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## **President's Message**

During his legendary speech given in August 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of his dreams for a better country. As I write to you today, I would like to honor Dr. King's message by quoting: "From every mountainside, let freedom ring."

This holiday falls on the heels of the New Year, a time of renewed commitments and fresh starts. For ULA, the New Year brings excitement and lots of activity. Today, Martin Luther King Day, begins the Legislative Session, which is of keen interest to the Legislative Committee.

During the February Board meeting, the Board of Directors will review the

completed draft of the Association's 2006-2009 Strategic Plan. The Finance Committee has become active and is working on great new directions. And of course the Conference Committee is moving into hyper-drive to present a fabulous conference for you in May. Check out the conference page...it's beginning to look great. Information on some of these topics, and more, are in the following pages.

Happy New Year!

*Hikmet*  
2005-2006 ULA President

## **Summer Reading Idea Exchange**

### **When:**

Monday, February 6, 2006 from 3:30-5:00

### **Where:**

Murray Public Library  
166 East 5300 South Murray, UT 84107  
Information Desk (801) 264-2580

### **What:**

Please bring all of your great ideas to share for Summer 2006!!!

It will be a great opportunity to find out what everyone will be doing...for publicity, crafts, reading lists, displays, online resources, and more.

We need all your clever tricks-of-the-trade for keeping kids interested in reading during those long, hot summer months. Please don't miss it!

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## Salt Lake County Library System's Author Chats

Twice a year the Salt Lake County Library staff selects a group of recently published books that we enjoyed reading and that we think you'll like reading too.

These books are on display at each Salt Lake County Library. After reading any of the books from our list of current nominees, you can let us know what you think of them by voting. New this year is chatting online with the authors.

Whether you like a little romance or humor or horror, there will be something for everyone. Mary Jo Putney, Patricia

Smiley, and John Scalzi are just a few of the wonderful authors who will be chatting.

Join us every Monday starting Jan. 23rd or Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the SFF.net room to learn more about the Reader's Choice authors and their works. Bring your questions and get answers directly from the authors.

See the Salt Lake County Library website for more information at <http://www.slco.lib.ut.us>.

## Pioneer Online Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Statewide Contest

Pioneer, Utah's Online Library, celebrates its 10th Year Anniversary this spring with a 50-word essay contest. Entries are due March 17, 2006.

Winners will be announced on Pioneer's 10th birthday, April 10, 2006. All Utahans are invited to participate. Just tell us in 50 words or less how the Pioneer Library benefits you at home, work or school. Submit your entry on paper to your local school, college or public library. The entry deadline is Friday, March 17th. See additional information and download entry form at: <http://pioneerlibrary.org>.

Each local library (at your public school, college or public library) will award a Pioneer clock/calculator to the top entry. All of the top entries will then be submitted statewide for a drawing. Each of Pioneer's three partners (Utah State Library Division, the Utah State Office of Education, and the Utah Academic Library Consortium) will award a grand

prize of an Apple iPod nano on April 10th.

Pioneer, Utah's Online Library celebrates its 10th Year Anniversary this spring on April 10, 2006. Ten years ago Utah colleges, schools and public libraries formed the Pioneer Library to bring credible online resources to all Utahans.

Today, Pioneer receives thousands of visits each day from Utah students, teachers, and citizens of all ages. Pioneer brings Utahans free online access to magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedia, maps, pictures and multi-media clips.

Pioneer's key benefits are statewide access, credible resources and cost-effective delivery. For example Pioneer gives public school students statewide, online access to World Book. What would cost over \$1,000 dollars per school in hard copy form is available at no charge to K-12 student users.

## Award Nominations Sought

Do you know of any "unsung heroes" among you who deserve a song? Well, the fat lady is warming up so unless you want to hear a polka, you need to nominate those outstanding people you work with for an award from ULA.

The awards recognize outstanding achievement in librarianship, service to libraries and the library profession, and service to the Utah Library Association. Recipients may be librarians, trustees, legislators, news media personnel, and friends of libraries.

What constitutes award material? Contributions in leadership, creativity, pioneering effort, and teaching. They may have developed a library, extensively participated in local, state or national library bodies, developed statewide public relations campaigns beneficial to libraries, successfully implemented new ideas for library services, or provided innovations in the library world. Being a ULA member is not required.

### ULA Distinguished Service Award

This is the *crème de la crème*. Here is a person "whose achievements in service to libraries are of the highest caliber." You do not have to be a librarian to be eligible. Your accomplishments must "represent a sustained contribution over a period of several years."

### Librarian of the Year Award

Must be a librarian (worked in library or media center or have been involved in library science education; not necessarily MLS). Outstanding service in recent past.

### Special Service to Libraries Award

Honoring groups (library staffs, committees, library boards, similar library groups) or individuals who have made significant contributions in support of libraries or library service. Sustained contribution over several years or a notable effort over a shorter period of time.

