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President's Message

Happy New Year!

We are now over halfway through this 2007-2008 ULA year. We have had some very successful meetings and the Program Board has compiled an impressive list of conference programs. The ULA Conference Committee has reviewed ULA program submissions. The ULA and MPLA programs have been combined into a single slate of programs and fine tuning of the program slate has begun.

Several speakers have been proposed who are affiliated with ALA in addition to Jim Rettig, the current President-Elect. One of our proposed speakers is a well-known candidate for Jim's ALA position. Another proposal includes ALA's Copyright Specialist Carrie Russell, and a group from ALA has offered to present a program on legislative advocacy.

We have several authors who have agreed to

present at the conference. I've already written about Carolyn Hart appearing at our author's luncheon. In addition, Susan Patron, the author of the controversial book "The Higher Power of Lucky," is slated to appear as well as several other authors. That is just the tip of the programming iceberg. We are still negotiating with several other prominent authors to present at the conference.

The pre-conference proposals will create an interesting dynamic, as most of the programs proposed so far take place offsite, at locations away from the Hilton including the Eccles Health Science Library, the Family History Library and the City Library. I'm confident that we will fill up the Hilton spaces as well, allowing for more pre-conference sessions than usual. Some of the proposed programs are part of a track, concerning various topics, such as genealogy, government documents

and health reference services.

Each ULA group has submitted conference program proposals. Some groups have submitted up to 7 programs! I am very appreciative of the work that the committee chairs and program organizers have done and continue to do to bring our conference to fruition.

There will be 2 luncheons, 1-2 breakfasts and various breaks during the day. During the evenings we will have an opening night reception in the Exhibits Hall, a joint Awards Banquet, a joint Presidents' Party, and the MPLA 60th Anniversary Party at the Salt Lake City Public Library.

It should be a wonderful conference. Thanks again for all of your participation.

Dorothy Horan
ULA President

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Next Utah Library Association Board Meeting

Date:

February 8, 2008

Location:

Draper Library

Time:

Board of Directors: 1:00

Program Board: 2:30

ULA Award Nominations Sought

The hustle and bustle of the holidays are over and now you have the time to take a few minutes to say “thanks” to that special co-worker, library board, or legislator who has gone the extra mile for your library. Nominate them for a Utah Library Association Award!

These 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.

The awards will be given at the 2008 ULA/MPLA Joint Conference in Salt Lake City, April 29- May 2. Nominations need to be received by Jan 15, 2008 to be considered.

Email your nominations to: rcheesman@slco.lib.ut.us. You will find a copy of the nomination form at the end of the newsletter.

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What constitutes award material:

We seek to honor 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 a library or media center or have

been involved in library science education; does not necessarily need to have an MLS). This award is to recognize outstanding service in the recent past.

Special Service to Libraries Award:

This award honors groups (library staffs, committees, library boards, or other similar library groups) or individuals who have made significant contributions in support of libraries or library service. The intent is to recognize a sustained contribution over several years or a notable effort over a shorter period of time.

ULA Special Recognition Award

This special award strives to recognize 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.”

*Ruby Cheesman
 Awards Chair*



Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Offers Course for Librarians

Do genealogists frequent your library? Are you interested in knowing better how to serve them? The 2008 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, held January 7-11, 2008 in downtown Salt Lake City, is offering a course just for you, "Archives, Libraries, Societies: Serving Genealogists." This course, coordinated by Ann Wuehler, MLS and a Certified Genealogist, provides a week of instruction tailored to your needs. Ann bridges the gap between the two worlds. She also brings in a team of genealogical librarians to help teach her course, so many points of view will be offered.

Classes include:

- Humor in Genealogy
- 21st Century Virtual Library
- Top 10 U.S. Reference Sources
- Special Library Collections
- Getting the most out of ALA and your State Associations
- The Role of Librarians in Genealogy
- Reference Interview, Tips and Strategies
- Cataloging a Genealogical Collection
- Archives and Academic Library Collections
- Genealogical Society of Utah Scanning Projects
- The Family History Library's Role in Genealogy
- The Novice approach in the Family History Library (and what you can learn from it)
- Hooking Youth and Kids into Genealogy
- Evaluating Genealogy Web sites
- Web sites: Grass-roots Indexing Projects
- Genealogy Classes and Self-help Aids for Patrons
- Sharing your Library Programs and Resources
- Genealogical Collections in Public Libraries
- Professional Development Opportunities (including online courses)
- Our Role in Family History Conferences and Fairs

Sound intriguing? Classes end by early afternoon each day to allow you to take advantage of the Family History Library's facilities, located only two blocks from the Radisson hotel where the Institute is held

Other courses are also being offered at the Institute.

