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## President's Message

### *"Come Together....for Utah Libraries"*

**Ruby Cheesman**  
**ULA President**

After the shock of becoming President elect last year began to wear off, I realized I would need to come up with a theme for the 2010 Conference (which will be May 12-14<sup>th</sup> in St George...so mark your calendars now!). Many ideas came to mind but the one that stuck was: Come together...for Utah Libraries.

All of us have been affected one way or another by this economic tsunami we're currently trying to swim out of: whether by loss of funds or positions or both. We could sit around and complain – and no one would really blame us. But what would that accomplish? Absolutely nothing! We'd still suffer the same budget cuts...we'd just be more miserable.

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*"Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success."*

-Henry Ford quotes (American industrialist and pioneer of the assembly-line production method, (1863-1947)

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What we need to do is "Come together"...unite in the same cause: bringing the word to our communities and our government leaders that libraries matter! Today more than ever. Let them know what vital services you perform on a daily basis, whether it's storytimes for toddlers or PC classes for seniors. Bibliographic instruction for incoming freshman or research assistance for grad students. The Utah State Legislators need to understand how important it is for each and every school library to have at the very least a certified media specialist – and preferably a professional librarian.

Invite your community leaders to your library, let them see what you do, let them experience first hand how busy our libraries are. Support the school, public, special and academic libraries in your area. Visit them, share stories and ideas. Ask your students, patrons and neighbors to write letters or send emails to your elected officials and library boards, citing specific reasons why your library and staff are vital to the community.

If we "Come together" we can create a powerful voice for the future of Utah libraries. See you in St George in 2010!

## MPLA Now Accepting Applications for Leadership Institute

The 7th MPLA Leadership Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has over 25 years experience in leadership development. She helped establish the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute and is a faculty member for its annual program. Deadline for Applications is Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Criteria for applicants:

- Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- Expected continued contribution to the profession
- A thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation
- (Note: Education requirements of previous institutes have been removed.)

Registration cost for MPLA members is \$450; non-MPLA members \$550. This includes room and all meals. Attendees pay for their own transportation costs. Individual libraries, state libraries, and state associations have assisted attendees with registration and/or transportation costs in the past. It is up to the individual attendees to pursue these or other sources of financial assistance.

30 participants will be selected through a process involving states and the MPLA Leadership Institute Committee. Notifications will be sent February 1, 2010.

Link to application form:

<http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>

The Institute will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies, the 860-acre facility is 65 miles northwest of Denver and is surrounded on three sides by the magnificent Rocky Mountain National Park. See <http://www.ymcarockies.org/home/our-locations/EPC>.

For more information contact Judy Zelenski, [mpla\\_execsecretary@operamail.com](mailto:mpla_execsecretary@operamail.com) or Dan Stanton, [danton@asu.edu](mailto:danton@asu.edu).



## Utah Libraries Ranked Among the Best

**Stephen A. Matthews**  
**Utah State Library**

The 10th Anniversary of Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) is now available online at:  
[http://www.haplrindex.com/HAPLR\\_JUNE\\_2009\\_ARTICLE.htm#Top10](http://www.haplrindex.com/HAPLR_JUNE_2009_ARTICLE.htm#Top10)

For 2009, there was only one small library ranked among the Top 10 in it's size

nation-wide - Congratulations Mt Pleasant Public Library.

Also, Congratulations to Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City for their Top 10 rankings.

You can check out all the categories and all the winners from the past 10 years at: <http://www.haplr-index.com/>.

## **ULA Fall Workshop Scheduled for September 25**

Join us on September 25, 2009 at the location of Utah's first Territorial Statehouse in Fillmore, Utah for the 2009 ULA Fall Workshop, and build on your educational goals!

The theme of ULA Fall Workshop is Build on your Professional Training.

