

Utah Libraries News

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ULA President's Message

By Andy Spackman

It's a new year! Time to renew your ULA membership. While you're at it you can register at the early-bird rate for the annual conference in May. If you're new to ULA, I can promise you'll receive more value for your dollar than with any other professional association I know of. And if you're a continuing member, I can assure you that this year's conference will once again be a highlight in your year. So register, renew your membership, and keep an eye on your email: ballots for the ULA elections will be going out next month!

I recently helped an alumnus with some business research and came up against a barrier to access imposed by restrictive database licenses. I understand why vendors must protect their intellectual property. I'm just happy that I have the ability to point this patron and others like him to their public library and to the remarkable resources available through Pioneer, Utah's Online Library. Some of these resources are the exact same ones this patron would have access to if they were still a student at BYU, reminding me of just how well libraries help make the promise of equal opportunity real.

According to the 2011 Statistical Abstract of the United States, Utah has the third highest Internet penetration rate in the nation, at 78%. That's something to be proud of, but that still means that over 600,000 Utahns do not have Internet access in their home. The access provided by libraries and bookmobiles is essential for allowing full participation in the job market and the rest of today's economy. Similarly, the trend toward eGovernment (online-only forms and information) is increasing, and it's hard to imagine becoming informed about electoral candidates without using the Internet. So while some people choose only to see the kids playing games on the library's computers, I see the Internet as a prime example of how libraries allow all people, on their own initiative, to not only develop themselves but to participate as citizens in our democracy.

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The same skeptics who frown at the computer games might also question all the manga and romance novels and science fiction. While I won't go so far as to say reading manga makes one a better citizen, I am old-fashioned enough to believe access to the literary arts is necessary for self-

development and education. There can be as much worth in reading *The Lord of the Rings* or listening to an audiobook of *Crime and Punishment* as there is in a scientific journal or a GRE-prep handbook. I believe even academic libraries can betray their mission to support learning if they fail to promote extracurricular reading.

Announcements

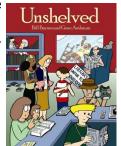
Registration for ULA Annual Conference

The wait is over! Registration for ULA's 2011 conference, "Utah Libraries: At the Core of Our Communities," is now available:

www.regonline.com/ULA2011.

The conference will be held May 11-13, 2011, at the Davis Conference Center in Layton. Early registration ends April 4. Your registration fees for ULA's 2011 conference include the pre-conference sessions and lunches on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday's luncheon speakers are librarian Gene Ambaum and cartoonist Bill Barnes, creators of the library webcomic Unshelved (www.unshelvedcom). In this daily strip, Ambaum and Barnes provide an insightful (and funny!) look into the happenings around



the Mallville Public Library, poking fun at library administrators, staff, and patrons alike.

On Friday our lunch-time speaker is Scott Douglas, librarian and author of *Quiet, Please: Dispatches of a Public Librarian*. A public librarian and contributor to McSweeney's, Douglas has a sharp and satirical eye

for both the sublime and the ridiculous aspects to life in a library.

Listening to these guys and getting a free lunch? How can you top that?

Have you renewed your ULA Membership yet?

ULA memberships are for the calendar year, so all memberships expired at the end of December 2010. Renew now and take advantage of the rich opportunities for professional development and networking that ULA provides. If you have questions about renewing, contact ULA Executive Director Anna Neatrour by email at anna.neatrour@gmail.com.

You can find the links for renewing your membership on our members information page: http://ula.org/members. We've recently made improvements with our payment processing by switching to PayPal. Institutions may now purchase memberships for staff members via credit card. Just fill out the Institutional Membership Form at www.ula.org/content/ula-institutional-membership-processing-form.

ULA Award Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the ULA We are getting ready for ULA's Annual 2011 awards to be presented at the annual conference in May. Please consider nominating your coworkers or colleagues for the:

- Distinguished Service Award
- Librarian of the Year Award
- Special Services to Libraries Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Legislative Award for Excellence in Political Affairs and Library Advocacy

Information for each award, including qualifications and criteria, is available at http:// ula.org/awards. Nominations are due February 28, 2011.

