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# **UTAH Libraries News**

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## **President's Message**

The ULA/MPLA joint conference is nearly here. It begins Tuesday, April 29th and ends at noon on Friday, May 2nd in the Downtown Salt Lake City Hilton Hotel. The Food and Entertainment Conference Subcommittee were able to obtain 450 Utah Transit Association passes for conference attendees which will be available at the registration table. If you don't have a UTA bus pass already, you'll want to pick one up. The UTA website is: http://www.rideuta.com/.

**Tuesday** is preconference day, and this year's pre-conference sessions will be held at four different yenues.

Programs held at the Hilton will discuss online resources for government information, facility planning and collection management, and the "Extreme Library Makeover" featuring Anne Marie Luthro, Anna Vaillancourt, Jane Hatch. Marsha Leclair-Marzolf. and Scott Russell. Participants will learn more about making their libraries seem patronoriented and comfortable. Several sessions will be presented covering specific topics.

The University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library is hosting a PubMed program. There is a Salt Lake City TRAX University of Utah line which has three stops at the university.

The Family History Library is hosting two programs. The Family History Library is located at 35 North Temple Street, a couple of blocks north of the Hilton. The Salt Lake City TRAX system travels north on Main Street to South Temple Street, close to the Family History Library. Programs that will be presented at the Family History Library are "Helping Your Patrons Get Across the Ocean" and "The Latest and greatest from the Family History Library." The classes will be taught by knowledgeable individuals, including Rav Wright, former Director of the Family History Library, and several current Family History managers.

The Salt Lake City Library is presenting the programs "Evaluating Consumer Health on the Internet," "Wikis, Blogs and Myspace," and "Spanish Health Information Resources for English Speaking Librarians." The Salt Lake City TRAX University Line

travels from the Gallivan Plaza Station to the Salt Lake City Public Library TRAX stop.

Tuesday night is the first party! Just like ALA, the exhibits are opening early in the evening for an opening night reception in the Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall. Please come to welcome our exhibitors who are supporting and sponsoring the conference, and to enjoy the goodies.

Wednesday morning, eat breakfast with Brandon Sanderson in the Alpine Ballroom beginning at 8 am. Brandon has authored several fantasy books, including *Alcatraz* and the Evil Librarians. and several adult books. including *Elantris*. Besides these, he is completing the fantasy Wheel of Time series as commissioned by the widow of the recently deceased author Robert Jordan as well as writing more books from his own fantasy worlds.



Directly following the breakfast, we will hold our Keynote and ULA

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business meeting in the Canyons. Overflow will be provided in the Seminar Theater and the Topaz rooms. The keynote speaker will be Jim Rettig, the American Library Association President-Elect.



The first no-conflict period and poster session begins at 10:30, after the keynote address. Brandon Sanderson will be signing books at the author booth in the exhibit hall, and poster sessions will be displayed in the Grand Ballroom lobby.

It may be difficult to select programs to attend, because the MPLA Conference and ULA Program Boards have planned so many wonderful programs.

Some highlights of the Wednesday programs include:

"Best Books for Teens part 1 & 2," presented by Anita Silvey, author of 500 Great Books for Teens, who has appeared on NPR, the Today Show and 60 Minutes.



"ROSSA: Reaching Out to Spanish Speaking Audiences," presented by Camila Alire. Camila is currently a candidate for President-Elect of ALA, Dean Emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University and Adjunct Professor at Simmons College.



"Bridging the Gender Gap: Books for Boys" will be presented by Carole Fiore, YALSA and PLA trainer, the author of multiple articles. She also spearheaded the effort that won the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award for the Florida State Library.



The Wednesday Author Luncheon features awardwinning and bestselling mystery author Carolyn Hart. She has several popular series, including the Death on Demand series which features the owner of a mystery bookstore.



During the second no conflict time at 2:30, Anita Silvey and Carolyn Hart will be signing books at the author booth in the exhibit hall.