Workshop Schedule:

9:00-9:30 am Registration

9:30-10:40 am Opening session (game and talk tables)

10:50-11:40 am Breakout sessions – I  
Introduction to the New FamilySearch

Presenter: Anne Wuehler and Marci Despain, Family History Library

Latest and Greatest Titles for Children and Teens

Presenters: Salt Lake County Library  
Youth Services Librarians

11:50 am-1:00 pm Lunch (barbeque with fixins')

Speaker: Carl Camp, Curator of the Territorial Statehouse Museum

1:10-2:00 pm Breakout sessions - II

Job Searching on the Web

Presenter: Gwen Page, Salt Lake City Public Library

Older Adults and Baby Boomers –  
Information Access

Presenter: Bridget Funk, Manti Public Library

2:00-2:15 pm Refreshment break

2:15-3:05 pm Breakout sessions - III

Staff Training Basics

Presenter: Colleen Eggett, Utah State Library

Bilingual Emergent Literacy

Presenter: Yvonne Keetch, Provo Public Library

3:10 pm – Tours

Territorial Statehouse  
Pioneer houses



## **Open Access Week: Expanding Reach and Increasing Impact**

Open Access Week 2009, sponsored by J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah, features national leaders and local experts including distinguished professor and noted author John Willinsky and Utah poet laureate Katharine Coles.

Events will provide students, staff, faculty and members of the public a chance to explore new ways of

disseminating, accessing and re-using the results of scholarly and creative research. For a list of events, days, and times, see

<http://tinyurl.com/accessweek> All events are free and open to the public.

If you have questions, contact Allyson Mower, Scholarly Communications & Copyright Librarian, [allyson.mower@utah.edu](mailto:allyson.mower@utah.edu); 585-5458

## Utah Library Association Research Committee

### Call for Submissions

The Utah Library Association Research Committee is accepting submissions of research meeting the criteria and according to the rules listed below. All papers must be received by Steve Decker, Research Committee Chair, at [dsteve@cedarcity.org](mailto:dsteve@cedarcity.org) by February 1, 2010.

#### Criteria:

- Papers may be on any topic (history, academic research, student generated, etc.) but must contribute to the body of knowledge about the function, purpose, impacts of or on libraries, or any other research topic.
- Papers should not exceed 5,000 words.
- Papers should not have been published or submitted for publication but may be submitted after the February 1, 2010 submission deadline.
- Authors of winning or runner-up submissions must be available to attend the 2010 Utah Library Association Conference in St. George, to present a synopsis of their work during an assigned ULA Conference session (all winners and runners-up will present in the same session).

#### Rules:

- The "winning" position may not be shared.
- No more than two runners-up may be selected.
- In the event that only one work OR that all submissions are from a single submitter, the judging panel will determine whether that work adequately significant, under the judging criteria (below), to merit award. Nothing herein shall require an award to be bestowed.
- Winners and runners-up will be

notified by February 15, 2010 so that hotel and travel arrangements for the conference may be made.

- Submitters may not serve on the judging panel.
- The decision of the judging panel is final.
- Submitters may submit multiple times.

#### Judging Rubric (100 points possible):

- Positive and original contribution to the overall body of knowledge of library science: 50 points.
- Application of knowledge/work to Utah libraries: 20 points.
- Application of knowledge/work to libraries regionally or nationally: 20 points.
- Style, appearance, readability of work: 10 points.

#### Awards:

Award(s) will be distributed as follows:

	Research Winner	Runner(s) Up
Cash Award	X	
Gift Certificate		X
Free ULA Membership (Coming Year)	X	X
Invitation to Present (2010 Conference)	X	X
Letter to Supervisor	X	X
News Release to Local Papers	X	X

## Twelfth Annual Utah Humanities Book Festival

Join us for the Twelfth Annual Utah Humanities Book Festival, October 21-25 in Salt Lake City. Kick off begins Wednesday evening with Edward Abbey, *Earth First! The Monkey Wrench Gang and Me*, a twentieth anniversary rumination on Edward Abbey by bookseller and friend Ken Sanders. Thursday evening we present the Third Annual Utah Literary Awards Ceremony. On Friday evening, poet and performer Edwin Torres will present on the campus of Westminster College (Vieve Gore Concert Hall, Emma Eccles Jones Conservatory).

Saturday's day-long activities include auditorium authors Gary Soto with Joel Long, Michael Cunningham with Doug Fabrizio, Carlotta Walls LaNier with Pastor France A. Davis, Jimmy Santiago Baca, and Shannon Hale with Sara Zarr. Additional authors include Terrell Dougan with Robert Kirby, Michael Spooner with Chris Crowe, Dylan Landis with Pam Balluck and Lynn Kilpatrick, James Aton with Jerry and Donna Spangler, Alison Bartlett with Ken Sanders, Jed Perl, Mark Richardson, with more to come! The Book Arts Program, Marriott Library return with offerings for children and

adults and the ever-popular Rare Book Roadshow will be presented.

