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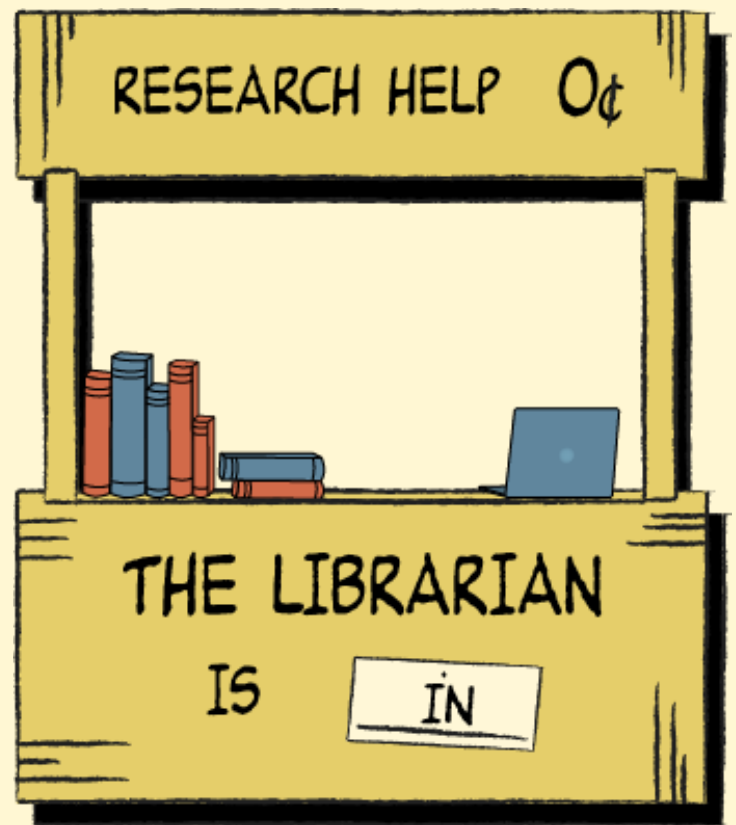
AUTHENTIC GRACE:
ENLISTING GENTLE
BOUNDARIES AND
COMPASSIONATE
RESISTANCE BY SHIFTING
MOTIVATIONS TOWARD
SELF-COMPASSION AND
EMPATHY

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MONTHS AT THE ALA
WASHINGTON OFFICE
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**A YEAR OF
REFLECTION & RECOGNITION**



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MAY 18-20, 2026

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As those in the library profession gather to learn and work together, we recognize and acknowledge all of Utah's Indigenous nations and their stewardship of this land. We specifically honor the enduring relationship and connections of the Goshute, Navajo, Paiute, Shoshone, and Ute peoples, whose presence and sovereignty continue to shape this region.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections here, and recognize their valuable contributions to Utah society and culture. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we recognize the painful history and forced removal of Utah's Indigenous peoples. Consistent with the Utah Library Association's commitment to cooperation, civic engagement, and diversity, we encourage our members to find ways to build partnerships with sovereign Indigenous nations, communities, and individuals.

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ULA CONFERENCE SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

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Follow this [link](#) to pledge to actions that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable during our Annual Conference. Every little bit helps!

5 SMALL ACTS WITH BIG IMPACTS TO SAVE OUR EARTH

1 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow The Three Rs to conserve natural resources and landfill space.



2 Shop Wisely

Buy less plastics and bring reusable shopping bags.

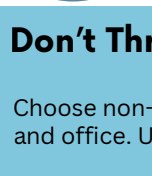
3 Conserve Water

The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.



4 Plant More Trees

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PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME



MICHAEL WHITCHURCH

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2026 Utah Library Association Annual Conference, *The Librarian is In*. We've gathered from across the state to showcase, learn about, and celebrate some notable accomplishments that have taken place in our libraries and communities. This has been an amazing year recognizing you; the libraries and librarians who have done so much good work. And this conference is a continuation of that recognition. I hope you take a moment at this conference to congratulate and celebrate each other as we work toward our shared vision.