Wednesday afternoon programs with nationally known speakers include:

"Copyright and Multimedia," presented by Carrie Russell, the ALA Copyright Specialist and author of a column in School Library Journal.

"May There Always Be Music! May There Always Be Books!," presented by Jim Gill, recorder of "May There Always be Sunshine" and other children's music collections.



"More Toys and a Bigger Sandbox: Future Trends in Digital Libraries," and "Something for Everyone: Genealogical Reference Services in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" presented by Curt Witcher, prominent genealogist and librarian at the Allen County Public Library.



Conference attendees from both MPLA and ULA are invited to attend the MPLA Birthday Bash Wednesday evening on the roof of the awardwinning Salt Lake City Public Library. You may want to use one of the UTA passes to catch a

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### **Alyson Mower Selected as Mover and Shaker**

Alyson Mower has been chosen as a 2008 American the University of Utah. Library Association Mover and Shaker. Mower is listed in the March 2008 issue of Library Journal and is the Institutional Repository Coordinator at Eccles

Health Sciences Library at

According to the list by state, she is only the 2nd Mover and Shaker chosen from Utah. The first was Ben Ocón in 2002.

#### **Grand County Public Library Celebrates Best Small Library**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation flew four representatives from the **Grand County Public** Library to the 2008 Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota to be honored at a special reception for winning the "2007 Best Small Library in America" award. Grand County Public Library was presented with a commemorative plaque, and representatives from the Gates Foundation and Library Journal praised the Grand County Public Library for serving as a role model and an inspiration to other small libraries.

During her speech at the Best Small Library in America reception, Jill Nishi, program manager

of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Libraries initiative. explained that the Gates Foundation's philanthropic work is guided by the belief that every life has equal value. Through their work in the United States, the Gates Foundation seeks to ensure that all people, especially those with the fewest resources, have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Nishi praised the Grand County Public Library for investing in technology and providing excellent computer and Internet services to the Moab community. Rebecca Miller, Executive Editor at Library Journal, and John Berry, Editor-at-Large for

Library Journal, praised the Moab community for supporting the Library and praised the Library for adopting the role of "Moab's Living Room."

The "Best Small Library in America" award serves to showcase examples of excellence in small libraries and is given to public libraries serving populations under 25,000. The Grand County Public Library received a \$15,000 cash award last vear when it won, in addition to the funds necessary to send Library representatives to the Public Library Association Conference in Minnesota.

Adrea Lund Grand County Public Library



From left to right - Adrea Lund, Grand County Public Library Head of Adult Services, Charlotte Hurley, Grand County Public Library Head of Children and Teen Services, Carrie Valdes, Grand County Public Library Director, Eve Tallman, Mesa County Public Libraries Director, Jill Nishi, project manager of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Libraries Initiative, and Donna Jones Morris, Director of the Utah State Library.

## UTA - Your Ticket to Ride (free!) Around the **Salt Lake City Area**

Thanks to the Utah Transit Authority for graciously providing complimentary transportation passes on the bus system, TRAX, and FrontRunner commuter train for 2008

**ULA/MPLA** Joint Conference attendees. The pass will be good for 6 days (April 29-May 4), so plan to SEE Salt Lake during and after the conference. Passes can

be claimed at the conference registration desk.

Route information can be found on the UTA website www.rideuta.com



#### **ULA Election Results Announced**

The task of the ULA Nominating Committee is to ensure that the work of the association transitions smoothly from year to year. The Committee does this by providing a slate of qualified and interested candidates for the membership to vote on and elect to do the association's business. This year's committee members, Colleen Eggett, Stephanie Goodliffe, Sue Hill, Jeanne Le Ber (chair) and Julie Williamsen (ex officio), presented a list of candidates to the ULA Board on December 7. 2007; they continued to fill in gaps until early February 2008; and then sent the slate to Ranny Lacanienta who developed the online ballot.