Saturday night the festivities continue with an auditorium screening of the film, *The Hours*, followed by Q&A with Michael Cunningham. Sunday afternoon we present Selected Shorts from the auditorium in a live broadcast of their famed radio program, hosted by Isaiah Sheffer with readings by Utah authors.

All events (except for Friday) will be held downtown at The City Library. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit our web site at [www.utahhumanities.org/BookFestival.htm](http://www.utahhumanities.org/BookFestival.htm) or become a fan of UHC on facebook.

The Utah Humanities Council celebrates National Book Month and National Arts & Humanities Month October 21-25. Festivals take place statewide, this year including events in Blanding, Cedar City, Delta, Ephraim, Logan, Moab, Orem, Provo, Salt Lake City, and St. George. A statewide map with links to these cities is located at [www.utahhumanities.org/BookFestival.htm](http://www.utahhumanities.org/BookFestival.htm). For more information, call 801.359.9670.

## Lori Stevens and The Big Read, Orem Public Library Receives Human Ties Award

On behalf of the Orem Public Library, Lori Stevens received the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Human Ties Award for *The Big Read: To Kill a Mockingbird* on Thursday, September 10. In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Orem Public Library successfully hosted the 2008 Big Read project to engage audiences with classical literature. Nearly 3,000 copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* were distributed to the community free of charge. Big Read events drew more than 8,000 participants to lectures, concerts, storytelling, and movie screenings centered on themes

from the novel, including tolerance and the history of race in America. Since taking the reins at the Orem Public Library, Ms. Stevens has been highly successful in designing or bringing a variety of national and local cultural programs to Utah County.

UHC's annual awards began in 1998 in order to recognize those whose projects exemplify the public humanities by helping Utahns explore the past, participate actively in the present, and shape the future.



## Joint ULA-USL Regional Trustee Conferences

Utah State Library is collaborating with Utah Library Association Trustee and Friends Roundtable to sponsor regional Trustee conferences with multiple objectives for each organization. The Regional Trustee Conferences Program will entail four regional sessions for library trustees within North, North Central, South Central and South regions of the State in order to;

- Present information on topics of importance to library trustees concerning State and federal statutes governing libraries, the broad array of ULA and USL programs, policy and program updates, and changes to State Library Board certification standards,
- Recruit a Utah library community legislative action network to assist ULA to organize its response to local, State and national legislation affecting libraries,
- Reinforce that USL and ULA are significant resources for library trustees for answering questions and

providing resources for addressing library challenges,

- Collect feedback from library trustees regarding relevant issues affecting local libraries, and ULA and USL programs and services,
- Develop an enhanced working relationship between USL and ULA, and local library trustees as valuable assets for all parties,
- Develop stronger professional relationships among library boards and trustees regionally as valuable resources for sharing experiences, and resources where feasible.

Regional meetings will be scheduled between late September 2009 and late April 2010. Libraries interested in hosting the conference in their region, please contact Dr. Steve Matthews, USL Consultant, at 801-715-6722, or [smatthews@utah.gov](mailto:smatthews@utah.gov), or Jennifer Edwards, ULA Trustee Roundtable Chair, at 801-789-2674, or [kaldayonems@yahoo.com](mailto:kaldayonems@yahoo.com).

## Emporia Announces New MLS Cohort

The Emporia MLS program is accepting applications for an upcoming cohort. Emporia is partnering with Utah Valley University to offer classes in Orem beginning in January 2010.

Classes are held approximately 14 weekends out of the year on Friday evenings from 5:00-9:00 and Saturdays from 8:30-5:00. Professors are flown to Utah to provide personalized attention to students.

For more information visit the new Emporia website at [slim.emporia.edu](http://slim.emporia.edu). Click on the 'apply' tab for an application and information about the admissions process.

Please contact Ms. Adriane Juarez for information or questions. [ajuarez@emporia.edu](mailto:ajuarez@emporia.edu) or 801-661-0457



## **Utah Department of Community and Culture Capital Facilities Grants**

House Bill 236 modified provisions of Title 9, Community and Culture Development, regarding grant programs administered by Arts and Museums, State Library, and State History divisions.

USL has filed a "Proposed" Administrative Rule R223-3 Prioritization Process for Capital Facilities Funds Requests, to establish procedures for libraries to submit Capital Facilities Grant Applications. USL will accept applications from public libraries through 6:00pm on September 21, 2009.

