

YSRT News to Use

Youth Services Round Table

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SAVE THE DATE: Annual YSRT Fall Conference is Sept. 26. Theme: Get with the Program! Location Summit County Library. Registration online Aug. 1 – Sept. 18: \$20. Registration at the door: \$25. Submit presentation proposals to the YSRT Chair by August 1st.

New Youth Services Round Table (YSRT)



New YSRT Logo to go here

It's official! As of May 1, 2014, the merge of the Young Adult Round Table and the Children's Services Round Table is complete. The result: the new Youth Services Round Table, which serves all librarians in the state of Utah who work with children and teens. We're so excited to see what can happen as we join forces. In the mean time, we need a new logo! We welcome any ideas or designs, so please send your contribution(s) to a member of the YSRT board!

2014-2015 Goals

1. To reach out to more librarians/media specialists who serve youth throughout the state of Utah (especially those who are not ULA and/or YSRT members) that they may have access to what is already available and in place with the YSRT. This may possibly bring more in as ULA members, but the main goal is to bring our skills and experiences together for the benefit of each other no matter what our ULA status may be.
2. To hold a successful, well-planned, and properly budgeted Fall Conference/Workshop which will encourage networking and provide information and training for public and school librarians who work with youth (ages 0-19). We have planned our Fall Conference for September 26th, 2014 at the Summit County Library in Park City.
3. To have a quarterly newsletter with content pertinent to those who serve children, teens, or both.
4. To bring about more unification in the new round table, as some were against the combining of the two original round tables (CSRT and YART). We want to help members see that there is equal representation of Children and Teen/Young Adult services not only in our elected officers but also in our Fall Conference, annual conference, quarterly newsletter, and any other services we may provide to round table members.
5. To encourage and increase more communication among YSRT members, helping members feel they are more a part of a helpful group that they can turn to for ideas, suggestions, answers, encouragement, and more.

Meet the YSRT 2014-2015 Officers

Chair—Heidi Tice

Heidi Tice is originally an East Coast girl, but "Third Time's a Charm" finally nailed her down in Murray, Utah. She has worked in libraries for the last 15 years including Appoquinimink Library (DE), Utah Valley Regional Family History Center (@ BYU), Division for the Visually Impaired Materials Center (DE), Provo City Library (UT),

Suffolk Public Library System (VA), and now Salt Lake County Library System. She received her MLIS from Drexel University in 2007.

Other *vital* things you should know about Heidi: she loves to sing, she is a freelance editor, she'll take any chance to dress up (be it costume or formal dress), she has swum with dolphins and stingrays, she has 22

nieces and nephews, her favorite shows are mostly British, she is an intense Janeite, she possibly has too much energy and passion about EVERYTHING she loves, and she has absolutely no self-control when it comes to cheese and Papa John's pizza.



Heidi Tice (YSRT Chair)

Co-Chair—Tegan Davis



Tegan Davis (YSRT

At the Park City Library in Park City, Utah Tegan Davis is constantly trying to expand youth programming and enhance their collection; refine their Spanish services and facilitate their community's content creation through the use of innovative technology in their YouCreate Lab. It's wonderful work that she loves! Tegan sees libraries as key to social justice and librarians building the bridges of transformation. She received a MLIS degree from Denver University with an emphasis in Early Childhood Development. Tegan is currently a 2014-2015 ALA Emerging Leader and is focusing her efforts on the ALA New Members Round Table. Additionally, she's a part of Creative Libraries Utah, which provides libraries across Utah a space to enable creativity and share resources. When she's not working, Tegan is skiing, riding, or summiting mountains.

Member-at-Large (Teen Focus)—Sarah Hall

Sarah Hall is originally from Idaho, but came to Southern Utah to attend college at SUU in Cedar City. She then met and married a local boy and decided to stick around. She has a BA in Theatre Arts: Acting, Directing, & Costuming. She also has a BA in History: Ancient & European. After that she started working at the Washington County Hurricane Branch Library and has been there thirteen years. She has presented twice at ULA, twice for her own Library System, once at PLA's national conference, and several times at the local high schools -- mostly about Graphic Novels, Library Events, and Censorship. As for things outside of work, Sarah enjoys sewing, dressing up, reading, anime, graphic novels, and spending time with her family. She loves working with the Teens at her library and sharing her love with others.



Photo By Bill Brown

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Ellen Grove started out her professional life as a psychiatric social worker. She decided she needed to do something else after her kids were born because of burnout. When her younger son was 9 months old, she woke up in the middle of the night with an epiphany: she wanted to go to library school! She attended Drexel University and specializing in medical and corporate librarianship after which she worked in medical and pharmaceutical libraries.

