

Utah State Library

Utah Library Association Board Meeting Report

December 2020

USL has been keeping up and consulting with public libraries concerning Covid through monthly meetings, our website, phone calls, emails, etc. Details are here: <https://library.utah.gov/covid-19-resources/operations-closures/>. Currently:

- 22% are open with full service
- 54% are open with limited service
- 25% are closed with curbside or mail service
- 0 are closed fully

UEN and USL are wrapping up a hotspot lending project for Utah's libraries with \$300,000 in CARES grant dollars. USL is printing posters, bookmarks and fliers for patron awareness for participating libraries throughout the state. There were 28 libraries that participated with a total of 700 devices that will be available statewide by the end of 2020.

Youth Services - The Summer Reading virtual workshop, presented by Sherry Norfolk, was held in two parts on November 17 and 19.

UPLIFT Youth Services by our own Sharon Deeds is being held for the first time online. Attendees are now participating in the self-paced course.

USL partnered with the Division of Multi-Cultural Affairs (MCA) to promote books related to racial justice and equity, and we now have an even greater collection of books and materials to check out through ILL: <https://utah.polarislibrary.com/default.aspx?ctx=3>

USL is working with the Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) on the 125th Utah Statehood Celebration campaign. The theme for the event is THRIVE125 and will include marketing materials for Utah libraries.

DHA and USL are developing a multimedia/social media Bookmobile campaign with the theme, *Utah Libraries Have You Covered*. A public service announcement is being aired on MidUtah Radio Stations, with more to come the first of the year.

UEN and USL are collaborating to help library staff access timely, relevant professional learning opportunities to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, using CARES act money. Many of Utah's librarians have created content for this project. Thank you!

USL recently distributed \$180,000 in ILL Lender Support Grants to libraries across the state.

Check out our Book Buzz collection for your book club groups. <https://library.utah.gov/book-buzz/>