



# Utah Libraries News

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## ULA President's Message

By Trish Hull

Wow, a year has almost passed and we have just about arrived at my favorite time of year: ULA Conference!

It has been a wonderful year full of great events, awards, and experiences. We have the best library association in the country. We are respected by ALA in regards to intellectual freedom. We have a member running for Public Library Association president and many members involved in ALA at different levels. We are a great state as far as citizens who love and appreciate libraries.

Our member libraries range from large academics to tiny rural libraries and bookmobiles. We have great diversity and a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. As I have traveled through parts of the state and spoken with many of you, I have been impressed by how relevant and important we are to our communities. Our customers love us and we love our jobs.

I am so proud to be associated with great librarians who serve as mentors and examples to us all. I have learned that no matter the library size, everyone is creative, innovative, and ready to leap into the future. You are amazing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and get to know you. It has been a fun ride.

We do have challenges in our libraries, but I have been excited to see the way we embrace those challenges and plan for the future. It has been exciting to see the cooperation between libraries, as well. Utah libraries know how to play and work well together. I believe that collaboration will continue to be important in the years ahead.

I hope you are as excited about the Annual Conference as I am. We have our massage chairs and chocolate fountain as promised, a great keynote speaker

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in Joan Frye Williams, and some excellent workshops and preconferences (Black Belt Librarian!). And for the first time, we're having an auction to raise money for conference scholarships. This will be held at our networking social, which I hope you will attend. (It's where the chocolate fountain is.)

Conferences should have something for everyone. Our conference committee has worked very hard and I am very grateful to Jessica Whetman, Angela

Igo, and everyone on the committee. Pia Jones, our conference planner, has kept us in line while arranging an amazing conference.

"Explore, Enrich, Engage: The Future is Here" and so is the ULA Annual Conference. Bring your enthusiasm, skills, and ideas because we are ready to blast in to the next generation of libraries and boldly go where—Oh, you get the idea. Sorry. Got a little crazy there for a second.

See you soon and thanks for a terrific year!

## Announcements

### **BYU Librarians Selected for Leadership Programs Library Journal Design Institute**

Mike Hunter, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services at the Harold B. Lee Library, has been selected as one of 15 senior-level librarians for the 2014 class of [Senior Fellows](#) at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Is your library considering a new building, redesign, or renovation? Then you won't want to miss the upcoming Design Institute at the Salt Lake Public Library on May 16. Even if you're just dreaming, you'll find inspiration, innovation, and many practical ideas to take back to your library.

Elizabeth Smart, Scholarly Communications Manager, has been selected to participate in the 2014 [Mountain Plans Library Association Leadership Institute](#) in Colorado.

Admission is free, but space is limited. Register online at <http://ow.ly/vF6VI>.

Join us at the Salt Lake Public Library on May 15 from 12:00—5:00 PM for a tour of area libraries.

### **ULA Conference Podcast**

Creative Libraries Utah invited ULA President Trish Hull on a recent episode of their podcast to talk about the upcoming Annual Conference. Listen online at <http://ow.ly/vGHtl>.



## Salt Lake County Libraries Welcome New Director

By Greg Near, Salt Lake County Libraries

The Salt Lake County Library System is very pleased to welcome new Associate Director Public Services, Peter Bromberg. Most recently, Bromberg spent three years as the Associate Director at the Princeton Public Library where he was involved in managing all aspects of the library's day-to-day operations including: collection development; technical services and coordination of services to children, teens and adults; and oversight of information technology. In his previous role as Assistant Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, he helped create and grow QandANJ.org, New Jersey's 24/7 virtual reference service – the first 24/7 collaborative virtual reference service in the United States.

He has served a three year stint as Secretary for ALA's Learning Round Table, where he also served as membership chair and webmaster. He developed the Round Table's first blog CEBuzz (now [ALALearnRT](#)) that addresses continuing education and staff development. He served as Chair of the New Jersey Library Association's



Peter Bromberg (Image credit: Greg Near)

Professional Development Committee and has collaborated and worked on numerous state and regional committees and projects. In his spare time he enjoys reading, writing, keeping up with trends, playing tennis, and learning to play guitar. "I am honored and excited to work for such a fantastic organization as Salt Lake County Library, and look forward to meeting the staff," he said.

### WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY?

The staff of *Utah Libraries News* are happy to publish announcements of library-related exhibits, lectures, open houses, tours, and other events.

Send announcements to [ulasubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:ulasubmissions@gmail.com). We publish issues in September, November, February, and April (Annual Conference Issue).

## Public Library Association Conference, 2014

*By Meghan Flynn, Grand County Public Library*

This past March, I was a recipient of an UPLIFT Professional Excellence Grant through the Utah State Library. The grant award allowed me to attend the 2014 Public Library Association (PLA) Conference March 12-15 in Indianapolis. As the new Head of Adult Services at the Grand County Public Library in Moab, I have a great deal to learn, and the PLA Conference was the perfect place to gain knowledge and inspiration.



The conference offered more than 150 programs focusing on many facets of work in a public library. There was a moving opening session from Bryan Stevenson, in which he eloquently encouraged everyone to keep our public libraries vibrant, strong, and relevant. A

Big Ideas lecture was open to all PLA participants every morning of the conference. Speakers included authors Simon Sinek and David McRaney, journalists Megan McArdle and Clive Thompson, and social psychologist Amy Cuddy. They spoke on several interesting topics including leadership styles, failure as a path to success, digital literacy, and nonverbal communication. The closing session featured a hilarious reading from author David Sedaris.

Not only was the programming outstanding, there were a multitude of opportunities to talk with and learn from many of the other 8,000 public librarians in attendance. The PLA Conference was truly stimulating from start to finish.

LibraryReads, a readers' advisory resource entirely driven by librarians, was a highlight of the conference. The LibraryReads site features books published each month that librarians have nominated as great reads. I was also able to see Pew Research representatives discuss the "typology of public library engagement in

America" in a session titled "Technology's Future in Public Libraries." The information they shared can be found on the Pew Research website (<http://ow.ly/vEWkx>). Links to a great deal of material presented in the sessions are now available online at (<http://ow.ly/vEWui>).

Thank you to the Utah State Library for making my experience possible.



### ULA ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the recent Utah Library Association election!

Vice-President/President Elect: Dustin Fife

Members-at-Large: Susan Hamada and Jasmina Jusic

Public Section Vice-Chair: Stacy Vincent



## Utah Library Worker Wins Lucille Westbrook Award

*By Cheryl Walters, Utah State University Library*

Darcy Pumphrey, currently Digital Library Assistant at Utah State University's Merrill-Cazier Library and a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) Master of Arts in public history program, has won the 2014 Lucille Westbrook Award for best article manuscript on an aspect of Arkansas history.

Pumphrey will receive her award, which includes a \$1,000 prize and a framed certificate, at an annual meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association. The meeting will be held April 3-5, at the historic Washington State Park in Hope, Arkansas.

Pumphrey's article, "Too Little, Too Late: Why Little Rock's Freeway Resistance Movement Failed to Stop the Construction of Interstate 630," will be published in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*.

Darcy works in the Digital Initiatives department in the Merrill-Cazier Library where she coordinates creation of digital collections based on original archival materials from special collections and archives.



*Darcy Pumphrey (Image credit: UALR)*

The full press release can be read on the UALR website (<http://ow.ly/vEYbq>).

## Reference and Adult Services Round Table (RASRT)

*By Jason Cornelius, Logan Public Library*

Are you responsible for adult programming or work with adult library patrons at the reference desk? If so, we're here for you! The Reference and Adult Services Round Table (RASRT) is dedicated to promoting excellent reference and information services, readers' advisory, and adult programming in public, academic, and private libraries.

We provide support for a broad range of library services through training, conferences, and webinars. We also host networking opportunities for information professionals.

We are interested in expanding the service we currently provide and need your help. Consider joining us at our upcoming business meeting on May 2, 8:00-8:30 AM, during the ULA Annual Conference.

## The Library Tourist

*By Stacy Vincent, Public Libraries Section Editor*

The folks at the Paso Robles Public Library probably thought my husband and I were a little nutty when we visited last fall. We were excitedly run-walking and shout-whispering through the library while pointing things out to each other and snapping photos. Book club kits in duffel bags! \*click\* Color-coded reading level guides! \*click\* Gorgeous built-in fish tank! \*click\* Ingenious brochure display! \*click\* Smelly guy snoring in fiction! Um, no click. I probably have a 10:1 ratio of book-related photos to family photos from that trip. (Okay, that happens every trip. Sad, but awesome.) If I were in my branch, the run-walking and shout-whispering would be expected from kids or teenagers. But if I saw adults snapping pictures of directional signs and book displays, I would know I'd found a kindred spirit. (Or possibly someone under the influence, but let's stay positive here.)

