



## **2021 Annual Section & Round Table Reports**

### **Archives, Manuscripts, and Special Collections (AMSC)**

Our goals for 2020:

- Procure funding for a scholarship so that a roundtable member can get some support to attend a professional conference.
- Plan a networking activity at the annual conference
- Host a related panel at the Fall Workshop and/or Annual Conference.

Here's a summary of what the Archives, Manuscripts & Special Collections Round Table accomplished this year:

- Was awarded \$350 from ULA to offer a scholarship for a special collections-related conference. The winner, Allison McCormack, will be attending the (virtual) Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL annual conference in June.
- Sponsored a panel presentation at the Annual ULA Conference.
- Planned a networking social at the Annual ULA Conference (but no one came).

The Vice-Chair, Camri Kohler, the incoming vice-chair, Kathleen Broeder, and I only had informal phone calls a few times over the past year and don't have any meeting notes to submit.

### **Association of College and Research Library (ACRL)**

The Academic Section incorporated the functions of the ACRL Roundtable into the Academic Section after that group surveyed its members and determined to dissolve. Going forward the Academic Section will take the role of being Utah's ACRL Chapter. The Academic Section had many members present at the virtual ULA Annual Conference in May 2021. Plans are underway for doing a library tour for Section members as the pandemic winds down.

### **Business (BURT)**

Activities of the committee increased over the 2020-21 term. The Steering Committee held several planning meetings and engaged in targeted outreach via email to BURT and ULA members. A call for sponsored presentations was made to BURT members and one presentation was presented at the 2021 annual conference. The chair and co-chair were successful in recruiting new members to the steering committee, helping achieve some progress

toward increasing interest and engagement with the roundtable. Additionally, outreach efforts seem to have been partially successful in recruiting new general members to the roundtable, as overall members increased by 6 members from 2019-20.

Looking forward, the steering committee is planning to significantly increase programming for 2021-22, with plans to provide several broad-interest sessions at the fall workshop and annual conference. In addition, a major project to update the BURT webpages on ULA.org, with the goal of replacing outdated content with a newer, more locally-oriented directory of free business information and community-orient programs and resources, such as local business development resources and co-working spaces. We have made calls to BURT and ULA members to participate in creating this directory, with the goal of creating a resource that is highly-localized and relevant to libraries of all types.

Major Activities 2020-21:

- BURT membership increased from 18 to 24 members
- Three steering committee meetings held throughout the year
- Several outreach emails to ULA and BURT members
- One sponsored session delivered at ULA conference
- Wordpress site updated to remove outdated content and add link to ALA's Business Reference Competencies
- Older website content/wikis reviewed and archived
- Incoming members attended ULA 101 and 201

## Copyright Education (CERT)

Our goal [was] to have a successful transformation from a Committee-type unit to a Round Table-type unit. We plan on increasing membership and putting together programming to benefit the ULA membership from all types of libraries.

And here is what we accomplished (or didn't accomplish) in the past year:

- We transformed from the ULA Copyright Education Committee to the Copyright Education Round Table after an Executive Board vote in Sept 2020.
- The Interim Chair solicited names for a slate of candidates to form RT leadership, including names for the Chair-Elect, and for Members-at-large.
- The Interim Chair updated our webpage by moving from the Committees section of the website to the Round Tables section, and checked for valid links on our page.
- Programming - sadly, this is the first year since the committee was formed that we did not have programming for the ULA 2020 or 2021 annual meetings.
- A budget request for \$500 for publicity, prizes, printing, and 2 working lunches was submitted in anticipation of in-person planning meetings for programming, however, this went unused for the year.

## Diversity Services (DSRT)

Meetings and events:

- June 5th, 2020, Board Meeting—Chaundra read ULA statement on Black Lives Matter
- June 8th, 2020, Virtual Meeting
- July 21st, 2020, Virtual Meeting at 11am
- September 18th, 2020, Virtual Meeting to go over Cristina's Fall Workshop Presentation
- October 13th, 2020, Virtual Meeting at 10am
- December 8th, 2020, Virtual Meeting at 2pm
- January 22nd, 2021, Virtual Meeting
- March 2nd, 2021, Virtual Meeting at 10am
- April 23rd, 2021, Cristina created and presented the ULA Communication Guidelines Document
- May 14th, 2021, Virtual Meeting at 10am
- May 20, 2021, ULA Virtual Conference Session “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Matters in the Mountain West: A Panel Discussion” led by Cristina
- May 21, 2021, ULA Virtual Conference Session “Spark Talk”, Cristina gave EDI presentation

## Genealogy (GENRT)

GENRT focused on our goal of hosting two genealogy themed webinars that would be beneficial to librarians in the state. The speakers at the webinars were excellent and the turnout was fair. The recordings were posted to the website and disseminated to the group via email. Additionally, we drafted some GENRT Operating Procedures to follow the bylaws more closely and outline usual activity schedules.