For information and to enroll online, go to www.infouga.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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1st Annual Utah Literary Awards Ceremony Held

The 1st Annual Utah Literary Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday, October 24, at the Salt Lake City Public Library. The awards ceremony was one of the highlights of the 10th Annual Utah Humanities Book Festival organized by the Utah Humanities Council.

Hikmet Loe and Peter Jones, both of Salt Lake City Public Library, presented the Utah Book Award segment of the ceremony. The 2006 Utah Book Award winners include: "Calling Out" by

Rae Meadows for Fiction; "France Davis: an American Story Told" by France A. Davis and Nayra Atiya for Non-fiction; "Weather Report" by Rob Carney for Poetry; and "Around the House the Fox Chased the Mouse: a Prepositional Tale" by Rick Walton for Children/Young Adults.

Ms. Loe thanked Roy Bailey who has chaired the Utah Book Award committee for two years, Utah Book Award judges, and Utah Book Award sponsors, Smith-Pettit Foundation and the

Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library.

The incoming Utah Book Award committee chair, Becci Webb, invites submissions to be considered for the 2007 awards. Guidelines and the required submission form are available at <http://www.slcp.lib.ut.us> under Utah Center for the Book.

The Utah Book Award committee is organized each year by the Utah Center for the Book.

Angelica Lopez Moyes

Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute 2007

The Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute is designed to assist librarians in the Mountain Plains region develop and strengthen their leadership skills. During the week I had the opportunity to learn about many different aspects of leadership including communication, risk taking, leading change, and teamwork through lecture, small group activities, and sharing of real life experiences. Maureen Sullivan, an organization development consultant, was the facilitator for the Institute. A large part of each day was spent listening to Maureen present information on different aspects of leadership. We then broke

into small groups to determine how we might apply this information to situations in our own libraries.

Ghost Ranch, located just outside Abiquiu, New Mexico was the perfect locale to hold such a meeting. The ranch is surrounded by the beautiful vistas painted by Georgia O'Keeffe – reds, purples, oranges, and yellows – and the cottonwood trees were in the midst of dropping their leaves. The shorter days at the end of October when the Institute was held created beautiful golden hours in the evenings and the sky was lit at night with millions of jeweled stars. The surroundings provided a

perfect setting to reflect on what we learned and consider how we might apply that information in our own libraries.

Being surrounded by other emerging leaders also gave me greater confidence that I, too, could make important contributions to the library field.

The Institute was a great experience and I hope to put into practice much of what I learned. I would encourage anyone with an MLS, 2 to 12 years post-master's work experience in a library related job, and an interest in leadership to apply for this wonderful opportunity.

*JaNae Kinikin
Weber State University*

New LDS Church History Library Rises in Downtown Salt Lake

An impressive new library is under construction in downtown Salt Lake City. It is the Church History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located on the corner of North Temple and Main Street, just north of the LDS Church Office Building. The library is not scheduled to open until late spring or early summer of 2009, but here's a sneak peek into this state-of-the-art building.

The LDS Church preserves materials chronicling its history from humble beginnings in upstate New York in 1830 to the present day with 13 million members around the world. These materials are currently housed in the east wing of the LDS Church Office Building, an area that is woefully inadequate, according to Brent Thompson, the director of Records Preservation for the Family and Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"The space we currently occupy wasn't designed as an archival storage space," Thompson said. "It doesn't have fire protection; it doesn't have seismic protection; and it doesn't have adequate temperature, humidity, and air quality control. We have also outgrown the space, both from a staff perspective and more importantly, from a records perspective. The new

building will provide solutions to these problems."

The new 230,000-square-foot library will have two types of archival storage rooms. The 10 main storage rooms will be kept at 55 degrees Fahrenheit with 35 percent relative humidity. There will also be two special rooms that will be kept at minus four degrees Fahrenheit for color motion picture films, photographs, and records of special significance to the LDS Church.

The collections that will be housed in the new facility include:

- 260,000 books, pamphlets, magazines, manuals, etc.
- 500,000 historic photographs, posters, maps, etc.
- 40,000 audio and video recordings
- 120,000 local histories for LDS Church units
- 150,000 journals, diaries, papers, and manuscripts
- 20,000 rolls of microfilm
- 3.6 million patriarchal blessings for LDS Church members

Some of these items will be available in an open stacks reading room, while others will be located in archival storage rooms and delivered to patrons for use in a secure reading room.

The Church is committed to making its historical materials more accessible, Steven Olsen, associate

managing director over Church History, said. "There will be hundreds of thousands of records available to the public upon request," he continued. "There will be some things that are not accessible to the general public. We respect the sacred, private, or confidential nature of many of the records we hold, but we are committed to making appropriate records accessible."

This commitment to public accessibility is reflected in the name of the new building. "We are making an intentional statement calling it the Church History Library," Olsen said. "The word 'library' has the connotation of being a publicly accessible institution, archives does not. Archives are internally facing, primarily for internal audiences. This will be the first time that the Church's historical library will have a public face. That is not to say that it hasn't been open, but it hasn't been as accessible because for the last century, the Church's historical library has been embedded in one of the Church's larger buildings and people could only come when those larger buildings were open."