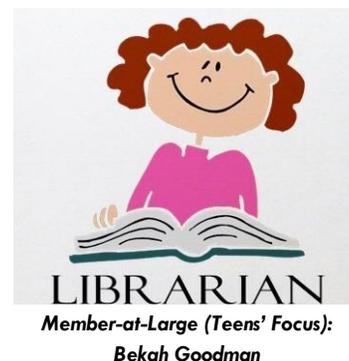
In 2001, she applied for a part-time position in Children's Services at Murray Library and has since worked herself up to a Senior Librarian position. She loves everything from program planning to collection development (and everything else that needs to be done in a small independent library). She has lived in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New York before moving to Utah in 1996. She loves to read (duh) and loves anything to do with dogs. Her favorite sports team is the Boston Red Sox and her husband has turned her into a diehard Dr. Who fan.

Member-at-Large (Teens' Focus): Bekah Goodman

Bekah Goodman has lived most of her life in the Salt Lake Valley. She began working for the Salt Lake County library system in 2005, and was hired as a Youth Services librarian in 2008 after graduating with her MLS

from Emporia State University. She has worked at the Herriman Branch for two years as the Teen librarian. She loves teen fiction, writing, hiking, biking, traveling, and spends a lot of time in the kitchen trying out

new recipes. Sometimes they even turn out.



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Liesl Johnson's love of libraries began when she was a small child in Michigan. With many moves across the country, libraries became one constant in her life. In fact, she got her first job as a junior page at the Robbins Public Library, in Arlington, Massachusetts, at the age of 16. (The oldest public children's library in the country!) She has worked for the Salt Lake City Public Library System for over 20 years and has spent most of that time as a children's librarian. Kids and books are her passion. She has two boys of her own and adorable nieces and nephews who are all excellent storytime-testers.

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Library Branch Spotlight



Kimball Junction Branch of Summit County Library

The **Kimball Junction Branch** (part of the Summit County Library) is the result of a quest which began in 1991 by Lou Jean Nelson. She was able to open a “Reading Room” with the help of local volunteers and tremendous community support. In 1995 the Utah State Library Division upgraded the status to “Library” and it was able to receive the same support services as other libraries in the state. It had a collection of 2,500

Teen Program Idea: In July, I finally embraced one of my fandoms and threw a Doctor Who party! But I couldn't have done it on my own. Aside from some Pinterest and YALSA listserv searching, many of my ideas came from Bekah Goodman (Herriman Library) and Lindsay Roylance (Murray Library).

books.

Public demand started the ball rolling and Summit County funds were appropriated for a new building. On November 17, 2001, the Kimball Junction Branch opened its doors in the Sheldon Richins Building located at 6505 North Landmark Drive in Park City, Utah. With the addition of a roundabout west of the Sheldon Richins Building, the library's address changed to 1885 West Ute Boulevard. Current holdings in 2012 were 50,633.

The Youth Services librarian is Kirsten Nilsson. This summer some of their programming includes summer reading, science club, storytimes, and children's movies.

Program Swap by Heidi Tice

Children's Program Idea: For the summer, I've been doing a Science Club for kids ages 5-12. Where does one get 9 ideas for science experiments? Steve Spangler Science of course! Complete with YouTube videos. Thank goodness.



We're Coming to See You!

One of the personal goals of the YSRT Chair is to visit as many Utah libraries (public & school) that serve youth as she can. All in the next year! Please help Heidi out by emailing us your library's address and when a good time is to visit. (htice@slcolibrary.org)

If you would like to have your library spotlighted or have a program idea to share, please send the information to the YSRT Chair. Thank you!

ALA Report: Whet Your APPetite by Tegan Davis

I'm still a little apprehensive about using apps and e-books in storytimes; since, studies demonstrate that a child's rapidly developing brain develops best through interactions with people, not screens. Moreover, I feel I have a responsibility to model the best early literacy practices for caregivers in my storytimes. The dilemma, at least for me, is that caregivers are increasingly using apps and e-books. Thus as an informational professional and early literacy advocate, I also feel a responsibility in identify the best apps and e-books for children as

well as modeling how caregivers can still interact with their child using technology.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) sponsored a program session titled “*Whet Your APPetite: Rapid Reviews of Apps for Children from Preschool to Tweens*” with four speakers; Cen Campbell, Claire Moore, Marianne Martens, and Paige Bentley-Flannery. The session focused on apps that were selected and used in programs by librarians, which is why I was eager to attend. The

speakers showcased apps in subjects like Early Literacy, Parent Engagement, Creation, Poetry, Science, and Multicultural. Major app developers include; Disney (no surprise), PBS, Scholastic, Oceanhouse Media, Originator Inc., and Toca Boca. What I found most fascinating was the lack of Multicultural apps; perhaps, libraries could create some? This session was just what I was looking for! If you'd like to see the top picks and further resources, checkout the *Whet Your APPetite* flyer: <https://littleelit.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/whet-your-appetite-flyer.pdf>