This year's conference offers a wide range of experiences, including a 5K fun run/walk/stroll along the Provo River, three outstanding keynote speakers, a unique Networking Social featuring Typewriter Poets (Don't know what this is? Come and find out!), a photo opportunity, a silent auction supporting future conference scholarships, and over 60 thoughtfully curated sessions. There is plenty for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're here to learn, connect, or recharge (or all three), there is something for everyone. In addition, this is an opportunity to renew old friendships and build new ones with librarians from throughout the state.

We continue to live and work in a time of confusion, polarity, and significant change. Libraries and librarians remain foundational and stabilizing institutions grounded in access to information, intellectual freedom, and service to our communities. Despite the upheaval in society you provide continuity, trust and service in a society of constant change. As we and our profession evolve, the core of what we do and stand for remains the same. *The Librarian is In* – present, engaged, and ready to serve.

At the center of ULA is you, the individuals who work tirelessly and unselfishly for your patrons every day. Your commitment to our shared values provides its strength and purpose. As we look forward, let's continue building libraries that are foundational to and deeply rooted in our communities. We continue to say, "*The Librarian is In*".

This conference is your opportunity to recharge, reflect, and be inspired. I encourage you to take full advantage of all the opportunities to relax, learn and socialize—to feel a sense of renewal—so when you return to your library you are ready to say with confidence,

**"THE LIBRARIAN IS IN" –
MENTALLY, PROFESSIONALLY,
AND FULLY PRESENT FOR
THOSE YOU SERVE.**



FOR THE 2026 ULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE LIBRARIAN IS DEFINITELY IN!

Working in libraries gives each of us so many opportunities to be “in” for others – students, teachers, parents, community members, those in need of a place to go, those who need information and access – all benefit from our workspaces and our dedicated efforts.

This year’s conference committee has put together a wonderful conference that will uplift and inspire us and provide useful ideas that will empower each of us in carrying out our important work.

There will be keynote speakers covering topics such as policy realities in the nation’s capital, as well as how to apply compassion, empathy, and grace in our work and with ourselves. There will be exhibitors and presentations and poster sessions on topics including using AI in cataloging, library instruction, information literacy, professional development, and how to serve unique members of our communities.

Other things to look forward to are the networking social, the silent auction, a 5K fun run/walk, restaurants, bookstores, and even

typewriter poets to create custom impromptu poems just for you. On top of all that, there will be two lunches with great food and excellent speakers!

Celebrating together in Provo, May 18-20, will give us the perfect opportunity to reflect on the good done in our libraries and recognize the amazing work we will all do.



THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HAS PUT TOGETHER A WONDERFUL CONFERENCE THAT WILL UPLIFT AND INSPIRE US AND PROVIDE USEFUL IDEAS THAT WILL EMPOWER EACH OF US IN CARRYING OUT OUR IMPORTANT WORK.

Dan Broadbent, Conference Committee Chair



A YEAR OF REFLECTION & RECOGNITION

I'm not going to lie, part of me really wanted to use ChatGPT to write this. I didn't, but I wanted to. After all, what better way to reflect our present world than by embracing the major technology that is currently shaping it, for better or worse. I decided against using it for several reasons: 1. I think my brain is shrinking and therefore must be saved through extensive use; 2. my prompts still need work; and 3. AI has unilaterally decided that my life revolves around beets. I do love beets on a salad, but I haven't felt like I devoted most of my meals to them. Honestly, cheese takes that honor. It feels as if AI has looked at the sum of my electronic output and decided that one singular vegetable should represent me, a beet.

As I reflect on my year as both a root vegetable aficionado and the Programming Board Chair for the Utah Library Association, I have so many great memories both within this role and in my overall time being a part of ULA. I have loved serving as the Programming Board Chair, and I must provide a HUGE thank you to Michael Whitchurch for having the faith in my ability to fulfil this role. As other Programming Board Chairs have mentioned, this role comes with a learning curve, but it is not wholly outside the realm of what we librarians do each day. **WE FIGURE IT OUT. WE NOT ONLY FIGURE IT OUT, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A TEAM OF AMAZING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE US TO HELP US OUT.**

This year, A Year of Reflection & Recognition, I hope we have all had time to not only look back and reflect on all the ways that we and our library colleagues have supported each other and the communities we serve but also reflect on the meaningful ways we each contribute to librarianship. One of the ways we recognize those contributions is through attending and presenting at ULA presentations, workshops, webinars, panels, and finally our annual conference. At this year's conference our friends and colleagues will share presentations on how to build mindfulness, develop and

respect our own boundaries, mentor future librarians, become more resilient, navigate the AI world (with or without beets), develop programming to support and connect with our communities, and much more. I am so excited for the breadth of presentations offered this year and I hope that everyone will find sessions (and conference experiences) that can provide opportunities to feel personally reflected in their content.