### ULA Special Recognition Award

Librarians (as defined above) who have "contributed to the profession as a whole and who have benefited the library community in general over a period of many years."

Email your nominations to Lori Stevens, awards chair 2005-06, [stevenlo@uvsc.edu](mailto:stevenlo@uvsc.edu)

Nominations must be received by 5pm February 15, 2006 to be considered.

*Lori Stevens*  
*Awards Chair*

## Utah Library Association Annual Conference

### When the Boundaries Blur: Creating Synergy in a Time of Transformation



It's coming... May 17-19, in St. George, Utah, so mark your calendar and plan to join us...

We have a great program planned with over 50 sessions featuring some fantastic presenters and many subjects. Many of the sessions focus on new issues or fresh approaches to old subjects. There will be something of interest to all librarians, for all types of libraries and all job descriptions.

Headline speakers for the conference include: John N. Berry III, Editor-in-Chief, of *Library Journal*, who will be the keynote speaker; Robert Kirby, columnist and humorist for the *Salt Lake Tribune*, who will be the speaker at the awards luncheon; Salvador Avila and Rachel Gordon Singer who will be presenting at sessions.

Wednesday evening, May 17, there will be a president's reception for mixing and mingling - offering a chance to visit and network, while enjoying good music and refreshments.

Thursday evening, May 18, the Utah Book Award ceremony will be presented by Utah Center for the Book. Information

about the awards can be found on the Utah Center for the Book webpage at [http://www.slcp.lib.ut.us/details.jsp?parent\\_id=15&page\\_id=137](http://www.slcp.lib.ut.us/details.jsp?parent_id=15&page_id=137).

Friday, May 19, the ALA LAMA Institute will present an all day program "Collaborating, Partnering, Co-operating: The Good, the Bad, and the Future".

This institute will be led by Julie Tadaro. Content will include what collaborating is all about and what it can do for you! Information about the program can be found on the LAMA webpage at <http://www.ala.org/ala/lama/lamaprofdev/lamaregionalinst/lamareginstlist/lamaregional.htm>.

The newly remodeled Dixie Center is a great facility with plenty of free parking. We promise some beautiful weather and fun events for enjoying Utah's Dixie during your free time. Hope to see you there.

*Ellen Bonadurer,  
ULA Conference Chair*

## The World Horror Convention in Utah in 2008!

If you would like to see this come true, now's the time to get involved.

A group has started up to bid on the 2008 World Horror Convention. The best horror publishers and authors, both new upcoming and familiar, attend this convention. Guests of Honor have included virtually every living legend in the horror field in literature, movies, television, art and more.

The World Horror Convention is presided over year-to-year by the World Horror Society, an unincorporated literary society made up of professionals in the horror field and past convention chairs.

Contact Darlene Dineen at (801) 944-7611 or [ddineen@slco.lib.ut.us](mailto:ddineen@slco.lib.ut.us) for more information.

## Road Tripping to Westminster College's Giovale Library

Through a new opportunity, I am now part of Westminster College's community of adjunct instructors. This has given me an entry into the world of academic librarians in Utah, through the wonderful facilities and resources provided by the college's Giovale Library. It's been a long time since I've been an academic librarian, eleven years, and things have certainly changed! The online resources provided by Utah's academic libraries are a true gift to students and scholars alike. During a recent orientation for new adjuncts, Reference/Instruction librarian Chuck Malenfant gave us an overview of the library's portal, databases, and online reference tools. I plan on taking full advantage of the offerings and relish this glimpse of the academic side.

The library itself is not new to me, though, thanks to past ULA President and Giovale Library Director David Hales' many invitations to ULA members to meet and visit there during his term as President.

*Hikmet Loe*

David wrote the following:

The Giovale Library information commons houses the library, writing

center, and general computing lab, and is a place where students and faculty may engage in conversation, collaboration, and active learning in an area that supports their research and technology needs.

The Giovale Library holds approximately 123,710 books, and 355 current journal subscriptions in paper. Students have access to circa 22,900 electronic journals and 21,208 electronic books via online databases. Special services of the Library include a modern assistive technology lab, laptop access at all study stations, and wireless access throughout the building. Two media rooms provide the latest equipment to view videos, DVDs, and listen to CDs/tapes.

The writing center - close to the research and technology staff - is staffed by trained writing consultants who can help students develop their writing skills and enhance academic success, and the Information Commons Café is a designated area where drinks and snacks are available to help students maintain energy levels during study and research or just take a break.

The Giovale Library is an open learning environment where everyone is welcome to share his or her ideas.



## ALA's Notable Books Council Announces 2006 Top Picks

The Notable Books Council of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has compiled its 2006 list of outstanding books for the general reader. These titles have been selected for their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge and for the pleasure they can provide to adult readers.

