

# **RASRT Roundtable Business Meeting**

**May 19, 2023**

The ULA Reference and Adult Services Round Table business meeting occurred during the ULA Annual Conference in Layton Utah at the Davis Conference Center in Stratus 6 on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 8:00am.

## **Attendees:**

Deanna Simonis (Chair) – Salt Lake County Library System  
Donnae Tidwell (Vice-Chair) – Salt Lake City Public Library  
Charlene Brewer – Southern Utah University  
Dana Brosnahan – Wasatch County  
Mary Chapman – BYU Library  
Cynthia Lopez – Manti Public Library  
Vern Waters – Salt Lake County Library System

## **Introductions:**

Deanna Simonis (Chair)  
Donnae Tidwell (Vice-Chair)

## **Elections:**

Secretary: Mary Chapman

## **Discussion:**

1. What topics should RASRT focus on for 2023-2024?
  - a. Results from a survey sent 5 years ago?:
    1. Homelessness
    2. Refugees
    3. Enhancing Customer Experience
    4. Mentorship
    5. Disaster Planning
    6. Reference Interview
    7. Programming/Outreach
    8. More digital inclusion
    9. Inclusivity (IDEA)
  - b. May want to send out a new survey to get current scan of topic interests
  - c. Some ideas floated in the meeting:
    - Training library workers in rural areas or where there is big staff turnover
    - Mentoring library staff
    - Perhaps focus on some broader issues that are common among many library types, for example adult services; dealing with challenging patrons; common services and policies

- Open, accessible resources (liked the session about free business resources)

## 2. How should instruction be delivered?

### a. Possibilities

- Workshops/speakers at conference
- Instructional webinars
- Networking/Social events (virtual or in person?)
- Other

### b. Ask on survey?

## 3. Next steps

### a. Comprehensive survey

### b. Casual social event at Fall Workshop

### c. Setting up a talk/webinar

### d. Posting to ULA Website – RASRT Page (<https://ula.org/organization/round-tables/reference-and-adult-services-round-table-rasrt/>)

### e. Send out email soliciting articles, online training opportunities, etc. we can post to RASRT page