sally Patrick from the Eccles Health Sciences Center Library and Julie Jones from the State Library attended to help celebrate.

The \$2.7 million project was funded with a low-interest loan from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Voters in Grand County approved the loan with a special bond election in February 2004, which won with a margin of 71% yes votes. The library triples the size of the old facility

with 14,000 square feet and includes a large children's room, a meeting room for 50, an outdoor courtyard, and "an actual reference library" according to library director Eve Tallman. Other features include an "Adventure Library" that includes maps, guidebooks, and local history of the Canyonlands area, as well as a "Teen" area complete with computers and comfortable furniture.

Generous funding from the LSTA and the Utah Public Library Development grant has made Moab's computer offerings "world class." Included are visitor Internet terminals, four research computers that complement the Gates computers, two media computers for editing

video, downloading cameras, burning cds, etc., and a microfilm scanner. These computers are in addition to computers for all ages, from toddlers to those requiring the voice-activated assistive technology workstation.

The library also has art display space, and during the month of June the library is hosting an exhibit of community artists as well as a Utah Arts Council traveling exhibit of Navajo children's weavings.

Gould Evans Associates of Salt Lake City were the architects and Jacobsen Construction was the General Contractor.

Librarians on holiday in Moab are encouraged to stop by!

Eve Tallman



Library exterior photo by Stephen Grochowski

NLM Offers Free Training Sessions at Eccles

The National Training Center and Clearinghouse (NTCC) will be offering free, hands-on classes through the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. These classes will be held in the Eccles Health Sciences Education Building, Room #3100 C:

PubMed® Training
Tuesday, August 29, 2006
8:30am to 5:00pm

The NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov
Wednesday, August 30, 2006
8:30am to noon

TOXNET®
Thursday, August 31, 2006
9:00am to 4:00pm

All three training sessions are intended for health sciences library staff, health professionals and anyone interested in using these free NLM databases.

The NLM Gateway is of particular interest to public and consumer health librarians. The TOXNET® class and database focus on environmental health and toxicology.

You will be offered a quick and easy on-line registration form at <http://nlnm.gov/ntcc/request.html>.

The staff of the NTCC hopes to see you there.

John Bramble

ULA Presidents Meet at Reception in St. George

At an opportune moment at the ULA President's Party during the annual conference in St. George, we found seven consecutive ULA presidents from the 21st century all in the same room at the same time. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to take a photograph. The presidents pictured from the most distant to most recent are Susan Hamada (2002), Kayla Willey (2003), David Hales (2004), Gene Nelson (2005), Hikmet Loe (2006), Julie Williamson (2007), and Dorothy Horan (2008).

Many of you may or may not know that the Utah Library Association will be a hundred years old in 2012. The Past President's Committee

and Paul Mogren, ULA historian and custodian of the ULA Archives housed at the University of Utah, have been and are busily working on a history of the organization to be published for its centennial.

We'd like to issue a call for any photographs or documents of historical importance that you may have in your personal possession that may be of value for this publication. We'll take them electronically or by snail mail. If you can help us out by identifying individuals or activities in the photographs, it would be of great value to the organization.

We hope some of you, especially the "old timers," won't mind if we pick your

brains over the next few years as we try to complete this important history.

Please send information you are willing to share to:

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Kayla Willey, Past Presidents Committee Chair



Back row: David Hales, Julie Williamsen, Kayla Willey, and Gene Nelson.
Front Row: Dorothy Horan, Hikmet Loe, and Susan Hamada

UVSC Library Wins National Award for PR Campaign



The Search Begins poster created by UVSC.

The UVSC Library won the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Public Relations and Marketing Section's Swap and Shop "Best of Show" awards competition in the Services Available/Orientation Materials/Policy Materials category.

LAMA received 360+

entries in the 2006 Best of Show competition from across the U.S. and Canada. Awards will be presented at the 2006 LAMA Public Relations event at the American Library Association national conference on Sunday, June 25.

The items submitted from the 2005-06 year's adventure-theme

campaign, "The Search Begins," included the following: posters, handouts and table tops created in the likeness of the "Sahara" movie poster; giveaways; a library created DVD movie advertising an iPod giveaway at the "dig event"; and photos of the National Library Week event.

Utah Kids Ready to Read! First Phase Success

Utah Kids Ready to Read, a state-wide emergent literacy program organized to train librarians and library staff on emergent literacy philosophies and techniques, has successfully completed the first phase of its initiative.

From October 2005 through May 2006, the Utah Kids Ready to Read trainer taskforce provided training at 19 workshops held in 15 counties. More than 175 individuals, including librarians and library board members, attended the training, representing over 60 libraries. Final follow-up and training for librarians and library staff was held at the Utah Library Association Conference, in May. Members of the taskforce included children's library and literacy specialists from Provo City Library, Salt Lake City Public Library

and Salt Lake County Library, with administrative support from the Utah State Library.

The training was provided to coach library professionals on simple ways to incorporate emergent literacy into existing programming and showcasing those skills to the thousands of Utahns who patronize their libraries and participate in library programming.

Emergent literacy guidance gives parents the confidence and tools to take an active role in nurturing their children's early literacy skills, preparing them for formal education when they are of age and instilling in each child a life-long love of learning. Literate children – kids who know how to read and love it – are the future of our libraries, and our

communities.