The online ballot was advertised and opened from February 25 to March 10, 2008. Ranny sent the election results as an Excel spreadsheet to the Committee chair and the group validated the results. All this work is done according to the ULA Bylaws which specify the timeline for

developing, presenting and counting the ballot.

The Utah Library Association Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2008-2009 election.

**President-elect**: Ruby Cheesman – Salt Lake County Library System

**Member at Large:** Valerie Craigle – S.J. Quinney Law Library, University of Utah

#### Member at Large: Adriane Juarez – Center

for the Book, Salt Lake City Library System

#### **Public Library Section**

**Chair:** Carla Zolliger – Provo City Library

Vice-chair: Brad Maurer – South Branch, Davis County Library

#### **School Library Section**

Chair: Ladawn Broberg – Ensign Elementary School Library Learning Center

Vice-chair: Richard Huff – Spanish Fork Jr. High Library Media Center

#### **MPLA Representative**

Dorothy Horan – Family History Library, Salt Lake City

All Round Table slates were approved by the voting members.

As an incentive to Round Tables to get their slates in on time, the Committee offered gift cards to Sam Weller's. The RT winners are (in order of receipt): the Business Round Table (BURT), Young Adult Round Table (YART) and the Health Round Table (HEART). (The gift cards were distributed at the April 11 Board meeting.)

Please be thinking about how you might contribute to the health and success of your statewide library association. The Committee will be seeking officer candidates again next year, and ULA needs your enthusiasm, skills, knowledge and time to ensure the work of the association gets done.

Jeanne Le Ber Chair ULA Nominating Committee

#### **Utah Candidates Running for ALA Offices**

The American Library Association recently announced the candidates running for offices. The following candidates are from Utah: **Bruno, Frank A,**Officers/Council;
Councilors-At-Large

Hopkins, Betsy Spackman, ACRL\_STS; Member-At-Large Morris, Carla Dee, ALSC; 2011 Wilder Committee

Hopkins, Barbara, LIRT; Secretary

#### One County, One Book Kicks Off National Library Week

This year to celebrate National Library Week (April 14-19), Salt Lake County Library Services is proud to announce the third annual One County, One Book selection, The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. It is the acclaimed and award-winning story of Liesel Meminger, a German girl in 1939, whose life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow - a book. It is an act of thievery that leads her to a love affair with books and words. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book burnings, the mayor's wife's library, and wherever there are books to be found. One of the

most talked about books of all Salt Lake County recent vears, this profoundly moving story is already considered a classic.

The Book Thief was selected as Best Book of the Year by Publishers Weekly, Booklist and School Library Journal. It also was an American Library Association Notable Book, a Kirkus Reviews Editor's Choice. and USA Today proclaimed it "deserves a place on the same shelf with The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank."

The One County, One Book program is designed to create a countywide discussion by encouraging residents to read the same extraordinary book, and The Book Thief is the kind of literary achievement readers will love talking about. From April through September 2008. everyone is encouraged to "get on the same page" and experience The Book Thief. Be sure to check out the One County, One Book website: www.saltlakecountyonebo ok.com.

Greg Near Salt lake County Library Services

## **Let's Party at ULA/MPLA Conference**

Everyone registered for the 2008 ULA/MPLA Conference is invited to attend the following events:

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

**Welcome Reception** 5:00-7:00pm (Grand Ballroom)

Come mix with old friends, meet new ones, and mingle with exhibitors as we kick off the 2008 **ULA/MPLA** joint conference. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

MPLA 60th Birthday Bash 7:00-10:00pm (Salt Lake City Main Library--210 East 400 South)

The Diamond Jubilee of the Association is the social event of the season. Watch a pictorial journey through the years, hear music from the decades, and learn about the past 60 years as the updated MPLA History is unveiled. Food and a cash bar will be available and, of course, birthday cake! Meet and greet past bass, and accordion trio presidents, executive secretaries and, the best part of the Mountain Plains chanson/musette tunes. Library Association, the members. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate 60 years of a great association. This evening is made possible in part by VCBO Architecture.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Presidents' Reception 5:15-7:00pm (Grand Ballroom Lobby)

The party continues! Everyone's invited to this ULA tradition. Enjoy appetizers and a cash bar while being entertained by the Räuber-Prinz Ensemble. This guitar, play a repertoire that includes traditional French Argentinian "Tango Nuevo" and jazz standards. This event is made possible in part by SirsiDynix.