Planning for this year's conference has already made such an impact on my career as a librarian. I have loved learning about all the fantastic work taking place across the state as I have read all the excellent proposals that were submitted. I honestly wish we would have had space for them all. I made wonderful friends that I would gladly share my beet salad with. I feel like I was able to build a community of support through the various committees I have had the pleasure of serving on. I now have a huge network of amazing people I can go to for advice and feedback. I have learned that, in the words of my friend's four-year-old, I can do hard things, especially with the support of the ULA community. I truly feel that I have gained more from ULA than I could ever give back through service.

Learning from and having the opportunity to recognize all of you makes my work feel so much more meaningful and grounded in a larger community full of individuals that keep me feeling supported and valued at a time when I have honestly been struggling. I thank you all again for every conference, workshop, presentation, networking event, and individual connection you have provided and participated in. Finally, I want to provide a HUGE thank you to Michael Whitchurch, Dan Broadbent, Lorie Womack, Emily Bullough, Meagan Lloyd, Cassandra Crane, and all the incredible members of the ULA Conference Committee, and Program Board for all their support and guidance. I am so proud of all we accomplished together. I hope to see you all in Provo. I will be the one who may, or may not, be covered in beets.

Diana Meiser, Programming Board Chair



COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

These Diversity Communication Guidelines were developed to ensure that all meetings, communications, etc. done by members of the Utah Library Association are spaces where meaningful and respectful conversations are held. The communication guidelines outline best practices to ensure that everyone has an opportunity for expression, accountability, and growth. These guidelines provide rules for how topics are discussed, language used, and different experiences, identities, and knowledge are to be reflected in thought processes, discussions, communications, and decisions. When participating in discussions, meetings, presentations, social media, and when using images, graphics, etc. please use these communication guidelines as a starting point. When working in group/collaborative settings, add additional guidelines as necessary.

1

Speak for yourself. Use “I” when expressing your ideas, opinions, etc. Be aware that your perspective is not the same as everyone else and may not be considered to be the ‘normal’ perspective.

2

Respect diverse perspectives and engage in curiosity-driven dialogue (not debating or arguing).

3

Have compassion. Honor people’s varied journeys and respect their humanity. Remember the goal of dialogue is not to change anyone’s mind, but to offer and receive a perspective for consideration and learning. Even if you find yourself in disagreement with someone’s perspective, remember that right and wrong binaries rarely facilitate connection and understanding. Note that racism, bigotry, and all other forms of oppression are not a difference of opinion and will not be tolerated.

4

Be aware of the privilege, oppressions, and life experiences you carry and how they might affect your communication process.

5

Use correct pronouns. Let people know how you would like to be addressed during introductions, including pronouns. If a person does not share their pronoun preference or if you are unsure of someone’s pronouns, refer to the person by their name.

6

Be mindful of the impact our words and actions have on others. Acknowledge intent. Intent does not equal impact. Acknowledge impact by criticizing ideas and not individuals.

7

Interrupt bias. Hold one another accountable. If you observe something oppressive being communicated (by yourself or others), bring attention to it. If you experience feedback, it is your responsibility to keep learning and remind everyone that you still need deeper dialogue and reflection to gain understanding.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Jennifer Blair is the Head of User Services Librarian and Associate Professor at Azusa Pacific University (APU). Her role is dedicated to the user experience, operations, design and student engagement. She has extensive experience teaching courses in design and library science. Jennifer holds a B.A. in Graphic Design, a M.A in Educational Multimedia and a M.S. in Library and Information Studies. Her experience in academic and public libraries as well as professional experience in art and design fields allow her to employ visionary strategies to enrich progress and enhance advancement and engagement for library users. Check out more: jenniferclair.faculty.bio

Beth Brower is a writer. Immersed in the current volume of The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion, Beth has also published The Q, The Beast of Ten, and a trilogy entitled The Books of Imirillia. She writes a monthly St. Crispian's Gazette based on characters from her Emma M. Lion series.

