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Summer is winding down and the 2007-2008 year of the Utah Library Association is beginning to rev up operations. Libraries everywhere are facing drastic changes in our focus. As people turn to the Internet, we have to reach out to our patrons to make them aware of what we can offer them, both virtually and face to face. Luckily, we have many libraries in our state who are serving their patrons in new ways daily. ULA is one way to teach and share with each other.

As president, I have set several goals:

- Complete bylaws revision
- Recruit new members
- Co-host a successful conference with MPLA
- Review the Strategic Plan
- Utilize social networking and other technologies to improve communications

When we held the new officers' training session in June, I asked the other officers to suggest more goals, so it's possible this list will grow.

I'm excited that Linda Tillson, our ALA

representative has created a blog which can be found at: <http://utahcouncilor.blogspot.com/>. Linda's blog contains a detailed report of ALA actions at the 2007 conference. In addition, at least two of the roundtables are considering creating blogs, and we will probably utilize a conference wiki for the first time. Hopefully we can learn to use social networking tools to supplement our current efforts to keep members informed about ULA, and allow members to share their ideas with the officers.

The 2007 conference was tremendous! I have never seen a more organized group than the Conference Committee and the committee subsidiaries. Michael Whitchurch and Julie Williamsen are to be commended for putting a great program together. It seemed to run without a hitch, which is the true measure of a well done program. I'm thrilled that some of last year's Conference Committee members are willing to help out the 2008 Conference Committee as mentors and assistants. The 2008 Conference theme is "Where Paths

Meet: Connecting Libraries and Communities." It is a joint conference, held in conjunction with the Mountain Plains Library Association. That means that we will have attendees from twelve states descending on the Hilton Salt Lake City Center from April 29 to May 2. That also means that we have MPLA people helping plan the program. Some of those people tracked down the 2008 Conference Chair, Jeffrey Belliston, at MPLA to offer their assistance. Such dedication is greatly appreciated.

The Program Board is looking for ideas, both for conference and non-conference programs. If you have a suggestion, contact the appropriate Committee, Section or Round Table chair, Darrah Rogers or me, Dorothy Horan. The current officers' list is posted on the Utah Library Association website: <http://www.ula.org/>.

The last day of the ALA conference that was held in Washington D.C. this year consisted of state association representatives meeting with staff for our Senators

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and Congressmen about library issues. ULA had sent a very successful delegation earlier in the year to meet with our representatives and their staff. At that time, Donna Jones Morris, Kimberly Bray and I met with both Utah Senators and Congressman Matheson directly, and with the staff of the rest of our representatives. During ALA Donna Jones Morris and Linda Tillson met with office staff of all of our representatives. Each of those contacts went well, and we were able to discuss library issues with our representatives. Both of our Senators agreed to

support library funding and other library issues.

Several ULA members have been accepted to attend the 2008 Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute. As our new MPLA Representative, Emily Schultz, has pointed out in her articles about our applicants, we have more Utahns attending the Ghost Ranch than any other state. I think it's terrific that these attendees have gone out of their way to attend this training program. I also commend their employers for supporting employees in this program. Many of our libraries have had

successful recent programs. The newsletter will feature a few pictures, etc. from successful Harry Potter programs. Please submit reports on past programs as well as notices of upcoming programs to the newsletter editor, Lesli Baker.

Well, let's all put our heads together and plan to make this a very successful and productive year!

*Dorothy Horan
ULA President*

My Experience at ALA

The 2007 American Library Association Conference was held in Washington D.C this year. The program included tours, various association meetings and programs with topics ranging from diversity to metadata and open source patron catalogs.

Utah Library Association-related meetings:

I attended the ALA Chapter Officer Training Session and the Chapter Relations Committee Meetings on behalf of the Utah Library Association. The training sessions stressed financial dealings and the management of associations. I also learned more about how

various associations utilize professional executive officers. Here's a picture of me in one of the CRC meetings. I'm looking at the photographer like he's one of my teenagers coming home after their curfew, I believe that mentally I was berating myself for not bringing a camera to the meeting myself.

Presentations:

I didn't get to attend many presentations because of the meetings, but here are short reports on two of them. The ALA website has blog entries and some presentations from the conference. There are also pictures posted on FLCKR.

Ambient Findability:

Librarians, Libraries, and the Internet of Things

The presentation was given by Peter Morville, the author of the book with the above title. I didn't realize that Peter was a librarian. As such, he is current with library issues. He peppered us with quotes, examples and suggestions. My favorites are:

Ambient findability: the ability to find anyone or anything from anywhere at any time.

Information that's hard to find will remain information that's hardly found.