Academic and school libraries have special procedures for making application for State funding for capital improvements. Prioritization will be based on the following criteria: the goals of the application, the public benefit of the project, and the strategic value of partnerships.

Recognizing the short deadline involved in preparing the application form, libraries are strongly encouraged to submit an application for existing library capital projects for two reasons. First, the Utah library community has significant requirements for capital project funding that should be brought to the attention of the Legislature. Second, USL needs your assistance in "testing" the application process to ensure that it both fulfills the law, and serves our library community in the most efficient way.

Visit the Utah State Library website for application details of the Admin Rule, and the Application Form:

<http://library.utah.gov/grants/capfacilities/index.html>. For more information contact Dr. Steve Matthews, USL Consultant, at 801-715-6722, or [smatthews@utah.gov](mailto:smatthews@utah.gov).

## **Utah State Library Calls for Entries from Blind or Disabled Artists**

The Utah State Library (USL) in partnership with the Utah Department of Community and Culture, the Division of Arts and Museums, State History, the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Art Access and Kindred Spirits are calling for entries from artists who are blind or disabled. The art pieces will be on exhibit at the Rio Grande Depot Mezzanine October 16, 2009 through January 4, 2010.

This exhibit is open to artists of all ages who reside in Utah and who are blind, visually or physically disabled and/or have reading or learning disabilities as defined by law. Entries are limited to three original works. All mediums will be accepted and may include: a class project, existing art, photography, woodwork, ceramics, crafts, oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, sculpture/3-D, etc.

All works are accepted in this non-juried exhibit. Awards will not be given.

"This project celebrates art by and for the blind, visually impaired and physically disabled and challenges the perceptions of artistic vision," says State Librarian Donna Jones Morris. "The State Library and its partners are delighted to give these artists a chance to share the images inside their minds."

Applications are available at [www.blindlibrary.utah.gov](http://www.blindlibrary.utah.gov) or [www.library.utah.gov](http://www.library.utah.gov) and will be accepted through October 1, 2009.

The Utah State Library is a Division of the Utah Department of Community and Culture. For more information contact: Jeri Openshaw at 801-715-6737 or [jerio@utah.gov](mailto:jerio@utah.gov)

## Libraries-The Consumer Health Information Connection for Utah

**Sally M. Patrick**  
**Eccles Health Sciences Library**

Consumer health information is becoming "cool" at public libraries throughout Utah and you need to be ready!

Very soon on local television stations you will see Dr. Sarah Woolsey, a physician at the Association for Utah Community Health, outside a local public library. As a health care provider she will be encouraging her colleagues and indeed all Utahns to turn to their public library as a reliable resource for vetted consumer health information. The TV spot will show how all our public libraries have free computer access and there are friendly, knowledgeable librarians there to help everyone find health information. This is the *Good Health Information @ Your Library* "apple campaign". You are now part of a developing statewide effort to partner health clinics with public libraries in order to provide evidence-based health information for patients, patrons and providers throughout Utah.

**Good Health Information @ Your Library in Utah** \*also an ALA/National Library of Medicine initiative launched at ALA, 2009

**Who:** UWIN Clinic/Public Library Partnership: A partnership of community clinics and public libraries statewide. Information about the project, a training toolkit, consumer health online & book resources and other developing materials can be found @ [http://womenshealthuwin.utah.edu/uwin\\_projects\\_chcpl.php#about](http://womenshealthuwin.utah.edu/uwin_projects_chcpl.php#about)

Also check out and bookmark Pioneer: Utah's Online Library for a new direct link to reliable consumer health links: <http://pioneer.utah.gov/research/goodhealth.html>

**What:** A UWIN project funded by the HHS Office on Women's Health

The University of Utah's Center of Excellence (CoE) in Women's Health,

including the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, has partnered with the Utah Department of Health, Association of Utah Community Health (AUCH) and Utah Navajo Health Systems, Inc to build a women's health information infrastructure in Utah during the 3 year grant period. The project, entitled the *Utah Women's Health Information Network (UWIN)* <http://womenshealthuwin.utah.edu>, provides a platform to increase education and improve health care, focusing on diabetes as an increasing disease occurrence statewide. The project and its partners have created a sustainable and fluid statewide infrastructure for the dissemination of health information, highlighting clinical projects for primary, secondary and tertiary disease prevention.