For the Love of Reading Conference

Utah Valley University's Forum on Engaged Reading (www.UVUEngagedReading.org) is hosting the first annual For the Love of Reading Conference, March 11-12, 2011, at the Zermatt Resort in Midway.

This conference is designed to inspire and empower educators, parents, and librarians to ignite a passion for reading in children and teens. Programs will introduce new books, best practices, and innovative ideas for changing lives with the love of reading. Keynote speakers will include Steven Jenkins and Robin Page, awardwinning tandem illustrator and author of nonfiction; Nadine Wimmer, KSL anchor and Utah's Reading Advocate; Patricia Reilly Giff, Newbery Honor author; and David Booth, author, teacher, and reading recovery specialist.

2011 Conference Programs Preview

Conference, to be held in Layton, May 11-13. As the conference approaches we will be adding more information to our web site, but you can preview it now at http://conference.ula.org.

One new feature that will make planning your conference easier is our dynamic program listing. Go to http://conference.ula.org/programs to get a preview of the exciting programs available for you to attend. You can browse by date and type, and if you'd like to see all programs sponsored by a particular round table or committee, just click on their name (YART, LIRT, etc.) to get a subject-based list of programs.

Markus Zusak Coming to the Provo City Library

New York Times best-selling author Markus Zusak will be visiting the Provo City Library on Saturday, March 26, for an evening speaking engagement and signing. Mr. Zusak is the author of several best-selling and



Markus Zusak

award-winning books, including 2006's electric The Book Thief and 2005's life-affirming I Am the Messenger.

A limited number of tickets to the event will be available on Saturday, March 12. Priority will be given to Provo City Library cardholders and Provo residents. Mr. Zusak's address will also be broadcast live on UStream. For more details. please visit us at www.provolibrary.com.

HBLL to Host I Found It In The Archives Contest

By Roger Layton, Communications Manager, Harold B. Lee Library

The L. Tom Perry Special Collections (http://lib.byu.edu/sites/sc) is proud to announce its participation in the I Found It in the Archives essay and video contest sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. The contest is designed to show how items and information found in the nation's archives touch peoples' lives. The contest will run from January 10 to February 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

The Harold B. Lee Library is seeking entrants who have found something unique or special in the Perry Special Collections—records, photographs, letters, sound recordings, oral histories, diaries, or other materials—that has influenced patrons' personal and professional research.

A submission can be either a 400-word essay describing the applicant's quest for information and explain why finding the information has made a personal difference, along with a color photograph of the applicant, or a video of no more than two minutes in which the applicant describes the quest for information and explains why finding the information has made a personal difference.

Essays and videos should be submitted with the contest entry and release and waiver form found at http://lib.byu.edu/archivescontest to LTPSCContests@gmail.com. Videos may also be uploaded to YouTube and Vimeo.

In each category of the contest, five finalists will be selected whose videos and essays will be placed online for a public vote. The video and essay with the most votes will be declared the winners and will receive a CD from our Film Music Collection and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Perry Special Collections. Selected runners-up will also receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the Perry Special Collections. The winner's entries will be forwarded to the national competition with the National Archives.

Applicants are welcome to film items from the Perry Collections in either the seminar or classroom after making arrangements. For more information contact Roger Layton at (801) 422-6687 or at roger_layton@byu.edu.

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR ULA WEB PAGES YET?

If you are the chair of a roundtable, committee, or section, have you set up an account on the ULA website and updated your group's web page?

Perhaps you can list the conference programs your group is sponsoring or include a mission statement for your group. Content on the previous ULA site can be viewed here: http://archive.ula.org. Contact Anna

Neatrour (anna.neatrour@gmail.com) for assistance updating content on the new site or transferring content from the previous one.

Great Issues Forum

By Wanda Mae Huffaker, Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee

The Intellectual Freedom Committee sponsored a Great Issues Forum on January 13, 2011 at the Salt Lake City Main Library, where panelists discussed a critical area where the information access must begin: school libraries. Access to information is a civil liberty. Providing that access is a responsibility. Those of us who have committed our lives to those ideals have a constant battle to defend them.