The fact that the Church History Library is a stand-alone building will allow extended hours of operation, according to Christine Cox, the director



Artistic rendering of LDS Church History Library



Lobby



Inner Reading room

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Church History Library

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of Church History Customer Services. In addition to more convenient hours, the building will also use current technology, such as wireless connections, to enhance the experience of all customers, including those in remote locations. Cox hopes that the building's inviting atmosphere will be welcoming to people of all faiths and levels of historical expertise. The current library serves about 13,000 people a year, but Cox said the staff is preparing for increased public interest after the new building opens in 2009.

"We are creating educational and training programs which will orient customers and help them understand what services are available, provide consultation services for researchers, and provide educational events to help customers understand more about Church history," Cox said. "We want to connect people to Church history."

In addition to the public areas and storage space, the building will have areas for conservation, collections development, and research. The Church's conservation efforts involve 300 to 500 books and documents and 3,000 to 4,000 audiovisual recordings every year.

Collections development employees and missionaries acquire and catalog 500 to 700 new collections annually, including 6,000 publications. Other staff members housed in the new building will be responsible for publications, historic sites, and Web content.

The Church History Library will also meet high environmental standards. It will be certified as a "green" building through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, which is the nationally accepted standard for the design, construction, and operation of environmentally-friendly buildings.

There are several requirements that must be met to earn the LEED Certification, according to Dessa Fountaine of Jacobsen Construction, the company that is building the Church History Library. "Green buildings should use less heat and electricity and have greater access to outside views by having windows close to where people work," Fountaine explains. Green buildings also use products that are locally produced, recycled, or give off fewer gasses that affect people's health. "By using products that have low VOC

(volatile organic compounds), we are promoting better health," Fountaine said. "The filters in the mechanical systems eliminate allergens. The wood used comes from forests that are harvested wisely and are replanted. A recycle center will be included in the building that will recycle paper, plastics, and metal products. The heating and cooling systems are efficient, thus eliminating waste. The landscaping designs and plumbing items will use less water and the windows, blinds, and insulation will preserve temperatures."

Of course, these environmentally-friendly characteristics of the Church History Library will take a back seat to the ultimate purpose of this building, which is to preserve the history of the LDS Church. "The Church in its foundational documents has a huge commitment to preserving history and to making history useful for members and others interested in learning about its history," Steven Olsen said, adding that the library will help the Church better fulfill that commitment.

When the Church History Library is finished in 2009, the Utah library community will be invited to a series of public open houses.



Lobby



Outer Reading Room

*One Hundredth Birthday Party***BYU's Howard W. Hunter Law Library**

This summer, we noticed a large group of children touring our library, something a bit unusual in an academic law library. The tour guide mentioned these were descendants of Howard W. Hunter at a family reunion, gathered for the upcoming 100th birthday of their great-grandfather and grandfather. They wanted to see the library named for their ancestor.

The visit by those children sparked a 100th birthday celebration on November 14, 2007 at the Howard W. Hunter Law Library at Brigham Young University in Provo. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of the naming, remodeling completion and official dedication of our library in 1997. So, we combined the two anniversaries together.

On the afternoon of the actual 100th birthday, about 75 librarians,

lawyers, law students and Hunter family members gathered to celebrate both President Hunter and the law library. Kory D. Staheli, director of the law library, conducted, with the opening prayer by David L. Armond, who was the project manager for the library remodel 1995-1997. Kevin J Worthen, Dean of BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School, spoke briefly about the fine library and also the legal skills of one-time California attorney and later LDS Church president Howard W. Hunter. Constance K. Lundberg, director of the law library during the planning and remodel of the library, talked of the privilege it was to create a memorial to President Hunter that was both functional and also reflective of his open personality. (President Hunter passed away in March 1995, two months before the groundbreaking for the remodeling and

expansion of the law library.) Lundberg also reflected on the significance that the \$11 million law library remodel was funded entirely by donations, helped immensely by the generosity of Jon Huntsman, Sr., a former neighbor of Howard W. Hunter. Then, David J. Hunter, a grandson, BYU law school graduate, and practicing attorney in Provo, shared a few personal memories of his grandfather and his impact on his life. Birthday cake for everyone was the last item on the agenda.

We're grateful for the many friends of our law library and friends and family of President Howard W. Hunter who spent his birthday with us.

