

Report to the Utah Library Association December 5, 2014

State Librarian - Donna Jones Morris

LSTA Grants

USL and the Utah Division of Indian Affairs collaborated to make LSTA funds available to libraries interested in holding a special event, program or activities to honor American Indian Heritage Month or Native American Heritage Month in November. Nineteen applications were received for individual grants totaling just over \$17,500. For more information visit: http://heritage.utah.gov/library/native-heritage

USL offers a wide variety of financial grant assistance to all types of Utah's libraries. For more information visit: http://heritage.utah.gov/library/library-grants

ILEAD

The ILEAD 2015 project has five teams gearing up to begin the nine-month program on March 23rd. The Team projects fall in line with outreach, youth services, readers' advisory, and Open Education Resources. January 12 is the target date to have all teams filled to secure all planning arrangements for the program. There are a few team participants positions open so please advocate to your colleagues, and have any interested people contact Project Coordinator Kristen Stehel at 801-715-6753 or kstehel@utah.gov.

Youth Services

Summer Reading Program workshops were held on November 5 at the Cedar City Library, November 6 at the Price Library and November 7 at USL. Training focused on the 2015 themes, "Every Hero Has a Story" for children, "Unmask" for teens and "Escape the Ordinary" for adults. A total of 120 librarians attended the three workshops presented by Sherry Norfolk, a nationally acclaimed storyteller and trainer. For more information contact Sharon Deeds at; 801-715-6742 or sdeeds@utah.gov

Bookmobile

The Bookmobiles are working on catalog maintenance and in-depth collection development and analysis. This is partly new training and partly on-going preparation for inventory at each location. Inventory preparation is a three to six-month project and all collections will be inventoried on a rotating basis. We have completed inventories at six of the eight locations over the past two and a half years. The remaining two will be inventoried March 2015 and October 2015. We will then begin an eight-year rotation.

Blind Program

The Multistate Center West is distributing the iBill currency reader, a unit about half the size of a smart phone that reads and announces the denomination of U.S. bills that are inserted into it. The iBill reader is being distributed to blind and visually impaired individuals in the U.S. as settlement of a lawsuit brought against the Federal Bureau of Printing and Engraving because of the inaccessibility of U.S. paper money.

Outreach

In 2014, through the Collaborative Outreach Opportunities for Libraries initiative, the State Library was present in 24 events and collaborated with 15 organizations and libraries to promote books, reading, library services and programs, and to convey the message that "Utah libraries transform lives."



Positions Open

The Department of Heritage and Arts, Division of Utah State Library is recruiting for an Assistant Director/Program Manager Library Development. This recruitment is open to the public, and will close on Sunday, December 14, 2014. To apply for this position please visit http://bit.ly/1rmcX8y. If you have any questions, please contact Corrie Steeves, HR Analyst at csteeves@utah.gov.

The Department of Heritage and Arts, Division of Utah State Library is recruiting for a Librarian III/Training Coordinator. This recruitment is open to the public, and will close on Sunday, January 4, 2015. To apply for this position please visit http://bit.ly/1pHuXJe. If you have any questions, please contact Corrie Steeves, HR Analyst at csteeves@utah.gov.

The Department of Heritage and Arts, Division of Utah State Library is recruiting for a Director Multistate Center West. This recruitment is open to the public, and will close on Monday, January 5, 2015. To apply for this position please visit http://bit.ly/1y2D4D2. If you have any questions, please contact Corrie Steeves, HR Analyst at csteeves@utah.gov.

Staff Changes

Colleen Eggett is the new Library Resources Program Manager. 801-715-6776 ceggett@utah.gov

Representatives / Committee Members from USL

Donna Jones Morris – Liaison from State Library to the ULA Board, and Liaison to the Legislative Committee, 801-715-6770 dmorris@utah.gov

Colleen Eggett – Ex officio member, Continuing Education Committee, 801-715-6776 ceggett@utah.gov **Juan Lee –** Liaison to Trustees and Friends Roundtable, and Liaison to the Legislative Committee, 801-715-6769 itlee@utah.gov

Ray Matthews - Government Documents Round Table, 801-715-6752 raymatthews@utah.gov