June 2020 – A meeting was held to solicit ideas for webinars and meetings for the year. We also discussed how the pandemic had affected genealogy librarianship in Utah.

September 2020 – We hosted a genealogy webinar featuring a member of the board of directors of Reclaim the Records. It discussed what records are available and what librarians can do to help patrons access these and help the organization.

November 2020 – We held a meeting with presentations featuring selfless genealogy volunteers in the state. We discussed potential programming at ULA and solicited these presentations: “Family and Local History Treasures in Utah's Academic Libraries” and “FamilySearch Digital Library: Touching hearts worldwide.”

February 2021 – We hosted a genealogy webinar with speaker Kevan Hansen discussing his excellent book series of “Map Guides to German Parish Registers.”

Goals for 2021/22:

- Host at least one webinar outside of conference
- Host a presentation at ULA
- Look into funding for breakfast meeting at ULA Conference 2022
- Look into membership on Wild Apricot to assess and increase engagement

## **Government Documents (GODORT)**

The Roundtable continues to recruit members by contributing presentations at ULA events that promote enthusiasm for government documents and demonstrate their myriad uses across the variety of library types. In 2020-2021, a presentation scheduled for the 2020 annual conference was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The roundtable welcomes interested members to contact the chair Jen Kirk ([jen.kirk@usu.edu](mailto:jen.kirk@usu.edu)) to get involved.

## **Health (HEART)**

No report submitted

## **Library Administration & Management (LAMART)**

No report submitted

## **Library Instruction (LIRT)**

Steering Committee Members:

- Past Chair: Ashely Basset
- Chair: Dory Rosenberg
- Chair Elect: Carol Kunzler
- Secretary: Jessica Green
- Members at Large: Anne Diekema, Ernesto Hernandez, and Emily Bullough

The steering committee met in May 2020 and crafted a plan for meetings and our topics. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we delayed our meetings. Below is a list of the virtual meetings we held this past year, as well as our topics of conversation.

- September 10, 2020 ULA LIRT Fall Welcome Meeting
  - Topic: focused on how librarians were approaching Fall 2020 instruction given the transition to remote work/online teaching at several institutions
  - Included an asynchronous participation option using Google Docs
- January, 22 2021
  - Topic: Conversations on Concurrent Enrollment
- February, 26 2021
  - Topic: How do consortial agreements and access to resources impact our approach to teaching information literacy?

- March, 26 2021
  - Topic: How are we talking about misinformation in our instruction?
- April, 23 and 30 2021
  - LIRT Steering Committee members participated in ULA 101/201
- ULA Conference
  - ULA LIRT participated in the virtual Silent Auction and Networking Social and hosted a breakout room

## **Library Paraprofessional and Support Staff (LPSSRT)**

No report submitted

## **New Perspectives (NPRT)**

No report submitted

## **Outreach & Community Engagement (ORT)**

### Leadership

- August 6, 2020 – Outreach Committee virtual meeting was held by Kacey Tate.
- October 2020 – Tina Bartholoma appointed as interim-chair by ULA President, Daniel Mauchley

### Communications

- September 29, 2020 – Patrick Hoecherl (conference committee) surveyed 50 members of ULA's Public Libraries section to determine what types of conference sessions would be most valuable. Outreach was the top result with 27 votes (closely followed by Children's Services.)
- November 3, 2020 – A bulk email was sent to ORT members to encourage proposals on outreach topics to be submitted for the annual ULA conference.
- December 2020 – A bulk email blast was sent to ORT Members for nominations for 2021-2022 leadership positions. Three volunteers stepped forward.