The Paso Robles Public Library was just one of the many libraries and bookstores we visited on



*Paso Robles Public Library.  
(Image credit: WikiCommons.)*

our way to the California coast. My husband had intentionally planned our route for maximum library/bookstore coverage. We love being book tourists. It's a thrill for my husband as a book-lover, because he loves to hunt for hidden gems at used bookstores. He loves old fantasy series that are out of print or no longer carried by our library. For me, it's enlightening as a library professional. I love to see what bookstores are doing that could be carried over to the library. I am especially inspired to see the innovative things that other libraries are doing. Whether it's a grand library on the other side of the world or a humble branch one city over, there is always something to learn and discover.

You know you've done it, too. (If not, give it a try!) Perhaps you are visiting great aunt Sally in rural Nebraska and stumbled upon a quaint one-room library and fell in love. Maybe experiencing the Library of Congress is on your bucket list. (If it's not, please re-evaluate your choices.) Or perchance you've visited a library so sad that it made you thank your lucky stars for your own branch, quirks and all. (That happened to me while visiting the Ukraine. I learned that 50% of Ukrainian libraries have no heat in winter. Suddenly, playing bumper chairs at my own cramped reference desk doesn't seem so bad.)

*Do you work in a public library? Do you have a story or issue you'd like to see in this column? I'd love to hear about it. Send me an email at [svincent@slcolibrary.org](mailto:svincent@slcolibrary.org).*



## ILEAD at ULA Conference

*By Dustin Fife, San Juan County Libraries*

In 2013, the Utah State Library did a fabulous job organizing the [ILEAD USA Utah](#) program. This program focused on leadership and innovation and it was one of the best experiences of my career. I was able to meet librarians from across the state and from every type of library. We learned and we built innovative projects together. I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Kristen Stehel of the Utah State Library and Tegan Davis of the Park City Library. We also had an amazing mentor in Darcy Card of the Utah State Library. As a team, we created [Creative Libraries Utah](#), an ongoing project that I hope you will all visit. This article is less about our project in particular, though, and more about my experience with ILEAD.

At ILEAD, we are instructed by national speakers such as R. David Lankes and Eli Neiberger and by local legends like Sandra McIntyre of the Mountain West Digital Library and Sam Passey of Uintah

County Library. We had the opportunity to try new programs and products and to experiment with new ideas. We worked as small teams, but were exposed to many other amazing participants, speakers, and projects. The training and experience were revelatory and we worked in an environment where it was acceptable to fail. If the project did not work, no one lost their job. ILEAD created a place where creativity could flow uninhibited by routine and normal work dynamics.

The Utah State Library will once again be organizing ILEAD for the state of Utah in 2015. It will be an unparalleled opportunity for individuals and the institutions they represent. For a better understanding of what ILEAD is, I hope everyone will visit the ILEAD sessions at the upcoming ULA Annual Conference. They will be held May 2 at 9:30 AM (Part I) and 11:00 AM (Part II).

I cannot speak more highly of this program and opportunity.



*From left to right: Tegan Davis, Dustin Fife, and Kristen Stehel.  
(Image credit: Dustin Fife. Edited for publication by Annie Smith)*

## Secure—Privacy

By Wanda Huffaker, Bingham Creek Library

Does surveillance into our private lives make us more or less secure? Thomas Panuzio, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Leah Farrell, and John Mejia will present compelling discussion on our safety, freedom, and civil rights. Join us at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan on May 21 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Registration is required. The \$5.00 fee includes admission and lunch. Seating is limited to 50. Contact Wanda Huffaker at (801) 944-7551, or Dustin Fife at (435) 678-2335 or (435) 979-6407 for more information. Register online at <http://ow.ly/vF4nw>.

### Agenda

8:30: Check in

9:00: Welcome: Susan Hamada, Salt Lake County Library Services.