Panelists at the Great Ideas Forum

Georgia Loutenstock, Utah State Office of Education, presented a State of the State report on school libraries. Many schools do not have certified librarians. Money is spent on classroom libraries instead of central libraries that would benefit the entire school.

Cindy Mitchell, South Jordan Middle School, teaches more than just books. She teaches students to use digital cameras, iPads, and good Google and indepth research skills. She said "We need educated, passionate librarians."

Cindy Dunn, Granite School District, reported on the cuts in that school district. Elementary school librarians were removed from schools 11 years ago and this last year staffing was reduced to one 30-hour and one 11-hour aide that alternate work weeks.

LuCinda Gustavson, Salt Lake County Library
Services, shared why public libraries are not able to
fill all of the needs of a school library. School
librarians teach how to formulate, organize, and
interpret research. Public librarians assist in taking
their ideas and helping them find information. We
also help the general public with a broader
perspective as our mission.

Donnae Tidwell, Salt Lake County Services, told of the cooperative efforts in Santa Monica, CA to organize communication between public and school libraries. She stated, "If we have an uneducated populace, we don't know what we stand for."

Representative Carol Spackman Moss, State House of Representatives, has been very active in supporting libraries. She noted that legislators often believe that public libraries can fill the needs of school libraries, but public libraries don't have collections relating to curriculum. Students are ignorant of how to evaluate information. Policy makers often only see needs for math and science, not the liberal arts like communication, writing, etc. Last year Utah lost \$400,000 in library money. We are not maintaining our high school graduation level. Our students are not prepared to perform at a college and university level. And last, but not least, it is a basic right for students to have information.

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Members of the panel discussed afterward that it was an important first step to bring that group of people together in that forum to formally state their positions on the subject. The children educated in our schools today will be the policy makers tomorrow. How they are educated will guide how they govern. We call for all librarians to "encourage the dissemination and access to information...throughout the world" and to "remain steadfast in our most basic professional responsibility" to protect that right.

Thank you to Salt Lake City Library, Salt Lake County Library Services, and Utah Library Association for their support.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Collection at the LDS Church History Library

By Diane Matson, Collections Development Assistant, Church History Library

One of the highlights for the Church History Library in 2010 was acquiring the largest known private collection of Mormon Tabernacle Choir recordings from donors Richard and Shirley Turley. The donation consists of recordings of the Choir from the 1920s to the present. In addition to rare shellac and vinyl recordings, the collection contains CDs, 8-tracks, 4-tracks, DVDs, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, and books. The collection includes recordings not just from the United States, but also Canada, Mexico, Europe, South America, Asia, and Australia. collection and make a bibliography available.

Library intern LeChele Gishi and missionary Roxanne Carlson worked together to create an inventory of over 1000 items. While preparing this inventory, they learned how to describe early label styles used, such as Victor Batwing and Columbia one-eye labels. Ms. Carlson said of this experience, "I enjoyed this project because I was able to hold things in my hands that were produced before I was born. I learned how records were recorded and labeled from the very beginning. This is my favorite

music—the only kind of music I listen to—and this project has a special place in my heart." Having worked with archival material from music and the spoken word, Ms. Carlson was interested to learn about library processes from working with a librarian.

Robin Openshaw said, "I'm looking forward to cataloging this unique set of materials. It will add depth to our collection, and it's a valuable addition to the Church History Library and heritage of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir." In 2011, catalogers will add this donation to the Church History Library's



Robin Openshaw

ULA Fall Workshop

By Connie Lamb, ULA Continuing Education Committee

Every fall the Utah Library Association holds a workshop in a different part of the state, away from the heavily populated area of the Wasatch Front. This year the fall workshop, planned and organized by the ULA Continuing Education Committee, took place on September 24, 2010, at the newly renovated Brigham City Public Library, originally built in 1915.



Brigham City Public Library

About 54 people from a variety of libraries attended. The day began with an opening session in the auditorium. First, to get the workshopping juices flowing, table groups worked together on a quiz about local history. Each table was also given a research request that required the group to go out into the library to find the answer.