#### What the MPLA Leadership Academy at Ghost Ranch Meant to Me

Georgia O'Keefe said it best: "I had to create an equivalent for what I felt about what I was looking at...not copy it."

The Ghost Ranch experience, which is where Georgia O'Keefe spent many of the last years of her life, was so remarkable to me. I spent a week there at the MPLA Leadership Academy in 2007 along with about 28 other librarians from the MPLA states. Of course the landscape was beautiful, the company extraordinary, the presenters polished, and the production well executed. But what was remarkable was the package - it was how I felt at the end, after taking time to really examine some leadership principles and trying to put them into place.

We practiced, we talked, we examined; we experienced things like communication, managing differences, commitment, risk taking, groups and teams, power and influence, project management, personal planning, leading change, and what it takes to be a true leader. There was networking with peers, role playing, and time for personal reflection. There was personal leadership planning and mentoring. And there were readings and readings and readings, most of which

were accomplished either before or after the training.

It seemed to me that what might work for one might fail for another. Yet the principles rang true in spite of individual differences. And the group jelled enough to hang together through it all.

Maureen Sullivan led all the way. Maureen is a noted leadership consultant who helped organize Harvard's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians and brought her knowledge to this venue as well. She spoke on many of the topics and was candid in her own ways of making things work, as well as rich in what the literature said about the topics.

And then there was Mary Bushing. Mary - the nun in a previous life who would climb every mountain and forge every stream to help others - was helpful, organized, a friend to all, and the glue that held the program together. She was the life of the party.

Some of the most important times were also unplanned times. It was the talk in the dead of night with a roommate. It was the hike where someone even offered to hoist me up a steep cliff to make sure I could get to the top. Wow did that fail!!! It was the very sweet woman who was willing to forfeit the summit in favor

of walking back down with some that weren't making the difficult grade. And the conversation that came on the way down the hill. It was trying to find the one cell phone spot that would work. It was the laughter, the triumph, and even the tears. It was the connection.

Now comes the daunting task: how to create something from the adventure that is worthy of the time, the expense, the connection, and the commitment that went into the Ghost Ranch Leadership Academy 2007. It is how to paint the picture that expresses how I feel, and even believe, about what I learned. And more than that, it's about putting words and thoughts into action.

What's the answer for me? I think there are ways to make differences in the workplace right now that affect how people work, how they think, how they progress. Even as I speak, sitting here at UPLIFT in Southern Utah, I can help other Utah librarians to find their potential. Maybe most of what I'm already doing is about helping other librarians to develop and grow into the best librarian they can possibly be. One of the readings said that "leadership grows from the capacity to hold creative tension between



Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute 2007 including Utah librarians JaNae Kinikin (WSU), Carla Zollinger (Provo City Library), Adriane Juarez (Salt Lake City PL), Erin Dini (USU), Colleen Eggett (USL)

# An Opportunity to Learn About DTIC – Defense Technical Information Center

A day and a half of continuing education courses precedes the 2008 SLA Annual Conference and INFO EXPO taking place in Seattle June 15-17th. This year the Engineering Division has partnered with DTIC to provide two half-day sessions Saturday June 14th. This is an opportunity being provided so that librarians living in the West do not have to travel to the East to attend DTIC training sessions. The Engineering Division is not charging extra to nonmembers of SLA, so take advantage of this educational opportunity. The two courses are titled, "Defense Information for All" and "Defense Information for the Research Community."