He presented a honeycomb matrix



Dorothy Horan taking part in the Chapter Relations Committee Meetings

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Free Seminar on Geoscience Librarianship October 27

A free, one-day seminar on geoscience librarianship will be presented by the Geoscience Information Society on Saturday, October 27, 2007 in Denver. Registration is open to all information professionals as well as students in library and information studies.

"Geoscience Librarianship 101" will provide participants with a basic understanding of earth science information resources and their organization. Speakers include:

Lisa Dunn, Colorado School of Mines Library

Adonna Fleming, Love Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Andrea Twiss-Brooks, Science Libraries, University of Chicago

Linda Zellmer, Geology Library, Indiana University

Topics slated for coverage include collection development, maps and geographic information systems, and reference and instructional services. There will be opportunities for networking during the lunch break, and a discussion period following the presentations. The program is a mix of formal and informal modes with opportunity for "newbies" and prospective "newbies" to talk with experienced geoscience librarians.

The seminar will also benefit librarians who want to refresh their understanding of geoscience information.

The program is set for 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM in the Jerry B. Robinson Library Instruction Lab, Room 245, Auraria Library, 1100 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado. There is no charge for the seminar, but pre-registration is required. Owing to security

regulations, no walk-ins will be admitted.

Registrations must be received by October 2, 2007. To reserve your place or to request additional information, please contact Shaun Hardy, GSIS Publicity Officer, Carnegie Institution of Washington, 5241 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015, telephone 202-478-7960, e-mail hardy@dtm.ciw.edu.

The Geoscience Information Society is an international professional organization devoted to improving the exchange of information in the earth sciences. Information about the Society may be found at its website www.geoinfo.org.

Support for "Geoscience Librarianship 101" is provided by the Auraria Library and Springer Publishing.



Family History Library Update

Popular Free Research Series

Please register by email at FHLClassReg@ldschurch.org or by calling (801) 240-4950 to ensure a seat at the Research Series sessions that appeal to you. Below is the schedule for September and October:

- 15 September Publishing Your Family History
- 22 September Swedish Research
- 22 September FamilySearch Indexing
- 29 September Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors
- 13 October Wales Research
- 13 October Hispanic Research
- 13 October Understanding Technology
- 19-20 October Hispanic Conference
- 20 October Irish Research
- 27 October German Research
- 27 October FamilySearch Indexing

Consultation Appointments

Consultation appointments have expanded to the British and U.S. areas and continue in International. While at the Library, sign up for a 45-minute consultation with a reference consultant to assist you with a research challenge.

Please Excuse Our Dust!

A number of construction projects occurred this summer at the Library. The second floor U.S. Census area was converted into a multi-purpose area with a primary use being the training of Library staff. Fortunately, the census films and indexes are still in the Library: microfilms are in the southeast corner of the second floor and indexes on the wall outside the new second floor training area. Family history books V-Z were temporarily put in High Density Storage to make room for creation of a new

Multimedia Center. On the southeast corner of B1 International floor, several readers were removed to make way for staff cubicles thereby alleviating severe overcrowding. Also on B1, a new "Group Research Area" was created as a pilot where small group research conversation can occur without hindering other patrons.

Ray Wright Retires

We in the Library pay special tribute to Ray Wright for his exemplary leadership as Director of the Family History Library during the past 4 years and distinguished 34 years of Church employment. Larry Jensen is serving as Interim Library Director.

Jim Ison
Family History Center

Utah Libraries Celebrate Harry Potter Release

Salt Lake County

Salt Lake County Library Services sponsored the Wizard Rock concert at Wheeler Farm on July 2, featuring the L.A.-based band Remus Lupins.

Bingham Creek Library librarians also are shown in Harry Potter attire for their party.



Spanish Fork Public Library

We had a great time at our Harry Potter Read-in Party. We had patrons ages 12 and up, dress up if they wanted and come to Platform 9 3/4 (our elevator) and go down to the Room of Requirement. We had a nice Dementor waiting as the door opened. We listened to the audio book in the Room of Requirement and those who wanted to read ahead lounged in other parts of the library. We stopped every hour for games, such as Quiz Quidditch and treats. We had Deep fried troll toenails (ripple potato chips) and Fried Dragon Scales (Doritos) along

with Elixir of life (water) and Butter beer (cream soda and butterscotch pudding). We gave away Scene It Harry Potter, a copy of the book, and assorted other Harry Potter prizes. It was a lot of fun!