9:15: Introduction of program and speaker: Dustin Fife, San Juan County Libraries

9:30: "Secure—Safety," [Thomas Panuzio](#)

Securing the safety of U.S. citizens since 9/11 has often been at the sacrifice of personal privacy. Technology allows sweeping surveillance tactics and information retention. Homeland security expert Thomas Panuzio will discuss how the agencies involved in homeland security are protecting not just United States citizens, but our nation as well.

12:00: Lunch

1:00: "Secure—Freedom," Deborah Caldwell-Stone

The freedom to read is essential to a democracy. The written word is the natural medium for new ideas and untried voices, giving us the elasticity to endure strain. Fear of scrutiny, surveillance, silencing, or judgment from any entity produces a chilling effect and is a threat to that freedom. Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Deputy Director of ALA's Intellectual Freedom Office, will discuss why privacy is essential to the freedom of speech and what effect today's privacy legislation will have on tomorrow's libraries.

2:45: "Secure—Rights," Leah Farrell and John Mejia

When the book *In Our Mother's House* was pulled from the shelves at Utah's Davis School District and placed behind the desk, it was an example of the chilling effect of privacy and the access to information. John Mejia and Leah Farrell of Utah's American Civil Liberties Union, will provide a discussion of the rights and laws of privacy of Utah citizens.

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Have opinions about what's happening in Utah libraries? Good at spotting library trends? We want you to come write for us as our new Features Editor!

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## Utah Librarian Receives Downs Intellectual Freedom Award

By Annie Smith, General Editor

DaNae Leu, an elementary school librarian, received the 2013 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award. The award is given by the faculty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Leu was honored for her work defending Patricia Palacco's *In Our Mother's House*, the target of a recent book challenge at the Davis School District. The full press release is available online at <http://ow.ly/vGGri>.



DaNae Leu (Image credit: GSLIS)

## New Professional Organization for Librarians

By Dona M. Christensen-Guinn, Special Libraries Section Editor

For librarians interested in health sciences there is a new professional organization in town, the Utah Society of Health Sciences Librarians (USHSL). The purpose of USHSL is to support library professionals in Utah who have an interest in improving their skills as health information providers. This new organization will provide a place for librarians interested in health sciences to network as well as provide professional development opportunities.

USHSL will replace the Utah Health Sciences Library Consortium (UHSLC), which was disbanded last December. One of the differences between UHSLC and USHSL is membership. UHSLC was

based on organizational memberships. USHSL will be based on individual membership and is open to anyone interested in health information access and management. USHSL leadership will consist of an elected chair who will serve a two year term, an appointed treasurer, and a website manager.

USHSL will have an annual business meeting in October that will be open to members and non-members (members have voting privileges). The business meeting will determine what programs the organization will sponsor during the next year.

You can find this new organization's web site at [www.USHSL.org](http://www.USHSL.org). If you are interested in receiving information once the organization is up and running, email us at [ushsl@ushsl.org](mailto:ushsl@ushsl.org).

## UPLIFT Youth Services Training

*By Annie Eastmond, Salt Lake County Libraries*

I recently taught a two-day UPLIFT training session on youth services at the state library. A repeat session in St. George is scheduled for April 17-18.

Public library directors and staff who work with children and teens from throughout the state come to UPLIFT training sessions to learn about the elements of running successful programs, collection development, readers' advisory, book-talking, the history of youth services, tips for library tours and school visits, and making community connections. The best part is coming together to share ideas, bounce around ideas, and go home with new enthusiasm and "make 'n' takes" made during the training.

[UPLIFT \(Utah Public Library Institute for Training\)](#) is a key part of library certification. Library directors without a Masters of Library Science degree are required to attend four of the six courses to

graduate from UPLIFT and be part of a certified library. Others are welcome to attend on as long as space is available, especially if the topic is pertinent to their work at the library. The classes are taught each spring and fall and cover public library administration, cataloging, youth services, collection development, technology, and reference.

Three librarians graduated from the UPLIFT program at the conclusion of the April 3-4 training. Congratulations to:

- Patrick Bodily, Richfield Library
- Karen Kast, Eagle Mountain Library
- Patti Rogers, Springville Library

To learn about future UPLIFT training, contact Utah State Library training coordinator Colleen Eggett at (801) 715-6776 or [ceggett@utah.gov](mailto:ceggett@utah.gov).



*Annie Eastmond discusses youth services. (Image credit: Annie Eastmond. Edited for publication by Annie Smith.)*

## ABOUT THE 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. 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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