"Defense Information for the Research Community" is being offered for registered DTIC users, and you know who you are. Here is some of the course description we offered to SLA when we proposed the course:

"This course will offer the library community the opportunity to learn about the information resources and services available primarily through DTIC's Private STINET to aid in their information needs to support their research, development, test and evaluation efforts...The databases cover the classic military subjects as well as subjects representing a broad spectrum of disciplines."

The second class. "Defense Information for All," will be for nonregistered DTIC users and deal more with the publicly available information. This class is great for both government documents and engineering librarians with patrons interested in aerospace, defense related research and bioengineering. Here is some of the course description we offered to SLA when we proposed this course:

"The course will cover searching Department of Defense research results using tools developed by

the DTIC. Using the Scientific and Technical Information Network (STINET) and other unique resources. researchers have access to a wealth of scientific. medical, engineering and technical data not available through standard bibliographic services. Both the content of the collections and the specific search techniques for the various systems will be covered."

So take advantage of this DTIC training opportunity on the West Coast. To learn more about the classes and information on registration, please check the online planner at the SLA website (http://www.sla.org/content /Events/conference/ac200 8/planner/index.cfm). If you have any questions. I'd be happy to answer them for you. Just drop me a note at daureen.nesdill@utah.edu.

Daureen Nesdill Marriott Library

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ride on the University Line of the Salt Lake City TRAX system from the Gallivan Plaza Station to the Salt Lake City Public Library TRAX Stop.

**Thursday** begins bright and early with yoga in Salon 2 of the Hilton.

Some highlights of the Thursday schedule include:

"60 Children's Books in 60 Seconds" will be presented by Carla Morris, Gene Nelson and Marsha Broadway. Carla Morris is the author of *The Boy Who Was Raised by Librarians*. Carla will be signing copies of her book at the author booth at 9:30.

"Shaping Young Minds Through Genre Fiction" will be presented by Paul Genesse and Ruth Hanson on behalf of Reading for the Future. Paul has authored numerous fantasy books, including the soon to be released title *The Golden Cord*.



"Free Speech= Free
People; The Story of
America's Fight for Free
Speech" will be presented
by Dr. Chris Finan, current
President of the American
Booksellers Foundation
for Free Expression and
author of From the Palmer
Raids to the Patriot Act: A

History of the Fight for Free Speech in America.



The "Attorney General & You" will be presented by The Utah Attorney General, Mark Shurtleff and Katherine H. Kinsman.

"Personal Relations Between Librarians and Readers" will be presented by ALA President/Elect Jim Rettig.

Paul Genesse and Dr. Chris Finan will sign books at 11:15 at the author booth in the Exhibit Hall.

The Thursday luncheon is the Children's Author Luncheon, which features former children's librarian and author. Susan Patron. Susan is an author who experienced censorship firsthand when she wrote the children's book The Higher Power of Lucky, a book for which she was awarded the John Newberry Medal. She has served on many prominent book award committees and reviewed journals for several library journals.



Thursday afternoon programs include:

Bill Galvan, Author and Artist of *The Scrapyard Detectives* co-created *The Scrapyard Detectives*, a full color comic book series for The Diversity Foundation. In addition, Bill draws for Archie Comics as a freelance penciler. He has also drawn for many other graphic novel titles.

The LDS Fiction
Extravaganza will be
presented by authors Gale
Sears, Jennie Hansen and
G.G. Vandagriff. Gale
Sears has authored *Until*the Dawn and Autumn
Sky.



Jennie Hansen was recently awarded the Whitney Award for her work, including The *Bracelet Series* and *Wild Card*.



G.G. Vandagriff is the author of the murder mystery concerning the Arthurian legend, *Arthurian Omen* and a series of books concerning genealogical sleuths, including the title *Tangled Roots*.



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presentation dealing with advocacy issues will be presented by the Head of the ALA Washington D.C. Office, Emily Sheketoff. Emily has much experience dealing with our nation's leaders, and in teaching librarians to be advocates for their causes.



The "Great Issues Forum Program: Public Services and Immigration: Local Library Responses to Global Migration" will be presented by Camila Alire, Ghada Kanafani Elturk, Safi Safiullah, Jerry Hudson and Rosemary McAtee.

