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The 2007-2008 ULA year has begun. Jeff Belliston's Conference Committee is in full swing. Our keynote speaker will be Jim Rettig, the current American Library Association President-Elect. Another speaker who has been booked is David Lee King. David is a well-known Library 2.0 speaker and blogger. The Conference Committee is currently in talks with several author representatives to get a speaker for the author luncheon. The conference website has been created and is available through the "Conference" tab of the ULA website. Jeff has also established a conference wiki to enable committee members to post documents and host discussions. I'm hoping that it will enable better communication among committee members.

The ULA Board of Directors has met twice and the Program Board has met three times. Darrah Rogers, and I decided to dedicate the October ULA Board meetings to conference programming, and I did not have the Board of Directors meet this month. The October Program Board meeting went well, and I believe that those of us involved in conference

planning are more in sync now than before. I have added November 9th Board meetings to handle ULA business and allow the Program Board to meet once more to discuss programming issues before the deadline for submitting conference programs.

For ULA, Fall means programming. The Program Board has approved several non-conference programs and is beginning to receive conference program requests. The deadline for submitting conference program requests is November 16th, which is coming at us fast. If you have an idea about a program you should contact the chair of the section, committee or round table with your idea. Those chairs are as follows:

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Hoping that I'm not sounding too "High School Musical-ish", let's all work together to create great programs.

*Dorothy Horan
ULA President*

Next Utah Library Association Board Meetings

Date:
Friday, Nov. 9, 2007

Location:
Salt Lake City
Public Library
210 East 400 South
Salt Lake City

Conference Center
Lower Urban Room

Time:
11:30
Executive Board Meeting

1:00
Board of Directors Meeting

2:30
Program Board Meeting

ULA/MPLA Joint Conference April 29 – May 2

Planning for the joint conference of the Utah Library and the Mountain Plains Library Associations is in full swing. Mark your calendars for April 29th to May 2nd, 2008 and plan to attend. The conference theme is "Where Paths Meet: Connecting Libraries and Our Communities." The conference will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple in Salt Lake City. Pre-conferences will be held on Tuesday April 29th with the regular conference beginning the next day and concluding at Noon on Friday, May 2nd.

The heart of all great conferences is good programming. That depends on the members of ULA and MPLA. Program and Poster Session submissions are invited. Programs should be proposed to appropriate ULA Section and Round Table Chairs who will then make the official submission. Forms are available on the conference web site at <http://www.ula.org/conference/2008conf/>.

Additional information will be added to the Web site in the near future. This will include information on hotel reservations, registration, programming,

special events including the combined President's reception and MPLA 60th birthday party at the Salt Lake City Public Library, and major speakers including Jim Rettig, the Vice-President/President Elect of the American Library Association who will be our keynote speaker. Bookmark the site in your browser and return often for updates.

The Joint Conference Committee looks forward to seeing you in Salt Lake next April!

*Jeffrey Belliston
Chair,
2008 ULA/MPLA Joint
Conference*



MPLA Releases New Logo and Slogan

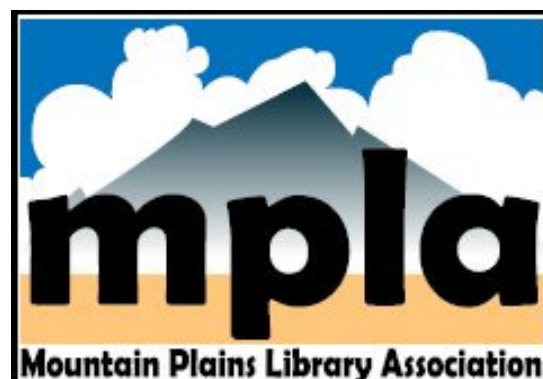
If you have visited the MPLA website lately, you probably have noticed some big changes! A new logo was approved by the board, which was designed by Nathan Kubes. The new logo conveys the wide variety of landscapes across the MPLA states.

There is also a new slogan, which was just approved at the October

MPLA board meeting. The new slogan reads "Big Horizons, Close Community."

Please visit the new website at <http://www.mpla.us/>.

Emily Stanford Schultz



Pioneer Plans for the Future

In 2006, Pioneer, Utah's Online Library (<http://pioneerlibrary.org>) celebrated its 10th anniversary. For a decade, this partnership of public, K-12, and Academic libraries has provided a unique collection of online resources to all of Utah's residents. For all of that period, Wayne Peay, the former Director of the Eccles Health Sciences Library who retired last month, has steered this partnership between the scylla of floundering funding and the Charybdis of divergent library interests. Fortunately the ship is sound, and Pioneer continues.

The current Pioneer Committee is co-chaired by Ann Marie Breznay (University of Utah), Rick Cline (Utah Education Network), Susan Hamada (Salt Lake County), and Craig Neilson (Utah State Library). Members of the committee include representatives from Utah Academic Library Consortium, Office of Education, public and

private schools, and public libraries of all sizes.

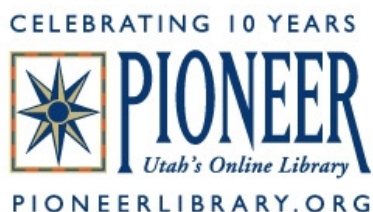
A lot has changed in the past ten years. Use of the internet has increased massively, and new ways of interacting with others on the internet has changed the way people access, evaluate, and use information. Ten years ago, having an internet database of full-text magazine articles was a big deal. Now it's only the *point de depart* for vastly more imaginative and significant sources of web-based information. While Pioneer was unique a decade ago, today it is one of many cooperative educational internet resources. But it remains a solid example of cooperation and strong tie to bond Utah's libraries.

The challenge for Pioneer going forward into the next decade is to maintain the quality of its product, improve access to its resources, make it more visible, and increase its usefulness for a much more sophisticated internet user. The Pioneer

Committee will be exploring these issues over the next few months as it develops a strategic plan to build a strong future for Pioneer.

I invite all Utah Library Association members to play a role in Pioneer's development. Wayne has built an extraordinary foundation, and we are asking for your help to build on that. Contact me (cneilson@utah.gov) or any of the co-chairs or committee members with your ideas on how to make Pioneer even better and keep it relevant for our users, which range from elementary school students doing school reports to senior citizens doing genealogy.

*Craig Neilson
Pioneer Committee*



Nationally Recognized Archivist Returns to Utah

Nationally recognized archivist Max J. Evans is returning to his roots in Utah to work for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Beginning in February 2008, Evans will leave his current post with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration to assume responsibility as director of the newly formed Collections and Research Division of the Family and Church History Department. Evans' extensive background in archival and historical work makes him uniquely qualified to oversee the collections development, records management, and research and development functions of Church History operations.

The move will be a homecoming for Evans, who began his distinguished career with the Church's archives in 1971. In 1977 he became

the assistant archivist for the state of Wisconsin, working within an organization that included the state historical library, the state archives, historical sites, publications, and the state history museum. Evans then returned to the Beehive State as the director of the Utah State Historical Society, a position he held for 16 years.

In 2003 Evans went to Washington, D.C. to serve at the National Archives as the Executive Director of the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. This group awards grants in support of projects to preserve and promote the use of historical records, including the publication of historical documentary editing projects nationwide. The Joseph Smith Papers project currently underway in the

Family and Church History Department was endorsed by the Commission. Evans is a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and has written many scholarly and professional studies.

LDS Church History leaders say they are confident Evans will make a valuable contribution to the department. "Max has an expansive vision of all aspects of collections development and management," Church History Associate Managing Director Steven L. Olsen said. "His experience will complement our goal of helping the Church become a more history-rich organization and Church members around the world a more history-rich people."

Cedar City Public Library Hosts Big Read

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For the second time in as many attempts, the Cedar City Public Library has been awarded a grant to participate in The Big Read. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. The focus of study for this round is *Fahrenheit 451*. Parowan, Beaver, Milford, and Minersville libraries are partnering with Cedar City. Most of the events will be held in Cedar City, Parowan, or Beaver.

The Big Read events opened during ALA's Banned Books Week with public book burnings held in Cedar City and Beaver on October 2. Burned books included those brought by patrons, those with publisher errors (like the book with the Gerald R. Ford cover that bound a biography of Lenin or

the Spanish language volume of an encyclopedia that was bound up-side-down), but most were leftover IRS Publication 17's that had been recovered in plain brown wrappers upon which burners could write the title or subject of the book they would burn. Specific titles included *The Good Earth*, *The Pearl*, *Lord of the Flies*, and *The Hobbit*. More generic impressions included "Anything by William Shatner," "Porn," "Abortion," and, interestingly enough, "Anything from the IRS."

The Cedar City event was keyed by KUTV's Rod Decker. Decker, without the aid of any notes, addressed the issues of censorship, legislative activity, and the influence of the media.



The Big Read will continue through November 1. It will conclude with a staged reading directed by the Utah Shakespearean Festival. For a calendar of events see: www.cedarcitylibrary.org.

Steve Decker
Director
Cedar City Public Library

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.