*Suzanne Christensen
Assistant Childrens Librarian
Spanish Fork Public Library*



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Payson City Library

Harry Potter mania hit the Payson City Library this summer. We counted down the days to the release of the movie, and the new book coming out on July 21st. The countdown and decorations were displayed through the Children's Library. To celebrate, we held a "Harry Potter Party" on Friday the 13th. The children were asked to come in the costume of their favorite Harry Potter character. Many witches and wizards could be seen at the Memorial Park participating in the activities. There was a Dobby the House Elf's Sock Contest, and prizes

were given for the silliest sock, the frilliest, the most colorful, the boldest, the ugliest, and the most socks on one foot. The children went to stations where they were able to decorate a wand, make a golden snitch, a Weasley Wizard clock, a billywig, fortunes in a crystal ball, and a Monster Book of Monsters. The children, parents and staff members had a great time. All in attendance went home even more excited to get the new book.

Sherry Gay
Children's Librarian

Linda Collard
Director

Provo City Library

The Provo City Library celebrated the release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* on Friday, July 20th. The day began with a Harry Potter Movie Marathon from 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM. The main event was a carnival party, "An Evening at Hogwarts", which began at 6:30 PM. Free tickets were distributed several weeks prior to the event from both the children's and adult reference desk. Over 400 participants enjoyed a captivating evening, thanks to over 20 volunteers and several staff members.

Activities included: several short presentations by the BYU Bean Museum about snakes and birds; A puzzle/trivia room where patrons earned small prizes for completing word searches or Harry Potter quizzes; A trivia room where several Harry Potter Scene-It games were played; and a carnival in the ballroom with booths themed after Hogwarts classes plus a costume contest, face painting, and a sorting hat.

Booths included: "Potions", presented by a chemistry professor from BYU with neat

experiments going continuously; "Herbology", where participants decorated little cups, then filled them with dirt and planted morning glory seeds; "Divinations" had several surveys people could participate in to "tell Harry's future"; "Charms" provided wooden chopsticks to be decorated with markers and a little charms tutorial; and "The Owlery" where patrons could create a paper bag owl puppet. The evening lasted two hours and was a great success.



Government Information in the 21st Century: Training Librarians to be Government Information

When physical ownership became supplanted by Web access, all reference librarians were deputized to pinch-hit as depository librarians

-- J.S. Robinson (2004)

Do you get questions at your reference desk about topics like history and genealogy? Starting a small business? Health and medical care? Do you get requests for statistical information such as how many people live in your town, how many of them are Hispanic, or how much they earn? These types of questions can be answered with resources from the U.S. Federal Government that are available online, free-of-charge and, very often, in the public domain.

In the past, government documents expertise was limited to a few specialized libraries that participated in the Federal Depository Library Program, but ever since The Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act was passed in 1993 more and more government information has been offered on the Internet. These days, federal government information has become one of the biggest categories of primary/scholarly research material on the Web. Once you learn what's

there and how to navigate it, it's like getting a whole new online reference collection plus a full-text research library for free.

The catch, of course, is that the amount of government information on the Web is so enormous. How do you sort through it all to learn what's there and what's most useful to your library? If you aren't already confident using government information it would be nice to have a tour guide, and that's exactly what the Government Information in the 21st Century Project (Gi21 for short) aims to provide. The idea of creating a multi-state train-the-trainer project for online government information is the brainchild of Tim Byrne, Head of Government Publications at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He envisioned an ambitious collaborative effort to write training materials, develop training plans and send out more than 60 trainers to spread government information expertise among librarians in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah.

Last June, five librarians from Utah attended a train-the-trainer conference in Boulder Colorado, and made a commitment to come

home and share their expertise. These librarians are available to teach half-day or all-day workshops on the following topics: Citizenship & Immigration, Consumer Information, Crime & Justice; Demographics, Energy & Natural Resources, Environment, Health & Medicine, History & Genealogy, Legal Information, and Small Business & Entrepreneurship. More topical modules are in preparation and these will be on the Gi21 project website when they are available.

The Utah Gi21 group is currently working to schedule training sessions at times and locations to be announced. The IMLS grant that supports the project can provide funds to send librarians to a training session or if you would rather, to send a trainer to a group of librarians. So if you would like to add government information to your bag of reference tricks look for Gi21 workshops in the coming year, or schedule a government information workshop for your library.

The Government Information in the 21st Century Program (Gi21) is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Additional support is provided by the

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Thinking about an Online MSLS/MLS

Psst! Have You Heard of Clarion?

I am a full-time library assistant at Utah State University and currently in my first year of Clarion's online MSLS program. I heard about Clarion from a co-worker who will be finishing the program this Fall. She inspired me to try Clarion because she looked like she still had energy and interest in the library profession after several semesters of juggling her work and home life with online library school.

Clarion is one of the least expensive MSLS programs in America, currently \$2,400 a semester for six credits of out-of-state distance grad students. The program offers gentle entrance requirements, and a challenging, quality program with the tailored cohort options of urban libraries, rural and small libraries, specialized information centers, and school library media certification. There is no travel requirement. Courses are delivered via

Blackboard and include discussion boards, videotaped lectures or narrated PowerPoint slides, professional article and text reading assignments, written assignments, collaborative group projects, quizzes, and final exams or final papers. Students work according to their own schedule but there are daily, sometimes weekly, assignment deadlines that keep students motivated and on task.