Susan Patron, Bill Galvan, Gale Sears, Jennie Hansen and G.G. Vandagriff will sign books at 2:45 at the author booth area in the Exhibit Hall.

"How to Become a Better Readers Advisor" will be presented by Diana Tixier Herald, a member of the Advisory Board for The Reader's Advisor Online. She will sign copies of her books in her presentation room after her program.

Thursday evening brings multiple activities:

The MPLA and ULA Presidents invite you to attend the Presidents' Reception at the Hilton Grand Ballroom Lobby at 5:15.

The reception will be

followed by the MPLA/ULA Awards Banquet will be held at the Hilton Thursday evening. Each association will present awards followed by a presentation by authors Kathleen and Michael Gear. As individuals and a couple, they have authored many best-sellers including the series titles: The First North Americans, Anasazi Series, and the Forbidden Borders Trilogy and the Genetic Thriller Series.



Friday is a jam-packed half day of programs. It begins bright and early again with a Rise and Shine City Creek Walk/Run.

Public Libraries columnist, blogger and web 2.0 guru David Lee King will speak during the Closing Breakfast in the Grand Ballroom. He often speaks about emerging trends, digital issues and websites.



Friday programs include:

Susan Guevara, illustrator of the popular award-winning children's books Chato and the Party Animals and Chato's Kitchen will discuss her works and sign copies of her books

following her presentation.



Other sessions include information about:

- "Library 2.0"
- "Crossing Paths to Connect Educators and Learners With Online Resources"
- "Libraries in the Metaverse"
- "Along a Greener Path: Utah Libraries Taking Action"
- "Managing the Research Process With Zotero"
- "PBwiki @ SLCOLIB in a Virtual Space"
- "Funding Digital Collections"
- "Teen Programs That Work"
- "Employee Management"

It's not too late to join us in Salt Lake City! You can register for the conference onsite, rooms are still available in the Salt Lake City Hilton, and meal event tickets are still available. Registration is available at the conference website: http://www.ula.org/conference/2008conf/

It should be a great conference! Please plan to attend!

Dorothy Horan ULA President

# Think Outside the Book – 2008 CSRT/YART Summer Workshop

In partnership with the Utah Shakespearean Festival, ULA's Children's Services Round Table and Young Adult Round Table will present a summer workshop "Think Outside the Book." The 2-day workshop will be held Thursday, August 14 and Friday, August 15 in Cedar City, Utah and the workshop registration fee is \$35.00.

There is more to libraries than just books!
Programming, non-traditional formats, and technology provide exciting opportunities to get kids and teens interested in library materials and services.

Show them everything you have to offer, and you'll hear them say, "I love this library and want to spend lots of time here!"

Workshop speakers include Fred Adams. founder of the Utah Shakespearean Festival, and Jessica Day George, author of Dragon Slippers. Other workshop sessions include "What to Read and When: How Children Develop Reading Skills;" "Go Beyond the Book: Magazines, Manga and Media;" "60 Storytimes in 60 Minutes;" "Big Programs for Little Kids;" "It's a Tween Thing" and "Hooking Up . . . Teens and Books." In addition to the workshops, there will be a variety of minicomputer classes featuring topics such as desktop publishing, power point, and working with digital photos.

Those attending the workshop are eligible for discounted tickets to Shakespeare Festival plays as well as conference-rate accommodations at the Best Western Town and Country Inn.

For more information, visit the ULA website at www.ula.org.

Anna Zanarini CSRT Vice-Chair

# Award-Wining Musician Jim Gill at ULA/MPLA Conference

Jim Gill is a nationally-known award-winning musician and author, but he is also, by training, a child development specialist with a graduate degree from the Erikson Institute of Chicago. Because of his studies, his goal has always been to promote active play between adults and children with his music.