In the coming months, the Utah Kids Ready to Read Board will reinforce its library training. It will also be planning and implementing an outreach campaign designed to inform the public – particularly parents, educators and other caregivers - of the importance of emergent literacy and draw them into the library where they can learn more about getting their child ready to read.

Utah Kids Ready to Read is an excellent source for early literacy information and training resources for library professionals throughout Utah. If you would like to learn more about this project, please visit the Utah Kids Ready to Read! Web site at: http://www.library.utah.gov/utah_kids

Susan Hamada

Planning for Research Success in the 21st Century

A planning retreat for librarians from the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and Utah State University was held on Thursday, June 15th and Friday, June 16th at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. There were 146 attendees. The objectives of the retreat were fivefold: to raise awareness of the complex issues facing research libraries and librarians, to build consensus that challenges facing research libraries can most effectively be met by collaborative and revolutionary change, to strengthen institutional and interpersonal relationships, to challenge existing service and functional models, and to articulate strategies and prioritize actions that must be taken by Utah's research libraries.

Thursday morning there were two guest speakers; Jim Williams, Dean of Libraries at the University of Colorado, and Jennifer Younger, Edward H. Arnold Director of University Libraries at Notre Dame. That afternoon librarians participated in group break-out sessions to discuss issues related to the retreat objectives. Duane Webster, Director of the Association of Research Libraries, was the guest speaker Friday morning, and he was followed by a panel of

librarians and an archivist from the represented universities. Later that day, break-out sessions continued and reports on the discussions were given.

Guest speaker Jim Williams addressed issues facing scholarly communications. Williams likened scholarly communications to an ecosystem with increasing specializations and complex interdependencies. He spoke on declining access, moving from an ownership and copyright model to a licensing model, public policy affecting scholarly communications, and open access publication outlets. Williams said "the attributes of information form bonds and our challenge is to make those bonds stronger, not weaker."

Jennifer Younger emphasized that librarians need to build on what we are doing now and that we need to share goals among diverse libraries. She said some of the shared goals include building the knowledge base of print and digital materials, providing effective organization of access, building better systems for finding materials, and providing expert assistance. Younger said, "We need to understand how we add value to the universities

we serve." She also discussed the challenges that technology will bring to the research library and the importance of having good organizational development for a successful library. She said, "We need to take pride in working smarter."

Duane Webster spoke on pressures in higher education, how academic and research libraries can collaboratively respond to those pressures, and current trends in academic and research library collaboration. Webster shared statistics that demonstrate how traditional scholarly publishing systems are not sustainable. He said that "innovation is driving change," and included examples such as strategic questions presented by new technology, the Internet, new models of dissemination and access, changing user behavior and fiscal constraints. Webster emphasized that libraries need to react proactively with "energy, innovation, and collaboration." He suggested the following elements contribute to successful collaboration: understanding institutional readiness for change, being willing and able to share control, identifying opportunities to leverage strength, focusing on commonalities, appreciating differences, working for consensus,

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Utah Digital Repository Initiative Receives LSTA Grant

The libraries at the University of Utah, in partnership with the Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC), have been awarded an LSTA grant to lead an effort to build an open access, academically focused, digital repository for the State of Utah.

Institutional Repositories (IRs) are the vehicles by which the scholarly assets of higher education can be collected, preserved, and disseminated. The goal of the Utah Digital Repository Initiative is to distribute an administrative model and development toolkit for building IRs at the statewide level. The IR

model and toolkit, created at the University of Utah, will provide the technological framework, deliver critical resources, and provide the necessary support for establishing Institutional Repositories at UALC participating universities.

The LSTA funding will support a project manager and expand some of the existing technological infrastructure at the Marriott Library. The project manager will begin conducting site visits to UALC libraries beginning summer 2006. At each site visit, library personnel will receive training and resources that can be

utilized in the recruitment of faculty and the processing of materials for submission to the repository.

As the repositories at each UALC institution are established, their contents will be aggregated into a single, statewide resource that will provide a gateway to the scholarly assets of higher education to all Utah citizens.

For more information about the project, please contact the principal investigators, Kenning Arlitsch (kenning.arlitsch@utah.edu) and Valeri Craigle (vcraigle@lib.med.utah.edu).

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assuring involvement of key staff, working on getting the support of faculty and securing concrete results and improved performance.

The panel discussion was a highlight of the retreat. Pamela Martin from Utah State University spoke on the future of public service in academic libraries and represented the next generation of librarians. She noted the importance

of not being afraid to make choices, and to have an attitude of sharing. Bill Lund from Brigham Young University spoke on information technology issues we face in the next three to five years. He also gave examples of innovative websites and tools that could point to the next generation of information access and dissemination. Gary Rasmussen, University of Utah spoke on the future

of technical services at the Marriott Library. Scott Duval from Brigham Young University addressed "the modern special collections" and the importance of focusing on subject matter and the researcher's needs.

For further information, visit the retreat website at <http://library.usu.edu/retreat/>.

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Financial Update

Our balances are as follows:

\$66,000 in Ameritrade

\$61,000 in Wells Fargo

The ULA conference was a financial success, with a probable profit of approximately \$3,000.

Salt Lake City Credit

Union is a partner organization with ULA. All ULA members can join, and the membership fee goes to ULA.

Budgets are due by August 11th for any activities this year.

Steve Pfeiffer
Executive Treasurer

About 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. 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.



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