### Steering Group Actions

- January 15, 2020 – A call went out to the ULA membership for panelists to present at a virtual discussion on "Community Outreach during COVID" being hosted by ULAC (Utah Academic Library Consortium) on February 26, 2021. The ORT interim-chair encouraged members of the incoming steering group to consider volunteering.
- March 2021 -- A #Outreach channel was requested and created on the ULA Slack
- April 5, 2021 – Decision was made to not hold an ORT business meeting during the virtual conference, one will be scheduled in late summer.
- Task: Gather materials and documents to be added to the new ULA Google Drive
  - October 2020 – Past ORT Chair, Liesl Seborg, asked for materials -- folder of materials from 2014-2018 were provided.

- May 2021 – Past ORT Chair, Kim Fong, asked for materials -- no materials available.
- May 24, 2021 – All gathered documents were added to the ORT folder on Google Drive.

### **Reference & Adult Services (RASRT)**

No report submitted

### **Rural & Small Libraries (RSLRT)**

No report submitted

### **Technical Services (TSRT)**

In the 2020-2021 reporting period, the co-chairs of the Technical Services Roundtable were committed to revitalizing the roundtable based on input from the ULA community. In August 2020, the co-chairs sent a survey to the ULA/MPLA community requesting feedback on topics of interest relevant to TSRT. Based on the survey, the co-chairs requested funding for a ULA preconference on Advanced Collection Development. Funding was awarded and the session proposal was accepted as a preconference program for the 2021 ULA Conference.

Madeline Kelly, Director of Collections at Western Washington University and author of The Complete Collections Assessment Manual, agreed to lead 2 preconference sessions on Advanced Collection Development with one session geared towards public libraries and one session directed to academic libraries. The public library session garnered over 50 participants, and the academic session attracted over 35 participants.

In addition to the preconference program, the co-chairs tested hosting virtual training sessions. The sessions were led by Nicole Lewis, Allie McCormack, Becca Wiederhold, and Becky Skeen, and were a repeat of a preconference from the ULA 2019 conference titled “Beyond Books: Cataloging Special Format Items.” The sessions had 15-35 participants each and received positive feedback.

The roundtable also chose to institute a more formal structure in the leadership, and recruited two librarians from Southern Utah University (Rosie Liljenquist, Scholarly Communications Librarian, and Tammy Buehler, Resource Sharing Coordinator) to serve as the vice co-chairs and co-chairs for 2022-2023. Jessica Breiman, Art and Archives Metadata Librarian at J. Willard Marriott Library, will rotate off the roundtable leadership. This was a conscious decision, following a discussion at a ULA board meeting, to rotate leadership more often and provide opportunities for more ULA members to take on leadership positions. Additionally, a diversity of professional expertise will benefit the scope and future programming planned by the roundtable.

Efforts to revive the roundtable have largely been successful and additional program planning is underway for the 2021-2022 period.

- Organized 4 webinars throughout the Fall/Winter. The webinars were a repeat of the 2019 ULA Preconference session titled “Beyond Books: Cataloging Special Format Items.”
- Organized 2 ULA Preconference 2021 Sessions on Collection Development lead by Madeline Kelly, Director of Collections at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington

Goals for 2021/22:

- Host 2 webinars over the 2021-2022 year.
- Sponsor a TSRT preconference at ULA 2022, based on member interests.
- Recruit TSRT membership to submit proposals on topics of interest for ULA 2022.
- Update TSRT website with professional organizations and training opportunities.

## Youth Services (YSRT)

Goals:

- Update webpage -- add fun content
- An informative and engaging virtual Winter Workshop
- Collaborate with the Children's Literature Association of Utah, CLAU, to promote the Beehive Books
- Create a YSRT mission statement

YSRT updated the webpage, had an informative and engaging Winter Workshop, and created a mission statement. The collaboration with the CLAU will be a goal in the new year.

The highlight of the year was the free virtual Winter Workshop. We offered a half-day workshop. The topics covered in the presentations were Let's Talk Race Toolkits, Virtual Programming, Networking and a fun Paint A-long. The first thirty-five people to register received a free watercolor kit. Kirsten Nilsson mailed the watercolor kits, along with a handwritten note and a piece of chocolate across the state to the lucky registrants. The workshop had approximately sixty attendees. We sent a post workshop survey. The responses can be found [here](#).

Roundtable Members:

- **Chair** – Lisa Grant – Children’s Librarian,  
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- **Vice Chair** – Kirsten Nilsson, Children’s Librarian,  
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- **Members at Large** – Sharon Deeds, Youth Services Coordinator/Consultant,  
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