CSRT has brought Jim Gill to the ULA/MPLA conference for two workshop sessions on Wednesday, April 30. In "Music Play in Story Times," Jim will present many ideas on combining music and play that can be utilized in story times for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and parents. Although Jim Gill is best known for his musical recordings, his goal in the session "May There Always Be Music! May There Always Be Books!," will be to emphasize the many connections between musical play, literacy and all domains of early childhood development. Librarians in youth services will find many new ideas to

enhance children's programming.

Jim has produced five recordings of music play activities that have received awards from both the American Library Association and the Parents' Choice Foundation. He most recently created a program of "Symphonic Music Play," new works for children accompanied by a full symphony orchestra.

Anna Zanarini CSRT Vice-Chair

## **Board update of Finances through 3/31/08**

The balance of all transactional accounts (checking and savings, SLCCU) as of 3/31/08

Total Balance 120,443.75

Budget issues preparedremember to submit forms to Sandy Post Office Box

Please make sure to contact the Treasurer for any expenses for the joint conference. We need to make sure that expenses are tracked correctly to allocate funds.

Please make sure all contracts and speaker details are given to the Treasurer by April 29<sup>th</sup>, to insure that honorariums are paid.

Steven Pfeiffer, Executive Treasurer

#### **Upcoming Events at American Fork Public Library**

The American Fork Public Library will be hosting two events in the coming months:

Monday; April 28, 2008 will be our Dia de los Ninos / Dia de los Libros family celebration.

Activities start at 6:30 and will run until 8:30. Included in the activities will be:

- Spanish / English stories, music and videos
- Face painting
- Mexican Jumping Beans Game
- Tissue paper flower craft Baleros (Mexican toy) craft
- Mexican Hat Dancing
- A festive piñata will bring an end to the festivities at about 8:15 p.m.

This event is free and

open to any family.

Monday, June 09, 2009: Fablehaven party from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Activities will include:

Meet the author of Fablehaven, Brandon Mull! You may even be able to convince him to sign your own copy of the book.

Visit the giant cow and enjoy a carton of her magic milk. (courtesy of Meadow Gold Dairy)

Find the fairies hidden in the library and earn a packet of seeds that will allow you to grow your own fairy garden.

Figure out which chicken is Grandma. Guests 8 and under can feed her.

Guests 9 and older can get into (literally) a game of human fooseball. Pull a magical creature from the well. Watch out! Muriel and other witches are loose and casting spells on those in attendance. Victims can be cured by finding a fairy willing to give them a (chocolate) kiss.

Visit the Fairy Queen's Shrine (Courtesy Wedding Dreamer), if, that is, you don't mind battling naiads intent on drowning you.

Make your own beautiful fairy -- or hideous imp -- to take home.

Tickets are just \$ 5.00 per family if purchased in advance. Tickets will be \$ 10.00 per family if purchased at the door and if any are still available.

Reserve your spot early – Tickets are on sale now!

Vicky M. Turner Children's Librarian

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the vision and the current reality," Peter Senge, *The Dance of Change*.

And at least as important: how to find the funding and the leadership (I heard a rumor that Mary Bushing has stepped down) that will keep the academy going for others to follow. If you ever get a chance to go, you should stop whatever else you're doing and get there.

Colleen Eggett Utah State Library

### **Quinney Law Library Welcomes New Librarian**

The SJ Quinney Law Library has hired Valeri Craigle as its new Digital and Bibliographical Technologies librarian. Valeri is a 2005 MLS graduate of Emporia State University and obtained a B.S. from the University of Utah in 1992. She is former Health Sciences Librarian for the South Jordan branch of the University of Southern Nevada. Before that, she worked on a number of projects for the Eccles Health Sciences Library. She has extensive experience in web design and digital initiatives.
Besides her technology
duties, she will also
supervise traditional
technical services
operations.

Lee Warthen Quinney Law Library

#### **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. The Association also initiates and supports legislation promoting library development and monitors legislation that might threaten Utah libraries and librarians. 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 libraries, and for the citizens of Utah.