Later, each attendee then received a sheet of paper to write a concern or an issue that troubled them during their workday. The issue could be big or small, but needed to be something they dreaded and possibly procrastinated in resolving. These papers were then passed to the next table, where the group brainstormed for solutions. A speaker from each table stood and shared their answers, several of which were received with, "Oh, that's

a good idea!" It was a wonderful instance of how networking and discussing problems with library peers can bring about workable solutions.

The workshop went on to present an interesting variety of breakout sessions, time to visit with colleagues and, of course, great food at lunch and during breaks. The breakout sessions covered topics such as NetLibrary downloadable books, family history for youth, programming for children and teens, continuity of access during disasters, how to work with library volunteers, and Utah Education Network resources. Without exception, the presenters provided new and valuable information.

The lunchtime speaker, local historian Kathleen Bradford, gave a fascinating presentation on Brigham City's historic Bushnell Hospital and the Intermountain Indian School.

ULA TREASURER GOES TO THE OLYMPICS

Our Treasurer, Steve Pfeiffer, has an exciting opportunity to serve with the London Olympics through the end of 2011. Although he will continue to handle certain duties (e.g. ULA's taxes), he will be taking a leave of absence from most of his regular responsibilities. For the interim we are grateful that Javaid Lal, Administrative and Fiscal Manager at Salt Lake County Library, will serve as Acting Treasurer. The webforms for registrations and the PO Box will remain the same.

News from Utah's MPLA Representative

By Dorothy Horan, MPLA Representative, Family History Library

The Mountain Plains Library Association is preparing for the next conference, which will be held April 6-9 in Billings, Montana. The theme is "Libraries... The Road to Everywhere." Featured speakers include Marilyn Johnson, author of the popular book This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All, and Adriana Trigiana, author of several novels, including Very Valentine, Brava Valentine, Viola in Reel Life, and Luca, Lucia. She has written and will direct the big-screen version of her first novel, Big Stone Gap. Very Valentine will also be brought to life on the Lifetime network, from a script that Trigiana authored.

Program submissions are being finalized. Papers can still be submitted to the Professional Forum until February 4. Selected papers will be presented at the conference. More information is available in December's newsletter (www.mpla.us/documents/newsletter/december2010.pdf).

It's time to renew or become a new member of MPLA. New members only pay half price the first year. If you want to attend the next Leadership Institute, now is the time to join MPLA. To renew or join, visit www.mpla.us/forms/membership.html.

Here are some reasons to be a member of MPLA:

- A myriad of librarians from many different institutions bring new perspectives and experiences.
- Programs and sessions at MPLA conferences offer something that everyone will enjoy.

- MPLA is larger than a state association, but smaller and more responsive to our regional needs than a national association.
- Membership dues are often less than state association dues.
- News and networking opportunities from twelve states.
- Exciting conferences with nationally-knowsn speakers held in scenic areas.
- Attending annual conference does not break your travel budget.
- MPLA Leadership Institute.
- "Why didn't I think of that!" sharing opportunities.
- Professional development grants.
- The opportunity to vote for two Utahans!
 JaNae Kinikin is running for Vice President/
 President Elect and Connie Lamb is running for Recording Secretary.

Speaking of professional development grants, MPLA members may apply for grants of either \$150 or \$600 to assist with areas such as educational opportunities, including attending MPLA, research projects and library science courses. For additional information, visit www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html.

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News from the State Librarian

By Donna Jones-Morris, Utah State Librarian

Library Digitization Program Coordinator Ray Matthews and Library Services Program Manager Craig Neilson report that the following state publications have been completed and are available at Utah Government Publications Online (http://publications.utah.gov):

- ◆ Utah Vital Statistics, 1939-1997
- ◆ Crime in Utah Reports, 1978-1998

- ◆ Trendlines, 2001-2006
- ◆ Utah Jobs Outlook, 1976-2002
- Appropriations Reports, 1967-1998
- Utah Session Laws dating back to 1851

The Utah State Library (USL) sadly reports the unexpected death of Bookmobile Supervisor Doug Livsey on December 28. Doug will be greatly missed after six years with USL.