### **Public Libraries Partner with Community Health Centers:**

Assistance with reliable health information has never been more critical. Our society is experiencing an increasing flood of health information on the internet and in the press, but discerning which of numerous websites is authoritative remains a challenge for health professionals as well as the lay public. Many times, clinics want to provide patients with good follow-up information about a health condition but lack time and knowledge of reliable consumer focused resources. Here's where the outreach mission of public libraries comes in. By partnering clinics with their community public libraries, patients as well as their health care providers can take advantage of librarians who are trained to provide effective access to appropriate consumer health information statewide.

**Where:** Public libraries statewide are encouraged to reach out to the community health clinics in their neighborhoods. Market your services and offer assistance and resources to providers and patients who have not

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thought of their public library as a reliable resource for patient education. We will help you with materials, training and resources.

**When:** The Clinic/Public Library partnership has been an integral part of the UWIN project from its inception. The *Good Health Information @ Your Library* training toolkit for public librarians, bookmarks and public relations campaign was developed this summer and an UPLIFT class was offered in August. The project will continue developing and growing with your outreach and promotion.

**How it works:** Reach out to your health clinics. Soon maps of your county showing the community clinics will be provided on the website but don't wait if you know of health facilities in your area. In turn, clinics will be provided with maps of where they can find your libraries. Use the online training toolkit to brush up on your health information reference skills or

we'll come and train your staff. Request Good Health Information @ Your Library bookmarks to take to your clinics or have in your libraries highlighting reliable online health links and an Information Rx to go to your library.

**Why:** Research has shown that women are the health information gatekeepers for their families. The UWIN Clinic/Public Library project aims to improve access to reliable health information for patients and providers, improving the health care for Utah women and thus all Utah residents and their families. These are shared goals for health care providers as well as librarians statewide-a true win/win.

**Contact:** Sally Patrick, Outreach Librarian at the Eccles Library for information, to order bookmarks or schedule in person training [sally.patrick@utah.edu](mailto:sally.patrick@utah.edu) 801-581-6979 or in-state toll free 866-581-5534

## Appointees to Serve on the Utah State Library Board

Utah Governor Gary Herbert has announced two reappointments and three new appointments to the State Library Board. New appointees include Education Specialist for the State Office of Education Georgia Loutensock; Director of the Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center Lorri Quigley; and Founder and President of successful national and international companies Keith Wilson. State Library Board reappointments are Shelley Day with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and Michael Freeman Utah Valley University Library Director.

"The expertise State Library Board members bring is varied and enables the group to represent the best interests of Wasatch fronts residents and those who live in rural and isolated parts of Utah," says State Librarian Donna Jones Morris. "State Board members work to see that libraries throughout Utah provide the best possible library services. Their service to the State is appreciated."

The nine members of the Library Board are gubernatorial appointees and serve four-year terms. They can serve no more than two successive full terms.

## Patrons Flocking to New Church History Library

Since the opening of the new Church History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on June 20, 2009, the public has been coming to the facility in large numbers and with a new appreciation for Church history.

(Watch 'The Story Lives Here', a presentation about the way stories are preserved and used at the Church History Library by going to [www.churchhistorylibrary.org](http://www.churchhistorylibrary.org).)

Patrick Dunshee, manager of marketing and communications at the Library said the number of people visiting (excluding tour groups) during the first six weeks totaled nearly 10,000 with an average of 300 per day. Most visitors come on Thursdays since hours are extended until 9:00 p.m. that day.

"General reaction of the public is one of great appreciation and they are receiving new insights into what the collections contain," said Dunshee. "Most of the increases in numbers are new first-time users who have not known about the Church History Library in the past."

At the time capsule ceremony for the library, Church president Thomas S.

Monson, speaking of the importance of preserving history, said:

"You can't read history and not have a greater appreciation for the past and an awareness that every day we are writing a history for others."

A prior Newsroom piece on LDS.org described the impact the library would have:

This facility opens the door for researchers and historians of all kinds to flesh out the stories of Mormon heritage that pass through the imagination of Latter-day Saints from generation to generation. The Church cannot undertake this project on its own. It requires a groundswell of countless individuals — from within and without the Church — operating on their own personal inspiration. The story of the Church will inevitably be told as historians of good faith are given access to the library's records and archives.

Dunshee also said the library is looking for ways to inform patrons about the best way to use the collections, as well as training them how to use the search tools on the Library's desktop computers.

## Church History Library celebrates Archives Month this October

The Church History Library will be celebrating "Archives Month" by hosting three free lectures to the public. The dates and titles of the lectures are:

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Controlling your Posterity from Beyond the Grave: *Writing a Journal That Will Touch the Lives of Your Descendants*. Jeff Anderson, Archivist, Church History Library

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Grandpa's Journal: *How to Get It Out of the Sock Drawer and into the Hands of Descendants*. Scott

Simkins, Conservator, Family History Library

October 29<sup>th</sup> – For the Love of Letters: *Collecting Personal Correspondence*. Brad Westwood, Collections Development Manager, Church History Library

All lectures will start at 7pm, and will be held in the new Church History Library, 15 E. North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT. For more information call 801-240-2272.

## Salt Lake City Set to Develop New Branches

Within five years, the Salt Lake City Public Library plans to expand the system to include two new branch libraries. On August 11, 2009, the Salt Lake City Council approved a tax rate increase that will add \$1.1 million to the library system's annual budget. The added funding will provide for the construction of a branch in the Glendale neighborhood and the planning and design of a second branch in the Marmalade neighborhood. The owner of an average house (valued at \$280,000) will see their property taxes increase approximately \$7 a year.

"The demand for high-quality and accessible library services is greater now than ever," said Beth Elder, Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library. "It's encouraging that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor see the value in providing new venues for information, inspiration, and gathering spaces for Salt Lake City's residents at this time."

In the coming weeks, the Salt Lake City Public Library will select a project manager and steering committee to begin preparations for both libraries. The process will start with extensive community input this fall to determine the community's needs and desires for their new library. From this information, a

program will be developed to select a suitable site, architect, and builder for the project.

"Libraries belong to all members of the community," Elder said. "And building a new branch always begins with listening. It is then the library system's charge to provide a facility and services that meet the unique needs and personality of the neighborhood."

The Glendale neighborhood in southwest Salt Lake City is home to approximately 14,000 residents whose closest branch library is the Chapman Branch, an original Carnegie building that has limited capacity for technology and meeting room space. Glendale's large population of children (approximately 5,000 residents are under the age of 19) necessitates that a library is within walking distance of home and school.

Another 15,000 residents live in the Marmalade neighborhood in northwest Salt Lake City. The geographical features of Capitol Hill make it difficult to access the nearest library, the Sweet Branch in the Avenues neighborhood. The Marmalade community has been a hot-spot for development in the last few years and the population is growing rapidly.

## Reach Out and Teach!

Volunteer to teach English to refugees and immigrants through the English Skills Learning Center. All volunteers must attend four training sessions for a total of 12 hours of training.

The next training sessions will be held at the following dates and times:

Tuesday November 3rd, 6-9pm  
Thursday November 5th, 6-9pm  
Tuesday November 10th, 6-9pm  
Thursday November 12th, 6-9pm

Trainings are offered monthly. For more information or to sign up, call 801 328-5608 or email [info@eslcenter.org](mailto:info@eslcenter.org).



## IFLA Satellite Conference: Bologna, Italy

**Erin Davis**  
**Utah State University**

I recently attended the IFLA Satellite Conference in Bologna, Italy, which was held August 18-20<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the satellite conference was "Moving In, Moving Up, and Moving On: Strategies for Regenerating the Library and Information Profession. The conference was held in the beautiful and historic city of Bologna, Italy, home of the world's oldest university. Bologna is located an hour south of Milan, in the Emilia Romagna region, the food capital of Italy. The conference venue was the Santa Cristina Convent, built in the fifteenth-century, which has been converted into a teaching and conference space by the University.

During the week, I networked with young professionals and more established librarians from around the world. There were about eighty librarians at the satellite conference from Nigeria, Italy, Ireland, India, South America, Portugal, Netherlands, Australia, South Africa, and USA. It was so interesting to hear international perspectives about the

changing library profession and how it's affecting the workforce in different countries. On the second day of the conference, I presented a workshop titled "Gathering Leadership Momentum Across Great Distances: Creating an Online Community of Practice." The workshop taught participants how they can develop and launch a virtual peer-mentoring space using free online tools such as Google Groups™, Skype™, and Doodle™ from anywhere in the world.

Our conference dinner was held at the Sala Borsa Library. Since 2001, Bologna's public library has been housed in the Sala Borsa, just off the beautiful Piazza Maggiore. Sala Borsa was once a monumental palace located inside Palazzo Comunale, the ancient seat of the Bologna municipality. Ancient ruins dating back to the seventh century can be seen under its glass pavement.