Beth graduated with a degree in literary studies. She lives with her husband, Kip, and a mackerel tabby named Spy Cat Grey. She worked as a professional gardener while writing her first four novels and does believe that planting serviceberry in her own garden was the correct decision.

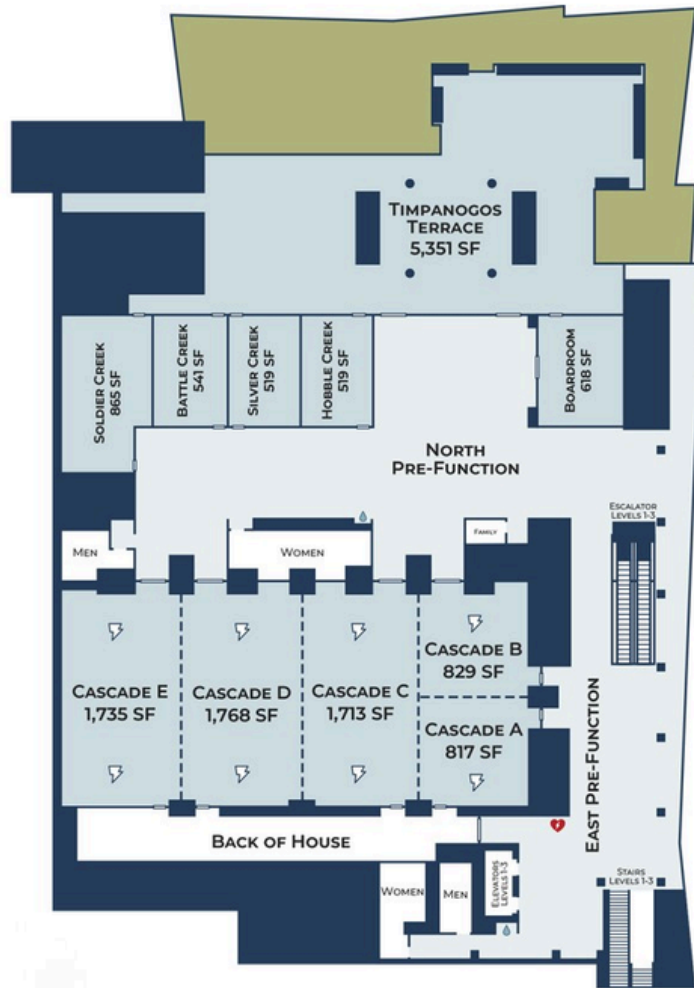
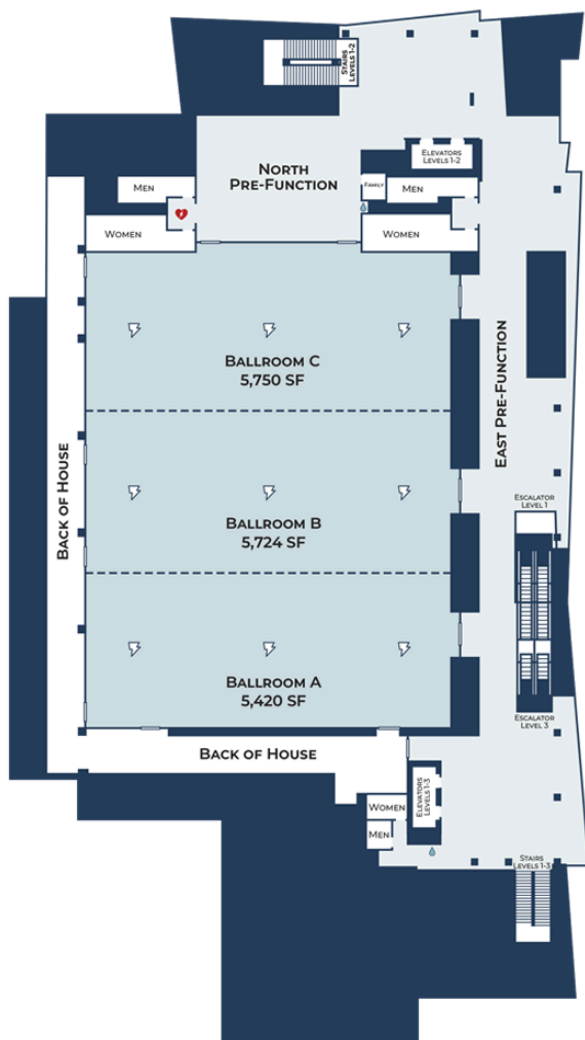


Lisa Varga is the Chief Advocacy Officer of the American Library Association's Public Policy and Advocacy Office in Washington, DC. Prior to that, she had been the Executive Director of the Virginia Library Association for 15 years. Lisa also served as Chair of the Virginia Beach Public Library Board and in 2024 was named Library Journal's Librarian of the Year. She is a mom to three young men who all went through a "reluctant reader" phase.

