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President's Message

## Welcome to the Utah Library Association's electronic newsletter!

Please be sure to check out the ongoing revitalization of the [ULA Website](#) and contact any member of the [ULA Webmaster team](#) with comments.

### President's Message Winter 2002

Dear Utah Library Association Membership,

We're already a month into 2002 and the Olympics are almost upon us. (Didn't it seem like a long time away when they announced the Olympics would be in Salt Lake City back in 1995? And where did those years go?) I hope you will all have an excellent Olympic experience!

The ULA Membership year begins January 1st. If you haven't renewed your membership or you aren't a current member, please take this opportunity to renew or join by visiting the [ULA Membership Application/Renewal Form](#).

I'd also like to highlight the [Pioneer](#) website. Pioneer is a trio of websites devoted to providing information for Utah's students, teachers and citizens at large. It was created through a cooperative effort of Utah higher education, K-12 schools, public libraries and government agencies. The websites contain taxpayer-supported "premium databases" with information not found on the "free" internet. The information includes full text access to newspapers and magazines. In addition to the databases, Pioneer emphasizes government information, information about Utah and relevant internet links. The name "Pioneer" emphasizes two prime components of the purpose: 1) to serve Utah residents 2) the breadth and depth of the information contained within. Check out this excellent example of Utah library cooperation and share the news about this great resource!

The 2002 Conference Committee is putting together an outstanding conference program and exhibit hall for the Annual Conference May 1-3. Watch for more information to be released in the near future and plan to attend.

The next Utah Library Association Board meeting will be held on February 1, from 1:00 until 3:00 at the Utah State Library (250 No. 1950 W.) All members are invited to attend.

Susan Hamada  
ULA President

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## Conference News

### ULA/MPLA Members!

#### MPLA/NDLA/SDLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMING UP

The Mountain Plains Library Association, North Dakota Library Association, and South Dakota Library Association will be holding a combined "Triconference" in Fargo, North Dakota, October 3-5, 2002. The Ramada Plaza Suites is the site for this conference. There are program submission forms available on the [Conference Web Site](#). There will be lots more information coming up, both at the Conference web site and in the ULA Newsletter, so stay tuned!

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**MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOLDS SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Mountain Plains Library Association held its annual conference December 5-7 in Phoenix in conjunction with the Arizona Library Association conference, providing a full menu of varied presentations and exhibitors. The conference center is located in downtown Phoenix, and the opening reception was held at the Heard Museum, a well-known landmark of Phoenix. Robert Murdoch and Nancy Lombardo of ULA gave presentations. Jean Jensen, Utah state representative to MPLA, attended the board meetings.

Jean Jensen  
MPLA/ULA Representative

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## ALA Members!

**SORT 65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT 2002 ALA IN ATLANTA** SORT (Staff Organizations Round Table) will be celebrating its 65th anniversary in Atlanta, GA during the ALA meeting this summer. You can find full details about all the fun programs, activities, receptions, and dinners SORT has planned by taking a look at the [SORT 65th Anniversary Activities, Atlanta 2002](#). If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact the SORT Publicity Chairperson, [Miriam L Hilton](#).

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### OFF-CAMPUS LIBRARY SERVICES CONFERENCE IN CINCINNATI, APRIL 17-19 2002.

The Tenth Off-Campus Library Services Conference sponsored by Central Michigan University will be held at the Omni Netherlands Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio April 17-19, 2002.

Over 70 librarians and administrators will be presenting their research, experience, aspirations and good common sense approach to library services for distance education students. This conference is an opportunity to network with your peers, solve your most difficult problems and share your own unique experiences.

For more details please [go to our Web site](#) or e-mail [Connie Hildebrand](#) or phone 989-774-6080.

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS: LOEX OF THE WEST PROGRAMS--DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 1, 2002

Participate in LOEX of the West, held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, June 26-29, 2002!  
The theme for 2002 is **Expanded Conversations: Collaborating for Student Learning**

Participate in a lively set of dialogues about the promotion, delivery and assessment of teaching and learning in today's higher education environment. Share your experiences (the good, the bad and the ugly) so that others may learn from you!

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Susan Barnes Whyte of Linfield College (McMinnville, OR) and  
Debra Gilchrist of Pierce College (Tacoma, WA)

#### Presentations, workshops and panels will address the conference theme in the following tracks:

Information Literacy  
Assessment  
Program Planning & Design  
Cultural & Organizational Change  
E-Learning

We encourage participation by non-library faculty!

The Program Committee is currently seeking proposals for one or more pre-conference workshops that reflect the conference theme, "Expanded Conversations: Collaborating for Student Learning."  
Pre-conference workshops are 1/2-day or full-day workshops that provide an opportunity for workshop participants to gain both theoretical insights and practical skills or tools in one or more of the theme track areas.

**The deadline for pre-conference proposals is January 15, 2002.** All those submitting proposals will be notified of the results no later than February 1, 2002.

**Regular program proposal submission begins Jan. 8 and closes March 1, 2002.** General registration begins April 15, 2002

and will be limited to **150** participants.

Please see the [LOEX of the West: 2002](#) web site for additional information, including Registration and Housing information.

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## **HEALTH ROUND TABLE OFFERS LIST OF ANTHRAX WEB RESOURCES**

With the growing concern over Anthrax exposure and infection, the Health Round Table has prepared a short list of "best, most reliable" resources available on the Web. There are sites with consumer information, sites appropriate for health professionals, and a bibliography for librarians. Please share this information with your colleagues and patrons.

Find it at: <http://www.ula.org/information/anthrax/>

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