The conference was an amazing experience and I plan to put into practice much of what I learned. I would highly recommend attending an IFLA conference – it truly is an opportunity of a lifetime!



## Eagle Mountain Library Expansion Underway

**Michele Graves**  
**Eagle Mountain Public Library**

Eagle Mountain Public Library is running full speed ahead with our library expansion. We broke ground for it last week and anticipate the work beginning as soon as the end of this week. We plan to have it open by spring. This will add over 2500 square feet to our existing library.

Our library also is celebrating its 10 year anniversary in November. Quite an achievement for a town incorporated in 1997!

We have received a grant from the IMLS in the amount of \$95,000 to help us with our library addition. We are using the monies to provide more computers, shelving, books, furniture...

## Salt Lake County Set for Extreme Makeover

**Greg Near**

### **Salt Lake County Library Service**

Salt Lake County Library Services East Millcreek location will be getting an "extreme makeover" as the existing building will be replaced with a larger, more up-to-date structure that will be part of the new Millcreek Community Center. The site will also include a senior center and a recreation/multipurpose facility. The library is scheduled to close its doors for business on October 1 before constructions begins. Other libraries available to meet patrons' needs during constructions include Holladay (2150 E. Murray-Holladay Road), Smith (810 East 3300 South), Columbus (2530 South 500 East) and Whitmore (2197 E. Fort Union Blvd.). As part of the closing, the library will offer an Extreme Makeover Booksale for two days on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 to be held in the existing Recreation Center next door to the library (2230 E. Evergreen Ave., 3435 South). For more information call 801-943-4636.

In addition to the four new Salt Lake County Libraries being built to replace existing buildings (Herriman, Magna, East Millcreek and West Jordan), other library locations were recently remodeled.

Much-needed improvements were recently installed at the Sandy Library including a new circulation desk, back offices and carpeting. The Riverton Library has benefited from a new desk, remodeled staff area and a fresh coat of paint.

The early stages of the site development planning for the new West Jordan Library continues with MHTN Architects and the city of West Jordan, and the groundbreaking for the Herriman and Magna Libraries were recently celebrated. For more details visit [www.slcolibrary.org](http://www.slcolibrary.org).

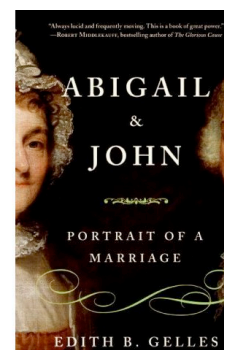
Salt Lake County Library Services new website will premiere this fall with a completely redesigned and reimagined site that has been in the making for over a year. Streamlined access to a wealth of helpful features, including a "Research Room" that will make all of the fact-finding from your computer at home or office easier than ever before. In the near future there will be new and improved features for children, teen and adults, and even more cutting-edge components. Watch for the new website's premiere at [www.slcolibrary.org](http://www.slcolibrary.org).

## Orem Public Library Welcomes Stanford Scholar

"Dr. Edith B. Gelles author of the recently published "Abigail and John: Portrait of a Marriage" (William Morrow pub.) will be discussing fifty-four years of a marriage filled with dedication and sacrifices that helped usher in the founding of our country. Monday, September 21 7pm UVU Library Lecture Hall, Tuesday September 22, 10am Orem Public Library Media Auditorium.

Dr. Gelles is a senior scholar with the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford University

This book is a culmination of over thirty years researching the Adams. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing at both events.





## Utah Academic Library Consortium Wins Best of State in Educational Institution or Service Category



The Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) won Utah's 2009 Best of State in the category of Educational Institution or Service. The organization was presented a medal and certificate of achievement at the Awards Gala at the Salt Palace Ballroom on May 30, 2009.

"It was my honor, as state librarian and as a member of UALC to accept the medal," said Donna Jones Morris, Director, Utah State Library. "It is so exciting that UALC has received public recognition for bringing together all the public and private accredited Utah higher education institutions to improving library and information services."

Some online projects that UALC was recognized for include:

### **Pioneer: Utah's Online Library**

[www.pioneerlibrary.org](http://www.pioneerlibrary.org), which provides statewide access to newspaper articles, magazines, professional journals, encyclopedias, video, photographs, maps, charts, and graphics.

### **Mountain West Digital Library**

[www.mwdl.org](http://www.mwdl.org), a compilation of digital collections from universities, colleges,

public libraries, museums, and historical societies in Utah, Nevada, and Idaho.