### FICTION

- Bates, Judy Fong, "Midnight at the Dragon Café," Perseus/Counterpoint (ISBN: 1582431892).
- Foer, Jonathan Safran, "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," Houghton Mifflin (ISBN: 0618329706).
- Gaitskill, Mary, "Veronica," Pantheon (ISBN: 0375421459).
- Ghosh, Amitav, "Hungry Tide," Houghton Mifflin (ISBN: 0618329978).
- Ishiguro, Kazuo, "Never Let Me Go," Knopf (ISBN: 1400043395).
- Iweala, Uzodinma, "Beasts of No Nation," HarperCollins (ISBN: 006079867X).
- McCarthy, Cormac, "No Country for Old Men," Knopf (ISBN: 0375406778).
- McEwan, Ian, "Saturday," Doubleday (ISBN: 0385511809).
- Murakami, Haruki, translator: Philip Gabriel, "Kafka on the Shore," Knopf (ISBN: 1400043662).
- Robinson, Marilynne, "Gilead," Farrar, Straus, Giroux (ISBN: 9780374153892).
- Urrea, Luis Alberto, "The Hummingbird's Daughter," Little, Brown (ISBN: 0316745464).
- Weeks in the Conquered City," Henry Holt/Metropolitan (ISBN: 0805075402).
- Bordewich, Fergus, "Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America," Amistad (ISBN: 0060524308).
- Cathcart, Brian, "The Fly in the Cathedral," Farrar, Straus, Giroux (ISBN: 0374157162).
- Diamond, Jared, "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed," Viking (ISBN: 0670033375).
- Eichenwald, Kurt, "Conspiracy of Fools: A True Story," Broadway (ISBN: 0767911784).
- Lepore, Jill, "New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery, and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan," Knopf (ISBN: 1400040299).
- Moorehead, Caroline, "Human Cargo: A Journey Among Refugees," Henry Holt (ISBN: 0805074430).
- Packer, George, "The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq," Farrar, Straus and Giroux (ISBN: 0374299633).
- Reiss, Tom, "The Orientalist: Solving the Mystery of a Strange and Dangerous Life," Random House (ISBN: 1400062659).
- Reynolds, David S., "John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War, and Seeded Civil Rights," Knopf (ISBN: 0375411887).
- Walker, Steven, "Shockwave: Countdown to Hiroshima," HarperCollins (ISBN: 0060742844).
- Walls, Jeannette, "The Glass Castle," Simon & Schuster (ISBN: 074324754X).

### NONFICTION

- Alexievich, Svetlana, translator: Keith Gessen, "Voices from Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster," Dalkey Archive (ISBN: 1564784010).
- Anonymous, translator: Philip Boehm, "A Woman in Berlin: Eight

### POETRY

- Alexander, Elizabeth, "American Sublime," Graywolf Press (ISBN: 1555974325).
- Dybek, Stuart, "Streets in Their Own Ink," Farrar, Straus and Giroux (ISBN: 0374270953).

## Information Commons Symposium

If you're interested in providing and managing computing facilities for your patrons, come learn about establishing and managing information commons types of services at an event sponsored by the Utah Library Association's Academic Section and ACRL Round Table.

Panelists representing the technical aspects of setting up and maintaining computing tools for library users will join librarians whose jobs emphasize public service and staff training in sharing their experience for managing an Information Commons.

Speakers from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, the University of Utah, Utah State University, and Brigham Young University will present their institutions' stories, and there will be plenty of opportunities for questions and

discussion. Even though our speakers work in academic settings, we welcome librarians from public and special libraries to both share and benefit from ideas and advice presented during the symposium.

The symposium is planned for 10:00am - 3:00pm on March 17 in the Merrill-Cazier Library on the Utah State University campus in Logan. The day will include morning and afternoon sessions, lunch, and optional tours of USU's new library building. Stay tuned for more details on the ULA listserv and via email.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you nearing retirement or sabbatical and would like to donate time to a worthy cause? The Von Canon Library at Southern Virginia University welcomes reliable and experienced librarians to address various needs in the library. You will enjoy and contribute to the library in a Latter-day Saint environment, while experiencing and enjoying the rich beauty and history of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and the region.

Library volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, technical services, instruction, reference, collection development, and special collections. The length and intensity of your commitment is negotiable and some full-time volunteer positions may qualify for housing and dining privileges.

This would be the ideal opportunity for a librarian to make a significant contribution to a growing and dynamic school. Please contact Duane Wilson, the library director, to speak about how your talents can benefit the library and the students at Southern Virginia University.

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## UELMA Spring Conference

UELMA Spring Conference  
March 2, 2006  
Davis Conference Center

The keynote speaker will be author and storyteller Rafe Martin. Shannon Hale, author of *Goose Girl*, will also present a session. For more information please see the conference webpage at <http://www.uelma.org/conference.html>

## An Eye on Utah's Legislative Session

Want to "watch" the current Legislative Session? It's easy on the Web. Go to the following links to see how a bill becomes a law, what bills are set forth, what's the what:

**www.le.state.ut.us**  
Utah State Legislature Home Page

**www.utahpolicy.com**  
"where political junkies get their daily fix"

*Hikmet*

## 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.