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CONFERENCE SESSION TRACKS

Conference sessions are categorized into tracks. These are our most commonly requested categories. Use these as a way to learn what is happening in your side of the field or explore what others are doing and be inspired! For more details, use the Sched app.

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MONDAY OVERVIEW

8:00 AM **Registration**
North Prefunction

9:00 AM **General Sessions**
Various

10:30 AM **Morning Break**
North Prefunction

12:00 PM **Lunch On Your Own**

1:30 PM **General Sessions**
Various

3:00 PM **Afternoon Break**
North Prefunction

5:30 PM **5K Fun Run/Walk/Stroll**
Provo River Park



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MONDAY SESSIONS

Monday At-a-Glance

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>	
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Quiet Space <i>Level 2 North Prefunction</i>	
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Slow Practices for Librarians <i>Cascade C</i>	From the Ground Up: Building a New Foundation for Information Literacy at Weber State <i>Cascade D</i>
10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>	
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch <i>On Your Own</i>	
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Archives 101: Intro to Archive <i>Cascade C</i>	After Rejection: Giving “Failed” Applicants a Chance to Thrive <i>Cascade D</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Afternoon Break <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>	
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	5K Fun Run/Walk/Stroll <i>Provo River Park (335 N. Geneva Rd, Provo, UT)</i>	

Legend	Activity	General	Meeting	Public	Technical
Academic	Genealogy	Leadership	Outreach	Special	Youth

TUESDAY OVERVIEW

7:30 AM **Registration &
Early Morning Coffee Service**
North Prefunction

8:30 AM **Presidents' Address &
Keynote - Lisa Varga**
Ballroom BC

9:45 AM **Morning Break**
Ballroom A

10:10 AM **General Sessions**
Various

11:10 AM **General Sessions**
Various

12:00 PM **Lunch & ULA Awards**
Ballroom BC

1:40 PM **General Sessions**
Various

2:30 PM **Afternoon Break**
Ballroom CDEF

3:00 PM **General Sessions**
Various

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM **Silent Auction**
Ballroom CDEF