### **Utah Digital Newspapers,**

[www.digitalnewspapers.org](http://www.digitalnewspapers.org), a database of digitized Utah historical newspapers, dating back to the 1850s.

The Best of State Awards were created to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses in Utah. According to a statement from Governor Jon Huntsman on the Best of State website, "Best of State recognizes those who are excelling and surpassing all else and who are the best of the best in their respective fields."

Judging was based on three criteria:

- (50%) Achievement in the field of endeavor
- (30%) Innovation or creativity in approaches, techniques, methods or processes
- (20%) Contribution to improving the quality of life in Utah.

More information on the 2009 Best of State Awards can be found at [www.bestofstate.org](http://www.bestofstate.org)

## ULA Treasurer Report

### **Steven Pfeiffer ULA Treasurer**

I am pleased to report the balances in the ULA accounts are \$135,317.21 as of 8/25/09. All items are current, and paid.

Just a couple reminders:

1) Mail all correspondence to the post office box P.O. Box 708155, Sandy Utah 84070.

2) If you need any assistance booking travel, please contact the treasurer.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any finance, or payment related issues.

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## Reid L. Neilson Named Products Division Director at Church History Department

We are pleased to announce that Reid L. Neilson has accepted the assignment as Director of the Products Division in the Church History Department, beginning August 31, 2009. Reid comes to the Church History Department from BYU, where he has been an assistant professor of Church History and Doctrine.

Reid was born and reared in Southern California. He received his BA degree in international relations from Brigham Young University in 1996. After graduation he worked for Arthur Andersen's Strategy, Finance, and Economics Division in Los Angeles and London, consulted for Walt Disney's Strategic Planning Division in Tokyo, and researched for the University of Michigan Business School's Asia-Pacific Human Resources Partnership in Hong Kong. He also received graduate degrees in American history and business administration at Brigham Young University in 2001 and 2002 respectively. In 2006 he completed his PhD in religious studies (American religious history emphasis) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was named an International Studies Scholar

for Tomorrow Fellow.

Dr. Neilson is the author of three books, including *Strangers in a Strange Land: Early Mormon Missionary Explorations and Realities in East Asia* (University of Utah Press, forthcoming), and the editor or coeditor of more than a dozen academic books, including *Joseph Smith: Reappraisals after Two Centuries* (Oxford University Press), *The Rise of Mormonism* (Columbia University Press), *The Mormon History Association's Tanner Lectures: The First Twenty Years* (University of Illinois Press), *Believing History: Latter-day Saint Essays* (Columbia University Press), and *Taking the Gospel to the Japanese* (Brigham Young University Press). He has also written many essays, book chapters, and introductions and presented dozens of papers on religion, history, and business at a variety of academic conferences. He is currently writing a history of the Church's participation at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair titled *Exhibiting Mormonism* to be published by Oxford University Press.

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## **Happenings at Stevens-Henager College Library at the Salt Lake Campus**

**Tiffany Harrison**  
**Randy Ward**  
**Laura Andelin**  
**Stevens-Henagar College**

At the risk of blowing our own horn, we at the Stevens-Henager College, Salt Lake City campus have been busy for the past year and we'd like to tell you about it. One of the initiatives we've put in place is a new OPAC. The old circulation system was on paper. It has taken months of hard work to come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We've also done a lot of outreach to instructors by initiating and teaching lectures in an introductory freshman course and a capstone course for the master's students. Plus we send them e-bulletins monthly.

We've made substantial improvements in our bookstore as well. We are in a unique situation in that we loan out our textbooks to the students. Using the same new OPAC, the books are recorded, check in and out, and fines are charged for late books. The previous system was on paper as well. The

reason we circulate them is that our marking periods are only four weeks long, and it would be prohibitively expensive for the students to buy a whole new round of textbooks that often.

Tiffany Harrison, the library director, has brought with her a wealth of experience in supervising, policies, work flows, cataloguing, etc. Randy Ward, the assistant librarian, has helped out with outreach to faculty and research lectures. The improvements to the circulation policies and enforcement have led to tens of thousands of dollars in savings to the college. These changes have been favorably noticed by college administrators. We've been able to hire more staff. Our new staff has really stepped up to the plate, especially in the bookstore.

If you would like to read more of what we have done, please see our article, Rejuvenating a Career College Library, Community and Junior College Libraries, 15(3)136-141, July 2009

### ***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. 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.