Despite Cuts, UALC Database Use Increases in 2010

By Kim Rollins, Public Affairs Coordinator, Utah Academic Library Consortium

The number of searches performed in databases purchased by the Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) increased 9% last year. A total of 17,571,348 searches were completed in 2010 on UALC databases by higher education students, as opposed to 16,140,255 searches in 2009. During a time of statewide budget cuts and, subsequently, a decrease in the number of databases available, this increase underlines the importance of online research for today's higher education students.

The following UALC databases are available at all colleges and universities across the state of Utah. They are purchased by the consortium, saving approximately \$600,000 tax dollars per year.

UALC provides access to the following databases: BioOne; Congressional Universe; Criminal Justice Abstracts; Digital Dissertations; EBSCOHost databases, including ERIC, MEDLINE, MLA Bibliography, and CINAHL; Ethnic Newswatch and Gender Watch; JSTOR; journals from Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins; American Chemical Society; and the Institute of Physics; Literature Resource Center; Project Muse; ProQuest Newsstand; and Wilson databases, including Art Full Text and Education Full Text.

PARAPROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The ULA Paraprofessional Certificate program is alive and well! We have several Utah library paraprofessionals who have been diligently working toward their certificates. The program was revived and revised in 2008/2009, and five certificates were awarded. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, contact Linda Liebhardt at (435) 865-8240 or liebhardt@suu.edu.

ULA History Corner

2012 is the Centennial of the Utah Library **Association**

By Kayla Willey and Connie Lamb, ULA Past Presidents' Committee Co-Chairs

Each newsletter between now and the 2012 Conference will have information on ULA presidents and ULA history.

In the 1930s and 1940s, ULA grew as more local libraries were established. The association often met at the Newhouse Hotel, a 12-story hotel built in 1912 at 400 South and Main Street in Salt Lake City. The building was demolished in 1983.



1940-1941

1944-1945

Newhouse Hotel

In these early years, ULA was the only venue for training and interaction among librarians, and the organization worked to improve the quality of librarianship in the state. The Utah State Library was created in 1957 to help with training and a Library School was established in the 1960s at Brigham Young University.

Presidents of the 1930s and 1940s

1933-1935	Dorothy Wheelwright, Director of Ogden City Library (later merged into the Weber County Library System)
1935-1937	Aurelia Bennion, Salt Lake City Public Library
1937-1938	Roxey S. Romney, Head Librarian of Washington County Library, 1923-1951
1938-1940	Leonard H. Kirkpatrick, Assistant

Librarian at Stanford University, 1933 -1936, Head Librarian at Utah State University, 1936-1941

Ruth Vine Tyler, Director of the Salt Lake County Library, 1939-1971. The Ruth V. Tyler Library of the Salt Lake County Library System in Midvale, Utah was



named after her. She was the second president of MPLA in 1948.

1941-1942	Elva L. Wattis, Ogden Public Library
1942-1943	Lillian B. Corry, Cedar City librarian

from 1931-1944

1943-1944 Ethel E. Holmes, Director of Salt Lake City Public Library, 1943-1952

Donald K. Nelson,
librarian at Brigham
Young University
and later Director of
the Harold B. Lee
Library, Brigham
Young University,

1966-1980

1945-1946 Hattie M. Knight, **Brigham Young** University librarian. Established the School of Library

and Information

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Sciences at Brigham Young
University and became first Assistant 1950-1951

Director in 1966.

1946-1947 Virginia Hansen, librarian at Cache

County Library

1947-1948 Ralph Thomson,
librarian at the
University of Utah
from 1944-1974
and served as
director of the

library from 1962-1971.

1948-1950 Louise L. Critchlow, librarian at Salt Lake City Library and later librarian

at the Salt Lake County Library Branch in Midvale, Utah.

Gwyndolyn Shaw, Ogden High School

Edith Rich, librarian at the University of Utah. Previously worked for Ricks College and Utah State University.

1952-1953 Helen P. Gibson, Davis County Public Library

1953-1954 Margaret Block, Director of the SaltLake City Public Library, 1952-1959

1954-1955 John G. Church

1955-1956 Anne M. Smith, Logan City Public

Library

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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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