Galen L. Fletcher
Howard W. Hunter Law Library



J. Reuben Clark Law School

Howard W. Hunter Law Library Milestones

March 9, 1971

J. Reuben Clark Law School announcement

1972 – April 1974

David Lloyd (1st Law Library Director)
Randall T. Peterson (Deputy Director)

May 4, 1972

Law Library designated a U.S. federal documents depository library

May 1, 1973

Groundbreaking for J. Reuben Clark Building

Aug. 27, 1973

First day of BYU law school classes

Sept. 1973 – Aug. 1975

Library and law school in St. Francis School (931 E 300 N, Provo)

April 1974 – 1990

David A. Thomas (2nd Law Library Director)
H. Peter Mueller (Deputy Director)

Sept 5, 1975

Dedication of J. Reuben Clark Law Building

1985

Library online card catalog started

1990 – Aug. 2005

Constance K. Lundberg (3rd Law Library Director)
Gary L. Hill (Deputy Director)

May 1, 1995

Groundbreaking for Law Library expansion

March 21, 1997

Dedication of Howard W. Hunter Law Library

Oct. 2005 –

Kory D. Staheli (4th Law Library Director)
Gary L. Hill (Deputy Director)

Davis Library Director to Retire

Pete Giacomia, Director of the Davis County Library for 17 years and a staff member of the DCL for 27 years, will retire on March 1, 2008. Pete is a former President of the Utah Library Association. He has served on numerous ULA Committees including as Chair of the Legislative

Committee for three years (1984 – 1987). Pete also conducts various training sessions for the Utah State Library's Uplift program.

The Davis County Library Board of Directors has selected Chris Sanford, the Branch Librarian for

the system's North Branch, to replace Pete. Chris has been a staff member with the Davis County Library for 23 years and is a former Co-Chair of the ULA/UELMA Joint Annual Conference Committee.

CSRT/YART Fall Workshop Success

On November 30th more than 60 Utah librarians who work with children or young adults gathered in Provo for a full day of informational workshops and fun – and learned how to “Make the Library Come Alive for Children and Teens.”

Keynote speaker, Rob Reid, gave tips on how to make literature come alive for children (and their grownups) through interactive stories and songs. One attendee stated, “I loved Rob Reid's sessions, and am already planning how to use the stories and songs from his presentation in my story times.”

The workshop was developed to give librarians practical ideas and skills for creating quality programs for their patrons. In addition to the keynote address, there were nine breakout sessions, making some tough choices for participants. A conference attendee commented, “All of the presentations were timely! I had a difficult time

deciding which presentation to attend!”

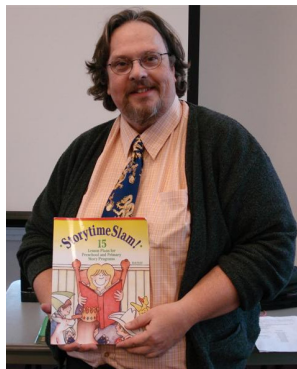
Russell Wilson from Maxed Out Puppetry and Kevin Witt (alias Presto the Magician) encouraged class participation in each of their sessions. Class members were able to work with the puppets or learn the floating wand trick. In the “Great Science Programs” class, Cheryl Davis of the BYU Physics Department had class members making electro magnets and small electric motors. Kim Bryant and Cheryl Swensen from the Orem Library demonstrated some great display ideas. A librarian stated, “I loved the “Black and White and Read all over” display idea.” And Rob Reid did two follow up breakout sessions on “Using Music in Storytelling Programs” and presenting humorous family programming.

Three of the break-out sessions focused on teen services. One of the most popular sessions was the hands-on training “Keeping Up with Tech Savvy Teens,” taught by

Samantha Larsen and Allison Madsen, in which participants were able learn about and try out some of the popular teen internet sites. One teen services librarian said, “I really enjoyed ..., Samantha and Allison's presentation – Dealing with Tech Savvy Teens and the introduction to the wonderful YART wiki.” In addition, Mary Anne Heider from the Salt Lake City Library talked about having successful gaming programs in the library and Susan Spicer and Kent Johnson of the Kearns Library gave advice on how to manage the influx of teens that flood through their doors after school.

Congratulations to the YART and CSRT Boards for putting on a successful workshop. Special thanks to ULA for providing financial support and to Provo City Library for providing the venue for this informative and appreciated training.

*Donna Cardon
CSRT Chair*



Rob Reid

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SUU Wins "Pimp My Bookcart" Award

Southern Utah University's Sherratt Library recently won a runner up award in Unshelved's "Pimp My Bookcart" contest sponsored by Highsmith. SUU's entry, which was

one of 129 in the contest, featured a yellow submarine. The prize was a \$50 gift certificates from Highsmith and a complete set of Unshelved books.



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 librarians, for Utah Libraries, and for the citizens of Utah.

**Utah Library Association
Award Nominations Form
2007-08**

Name of Nominee:

Nominated for the following award: (see ULA website for list of awards & criteria)

Associated with the following library/library system:

Tell us why you feel this person(s) should receive the above award:

Your name: _____

Library affiliation: _____

Ph# _____ email: _____