Students enrolled in the Clarion program can expect to spend an average of 15-20 hours a week on class participation (posting to discussion boards and responding to other students' posts) and on homework, with additional time needed to prepare larger research papers and study for finals. Two three-credit courses are taught concurrently Fall and Spring. Summer semester is more intensive with one three-credit class taken for each

of two five-week sessions.

I have found Blackboard a fun and intuitive interface for coursework and Clarion's staff and faculty timely, responsive, friendly, professional, and supportive. If you know of anyone considering an MSLS degree in library science, please let them know about the Clarion option. The next cohorts (urban libraries and rural and small libraries) start January 2008. There is still time to apply! See Clarion's MSLS website: <http://www.clarion.edu/libsci/>.

If you would like to know more about the Clarion University of Pennsylvania's online MSLS program from someone already enrolled, please feel free to contact me: Cynthia Nordgren, Library Assistant, Utah State University (435)797-2679 or Cynthia.Nordgren@cc.usu.edu.

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Preparing Your MPLA-ULA Joint Conference Proposal

The ULA Program Board and the MPLA-ULA Joint Conference Committee are busy preparing and coordinating the details for the upcoming joint conference in April 2008. The conference location is the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in downtown SLC and will be held from Tuesday, April 29th through Friday, May 2nd. We are planning for Pre-Conference Workshops, as well as fabulous author visits and signings, an Exhibitor's Reception, MPLA's 60th Birthday Party and a President's Party at The City Library and much more!

We need your active participation and ideas to make this conference the

best ever and invite our ULA Members to take part in the planning of this event. If you have an idea for a conference proposal, we encourage you to start your planning now. The conference proposal form is being updated this year. The form will be located on our website at ula.org on the 2008 Conference Page (as well as under Organization/Program Board).

It is important that you coordinate and identify your conference program, speaker or workshop with an affiliated ULA Round Table, Section or Committee. Please be sure to note that we need a signature from the Chair of that group who is

endorsing your program and proposal. Also, refer to the Guide for ULA Program Planners and the Guide for ULA Program Speakers, which are located on the website at www.ula.org/organization/organization.htm.

We are very excited about the MPLA-ULA Joint Conference next spring and look forward to hearing from you as an important part of the planning process. For more information, please contact Darrah Rogers, ULA Program Board Chair at drogers@slcpl.org or by phone at The City Library at 801-322-8136.

Darrah L. Rogers
ULA Program Board Chair



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University of Colorado at Boulder as well as Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records; New Mexico State Library; Wyoming State Library; and University of Utah.

The project website (<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=14562>) includes a schedule of training sessions and topical training modules for

federal government information.

To learn more or schedule a government information train-the-trainer workshop contact:

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encompassing the words useful, desirable, accessible, credible, findable, usable and valuable that suggests how the words interact.

We should ask ourselves questions about how findable our material is, such as:

Can our users find our website?

Can our users find their way around our website?

Can our users find info on our site despite our website?

I learned more about new gadgets such as the iPhone, (gosh, that's old news now), and websites such as Neighboroo.

Top Technology Trends:

This is always a popular program with prominent techie presenters. This year it was so popular that the attendees at the back of the room couldn't hear much, and much shushing took place. Apparently librarians are pretty good at that skill, despite our

best efforts to convince the world otherwise. I've been reading ALA blogs to supplement my own notes. This session was also podcast in several sessions on the LITA blog. Some of the trends mentioned were: open source catalog systems, better front ends for systems, vendor interoperability, end user as content contributor, (one of the comments was that users are creating content, but there is no guarantee that user-generated material will be maintained where it is currently stored), library as publisher, end user focused technology, and self organizing systems.

Exhibits:

ALA's exhibits are always a wonder. I spent some time in the exhibit hall talking to publishers and vendors about the 2008 joint ULA-MPLA library association in Salt Lake City. I was also able to view several demonstrations of catalogs

and other products from vendors.

On the last day ALA representatives visited Capitol Hill to contact legislators about library issues. The Utah Library Association representatives were Donna Jones Morris of the Utah State Library and Linda Tilson the ALA representative for ULA and Head of the Park City Library.

The library world is in a state of flow right now. ALA is striving to retain their place as creator of library standards, and has commissioned several task forces or committees dealing with digital and other format cataloging. Participating in ALA sessions will help us to learn how the library community is thinking and dealing with issues. Anaheim is close, so please consider putting that trip into your budgets!

Dorothy Horan
ULA President

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.