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Greetings,

As Governor, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Utah Library Association for reaching its momentous 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! It has grown from just 5 members in its inception 100 years ago to more than 1,000 members today. I appreciate the Utah Library Association for providing its members with opportunities for library leadership, professional growth, networking, and community service, as well as for providing continuing education programs for Utah librarians and library employees.

Libraries provide a warm, enriching environment in which exploration into the world of research, literature, history, drama, fiction, and imagination is encouraged. One of my four priorities is education, and libraries play a vital role in promoting and enhancing education for people of all ages. The residents of Utah have greatly benefited by the easy access to a wealth of resources made available at these wonderful places of learning. In 2010, Utah public libraries were visited more than our national parks, recreation sites, historical sites, and monuments combined!

I recognize and commend all those who have provided and continue to provide countless hours of excellent, professional service for our many public libraries in the great State of Utah. I offer my continued support for this wonderful organization, and look forward to another 100 years of extraordinary library service.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor