



Utah Library  
Association

## ULA Consent Agenda, September 9, 2022

*Under your unit name, please write down unit activity that has happened since the last board meeting. If you have nothing to report, please write "No report."*

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### UTAH STATE LIBRARY

- Successfully executed the Library Services & Technology Act Grants program, funding 12 projects, totaling \$112,841.25.
  - Every public library in Utah submitted their Online Internet Access Policy on time as stipulated in Administrative Rule 458-2. Compliance is required for state and federal funding.
  - Every public library in Utah submitted data to Utah State Library for the federal Public Libraries Survey. This data is used to determine the distribution of federal funds among states and to advocate for libraries on a national level.
  - The division provided resources for summer reading programs to libraries across the state.
  - Utah State Library offered professional development on technology use in libraries through an online Canvas course. 60 librarians across the state participated.
  - Bookmobile Annual Conference on April 25 and 26 was held in-person at the State Library for the first time in two years.
  - Bookmobile leaders presented at the Sanpete County Commission meeting on June 7, appealing for reconsideration of funding cuts. Drawing upon scores of patron testimonials, the presentation led to a 3-0 vote to restore the county's bookmobile funding and service.
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### ULA SECTIONS

#### ACADEMIC

No report.

#### PUBLIC

- We sent out a survey, received 66 responses, with 66.7% stating that they would be interested in a monthly email relating to topics of interest

- Our first email on Banned Books and Intellectual Freedom is being compiled and will hopefully be sent before the Board meeting
- The survey also resulted in several contacts that would be interested in participating in a lightning talk or submitting a proposal for the ULA Annual Conference

## SPECIAL

No report.

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## ULA COMMITTEES

### ADVOCACY

- **GOAL: Develop Process for Building Legislative Agenda**
  - We solicited input from three sectors of librarianship: Advocacy Co-Chair Peter Bromberg attended a public library directors meeting to solicit feedback on desired policy/funding priorities. Additionally, Peter spoke with UELMA leadership, included legislative priorities on the agenda for our Utah Library Advocates (UTLA) meeting. The input received was also shared with Senator Kathleen Riebe who has offered to run bills for us this session. She has agreed to run an ebook bill (more on that below), and a school librarian bill (i.e. a bill to require some number of school librarians per district or per population.)
- **GOAL: Developing relationships with Legislators**
  - **Meetings with Committee Chairs:** Advocacy Co-Chairs Rebekah Cummings and Peter Bromberg met with the Senate and House Chairs of the Interim Judiciary Committee; Rep. Jon Hawkins, and Sen. Todd Weiler, respectively. Josh Johnson, Director of Davis County Library, also attended the lunch meeting with Senator Weiler. Both meetings lasted an hour or more and were great opportunities to strengthen our relationships with the Chairs and educate them about the value of libraries.. We prioritized meeting with Chairs of Judiciary and Education Committees as this is where bills that impact libraries are likely to be introduced.
  - **Meeting with Senator Kathleen Riebe on eBook Bill:** Advocacy Co-Chair Peter Bromberg, along with Advocacy Committee member Mark England, and Utah librarians Iantha Haight (BYU), Annalee Hickman Pierson (BYU) met with Senator Kathleen Riebe, and Kyle Courtney and Juliya Ziskina from Library Futures to discuss running a bill in Utah to equitize ebook marketplace for libraries. (See [blog post](#); [policy paper](#); [draft legislation](#).) It was a positive meeting and the working group with the Senator and Library Futures to draft a bill, along with talking points and strategies.

- **Meeting with Representative Dan Johnson on Background Check Bill:** Advocacy Co-Chair Rebekah Cummings in her capacity as Chair of the State Library Board met with Rep. Johnson, along with State Librarian Chaundra Johnson to help influence the language of public library background bill that Rep. Johnson is intent on passing. His initial proposal last year was highly problematic, and he agreed to defer it until this year to allow stakeholders in the library community to provide input.
- **GOAL: Nurturing UT Library Advocates Team. Onboard new leaders from ULA, UELMA, UEA.; work collaboratively on legislative funding and policy agendas and rapid response actions.**
  - We had a UTLA Steering Committee Meeting in August (see [agenda/notes](#)) and we will have our next meeting on Sept 13
  - Prior to the meeting, Peter met with new leadership at UELMA to brief them on the history and purpose of UTLA and get them onboarded in to SLACK
  - In August, UTLA members collaborated on a joint statement (ULA/UELMA) regarding Alpine, and used our SLACK space and Gdrive to coordinate talking points and media response.
  - Peter and Rebekah met with Paisley Rekdal of PEN America Utah Chapter to discuss how we might work together. Paisley has been added to the UTLA Steering Team Slack to facilitate future collaboration, co-signing of statements, etc.
- **GOAL: Leverage social media and coalition partners to identify Utahns who support libraries**
  - Our ULA facebook group has transitioned to a public facing page. The pinned post that links to the "[I Support Utah Libraries](#)" continues to generate new supporters in EveryLibrary/Utah database. We currently have nearly 1650 people who have taken an action on behalf of Utah libraries. This is more than a 200% increase since last year. There is still work to be done in mapping out a specific social media strategy with benchmarks, goals, tactics aimed at building awareness and support for libraries.
- **GOAL: Map out constituency relationships between ULA members and elected officials**
  - Rebekah has been working with GIS team at the University to help on this project
- **GOAL: Continue to strengthen relationship with Utah Cultural Alliance and promote individual library memberships which support UCA's legislative/lobbying for libraries**
  - Peter continues to serve on the UCA Board, as well as the DEI and Municipal Committees. His presence and library perspective at Board and Committee meetings ensures that other leaders in the Utah arts/culture community remain

aware of the value of libraries. Peter's participation is building social capital with UCA as an organization, as well as with arts/culture organizations across the state.

- Rebekah and Peter negotiated UCA membership rates for Utah libraries at a significant discount (\$25/FTE, with a \$2000 cap.) The membership rates were shared with Public Library Directors in a PL Directors meeting, and there will be ongoing efforts to promote and encourage libraries to join UCA, which provides us with excellent lobbying efforts and support throughout the year.

- **Additional Activities**

- **CORE Forum Statement and Program Session:**
  - **CORE Statement:** Rebekah and Peter spoke with representatives of ALA CORE, regarding a statement that CORE is putting out in advance of the Forum that is being held in SLC in October. An official welcome from ULA President Marissa Bischoff was included in the statement.
  - **CORE Forum Program Session:** In response to an invitation from CORE Forum President Margaret Heller, we will be offering an advocacy session at the Forum on October 14th.
- **Alpine Statement:** ULA and UELMA collaborated on a statement regarding censorship of books at the Alpine School District. [See Statement](#). A press release was also released which resulted in significant press coverage of the issue, leading a statement by PEN America and national press. As a result, Alpine District [backed off their initial decision](#) to pull 52 books from the shelves.
- **Orem Library Statement:** The Utah Library Association became aware of a censorship issue at Orem Public Library through a [social media post by a former employee on May 29](#) which stated that the Orem City Council is forbidding the library from doing any displays in the children's area related to Pride Month in Utah. ULA, brought in as co-signers a number of coalition partners including: Equality Utah, PFLAG, and Utah LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce. See [Statement on Censorship of the Pride display](#) along with a [press release](#).

#### AWARDS

No report.

#### BYLAWS:

- Early revision drafts have been created and shared with committee members.
- First committee meeting will be held Sep. 23, 12:45PM, Glendale Branch, SLCPL.
- Policies directly relating to officers and units will be sent for their review.

#### CONFERENCE PLANNING

No report.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

No report.

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

- Completed committee charge
- Reached out to SLCPL's EDI Director to express interest in collaborating on EDI framework

## FINANCE

- Respond to all matters of a financial nature that are referred to the committee in a timely manner.
  - Update: All questions have been answered to date regarding–Non-Conference Programming Budget & May 2022 Conference financial matters.
- Manage the Non-Program Budget and Non-Conference Programming Budget requests for the 2022-2023 year.
  - Update: Requests have been submitted and are being organized in a board meeting document.
- Communicate that the NC Budget Requests may help units to align their activities with one or more of the ULA Strategic directions.
  - Update: ULA Strategic direction reminder was sent in the August 26 & 31, 2022 emails (scheduled in Wild Apricot).
- Non-Conference Budget Requests
  - Share the Non-Conference Budget Requests Form to all ULA Board members and leaders by August 1, 2022.
    - Update: A reminder was sent August 1, 2022.
  - Send a reminder email on August 15, 26, & 31.
    - Update: Reminders were sent August 26 & 31, 2022 (scheduled in Wild Apricot).
- Review NC Budgets Requests in the September Board Meeting for approval.
  - Update: September 9, 2022 Agenda Item.

## INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

- We held our first virtual meet-up on August 24th. It was well attended and we had a great discussion so we would like to do this quarterly.
- The webpage has been updated with the following resources:
  - [Stop Censoring Search](#)
  - [A Template for Talking with School and Library Boards About Book Bans](#)
  - [Empowered Against Book Bans Presentation](#)

## NOMINATING

- Remind the ULA Section and Roundtable Chairs to think about unit nominations in the August Non-Conference Budget Requests emails.
  - **Update: Reminder has been included in August emails.**
- Encourage ULA Section and Roundtable Chairs to actively engage and encourage our diverse (LGBTQ+ and BIPOC Identities) membership to participate in the upcoming election process.
  - **Update: Reminders started in August 26, 2022 email.**

## PARAPROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

No report.

## PAST PRESIDENTS:

- Past Presidents Breakfast/Discussion is part of conference budget and will be determined in the schedule with Program Chair and Event Planner.
- Past President's directory nearly updated to those still in Utah, findable, and living since 1982.

## PROGRAM BOARD

- Successfully obtained annual goals from all but two areas. Reaching out to them again before September meeting.
- Helping Continuing Education Committee plan and facilitate Fall Workshop.
- Brainstormed ideas to support HEART to have booth space at ULA 2023 Conference. Topic has been added to September agenda to see if other groups want to share booth space.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Get more contributors, articles, from members.
  - **Update: Requests have been sent out by Michele and Rita.**
- Highlight ULA Strategic Plan activities, initiatives, and/or successes.
  - **Update: Reviewing submissions for September issue.**
- Review issues before publication to assess the inclusion of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC identities (graphics, illustrations, photos, members).
  - **Update: Canva project will be sent to Ex. Board Members for review before website upload.**

## SCHOLARSHIP

No Update.

## UELMA

No report.

## UTAH STATE LIBRARY

No report.

WEB

No report.

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## ULA ROUNDTABLES

AMSC

No report.

ART

- Molly Cozzens (chair) and Heidi Fendrick (vice-chair) met to create an overview of upcoming roundtable goals:
  - Methodologist contact list
  - Assessment clearing house
  - Submitting a proposal for a panel discussion at the annual ULA conference
- A September 21 meeting invitation was sent to the ASMTRT steering committee to discuss reaching our goals and assign specific tasks.

BURT

- Proposal submitted for a BURT sponsored fall workshop session
  - Session planned to help librarians use free resources to answer business related reference questions
  - Learning objectives:
    - Understand how to approach business reference interactions and identify potential free sources of information to meet patron needs.
    - Understand how to search for freely available business information from the government and other sources.
    - Gain experience searching and working with some of the main free resources in business research.
    - Feel more confident about helping patrons with business related questions.
  - Presenters are listed as Lety Camacho and Maggie Marchant

CERT

- Offer at least two training sessions covering principles of copyright targeting different subject matter/interests: one for fall workshop and one for annual meeting.
  - *Update: Proposal for training session on Creative Commons was submitted to Fall Workshop committee and was accepted. Currently preparing to teach this workshop.*

DSRT

- Google form survey sent out to DSRT members
- Early planning stages for Fall / Spring in-person meet up.
- Budget requested.

#### GENRT

- No report

#### GODORT

No report.

#### HEART

- We had a roundtable meeting on June 16.
- We are preparing a half day CHIS training for the ULA 2023 pre-conference. We are planning to offer it in the morning and afternoon.
- We are also planning to offer a regular conference session in collaboration with Bike Utah.
- Finally, we discussed providing a physical/outdoor activity for ULA conference attendees during the conference, but this will require further discussion.

#### LAMART

Goal 1: Conduct survey of interests to identify learning needs for library managers, supervisors, and administrators during May-June 2022.

- Update: This is done. We used survey feedback to inform the next 2 goals

Goal 2: Conduct 2 training sessions a year for managers to discuss key topics of management, supervision. One at Fall Workshop, another at the ULA Annual Conference.

- Update: Our proposal for a panel presentation at Fall Workshop was selected. We will have managers and supervisors from various libraries talk about the topics suggested by those who took the survey

Goal 3: At ULA Fall Workshop and Annual Conference, set up round table discussions and networking events (2 total).

- Update: We also submitted a proposal for this event at the Fall Workshop and it was accepted. We will continue our discussion of management issues and encourage members to network at this event. For both this and the panel presentation, we are targeting an audience of leaders who aren't directors. They rarely get the chance to meet together, so we want provide those opportunities

Goal 4: Organize a format to regularly check in on LAMART members, share ideas, collaborate, and problem-solve.

- Update: We will be discussing this at the Fall Workshop to find the best ways to do this moving forward

#### LIRT



No report.

#### LPSSRT

- 8/26/2022- Survey sent to LPSSRT members to gather information and collect communication preferences.
- Contacted Mindy Hale for help to start gathering all Utah libraries' contact information.

#### NPRT

- Sent out survey to roundtable members. Based on results, are planning two informal networking/get-to-know-you events. The first will be an informal lunch get-together in October with locations in Provo/Orem and Salt Lake.
- Working on setting up an informal job shadowing program.
  - In May we reached out to NPRT members and other ULA members to gauge interest in a job shadowing program.
  - In June we sent a survey to those members who were interested in shadowing or leading.
  - By August we had received survey responses from ULA members indicating what positions they'd like to shadow or could provide, as well as their contact info and organizations.
  - We plan on sending out the results so members can reach out to each other in September.

#### OCERT

No report.

#### RASRT

No report.

#### RSLRT

- A survey has been created and will be sent this week (August 29-Sep 2) to RSLRT members to gauge needs and wants.
- Monthly emails will begin once we have survey results to make sure we are meeting needs.

#### TSRT -

- A survey is in the process of being developed and will be sent out late September / early October.
- Have sent out information about this roundtable to a few interest groups. Still trying to find other means to increase membership.

#### YSRT

No report.