9:45 AM - 5:00 PM **Poster Sessions**
East Prefunction

TUESDAY SESSIONS

Tuesday At-a-Glance							
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>				Early Morning Coffee Service <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>		
8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Health Roundtable (HEART) Meeting <i>Hobble Creek</i>						
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	ULA President's Address & Keynote – Lisa Varga <i>Ballroom BC</i>						
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Quiet Space <i>Level 2 North Prefunction</i>						
9:45 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Ballroom A</i>	Exhibit Hall Opens <i>Ballroom A</i>		Career Services Booth <i>Ballroom A (9:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)</i>		Poster Sessions <i>Level 2 East Prefunction (9:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)</i>	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Technical Services Roundtable (TSRT) Meeting: TSRT Presents Breaking News from the RDA Steering Committee <i>Boardroom</i>						
10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	ULA 101 <i>Cascade A</i>	Programming Burnout <i>Cascade B</i>	Better Together: Library Outreach and Community Resilience <i>Cascade C</i>	Finding Your Feet: Harnessing the Power of Collaboration and Co-mentoring for Professional Development <i>Cascade D</i>	Attitudes, Behaviors, and Beliefs: The Psychology of Library Instruction <i>Cascade E</i>	Cataloging 101: What Do You Mean I Have to Catalog?! <i>Soldier Creek</i>	Don't Self-Opt Out of Career Opportunities: Proceed with Confidence <i>Hobble Creek</i>
11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	The Lawyer Is In: Library Legislation over Time <i>Cascade A</i>	Cryptid Catchers: Imaginative Programming for Older Kids <i>Cascade B</i>	Source Fight: An Information Literacy Card Game <i>Cascade C</i>	Our Path to Unity: A Reflective Case Study in Library Integration <i>Cascade D</i>	Rockin' Good Times <i>Cascade E</i>	From Assessment to Transcription: AI in Real Library Work <i>Soldier Creek</i>	Reflecting on the First Year of Health Outreach at the Library <i>Hobble Creek</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Awards Presentation <i>Ballroom BC</i>						
1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Refocusing Library Security: Shifting from Punitive Measures Towards Voluntary Compliance <i>Cascade A</i>	Finding Joy in Librarianship, When You "Care Too Much" <i>Cascade B</i>	Intellectual Freedom: Navigating Current Concerns <i>Cascade C</i>	The State of Book Banning in Utah <i>Cascade D</i>	Self-Care for Librarians <i>Cascade E</i>	The Great Metadata Migration: 20 Years of Digital Collections Information on the Move <i>Soldier Creek</i>	Mindful Moments: Libraries Creating Dementia-Friendly Communities <i>Hobble Creek</i>
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break & Exhibit Hall <i>Ballroom A</i>				Business Roundtable (BURT) Meeting <i>Silver Creek</i>		
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Empowering Teens as the Voices of the Library, Supporting Teens Mental Health <i>Cascade A</i>	Where Are the Fun Books? Reflections from an Academic Library Monthly Display Program <i>Cascade B</i>	Growing Library Programming for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities <i>Cascade C</i>	Nine Digital Curation Principles to Guide Decision-making <i>Cascade D</i>	The Librarian Is In: Demystifying Systematic Reviews for Better Decision-Making <i>Cascade E</i>	Zero-Prep Programming <i>Soldier Creek</i>	A Dose of Institutional History: Archiving Health Sciences Campus Milestones <i>Hobble Creek</i>
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Assessment Roundtable (ASMTRT) Meeting <i>Silver Creek</i>						
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Library Administration and Management Roundtable (LAMART) Meeting <i>Silver Creek</i>						
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Networking Social <i>Ballroom A</i>	Cardigans & Convos <i>Ballroom A</i>		Typewriter Poets <i>Ballroom A</i>		Silent Auction <i>Level 2 East Prefunction</i>	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Stacks & Sips: An Evening Bookshop Stroll <i>Ballroom A</i>						
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Various After-Hours Activities <i>Check the Sched App for Details</i>						

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WEDNESDAY OVERVIEW

7:30 AM **Registration &
Early Morning Coffee Service**
North Prefunction

9:00 AM **Keynote - Jennifer Blair**
Ballroom BC

10:15 AM **Morning Break**
Ballroom A

10:30 AM **General Sessions**
Various

11:30 AM **Lunch & Keynote - Beth
Brower**
Ballroom BC

1:15 PM **General Sessions**
Various

2:05 PM **Afternoon Break**
North Lobby

2:30 PM **General Sessions**
Various

3:30 PM **General Sessions**
Various



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WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

Wednesday At-a-Glance							
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>						
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Early Morning Coffee Service <i>Level 3 North Prefunction</i>	Rural and Small Libraries Roundtable (RSLRT) Meeting <i>Cascade A</i>	Youth Services Roundtable (YSRT) Meeting <i>Cascade B</i>	Copyright Education (CERT) Meeting <i>Cascade C</i>			
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Quiet Space <i>Level 2 North Prefunction</i>						
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Jennifer Blair Keynote <i>Ballroom BC</i>						
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break <i>Ballroom A</i>	Exhibit Hall <i>Ballroom A</i>	Career Services Booth <i>Ballroom A (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)</i>		Poster Sessions <i>Level 2 East Prefunction (10:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)</i>		
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Brain Building & Trauma Informed Early Literacy Practices <i>Cascade A</i>	Navigating AI-Generated Content in Library Collections <i>Cascade B</i>	Leveling Up — Teaching Transferable Skills <i>Cascade C</i>	Being a Library Superhero Without Burning Out <i>Cascade D</i>	Strategic Communication: How to Get it Write <i>Cascade E</i>	From Meh to Major: Leveling up Your Library's Social Media <i>Soldier Creek</i>	The Largest Publisher: Why the History of the Government Publishing Office Matters in the Information Universe <i>Hobble Creek</i>
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch & Beth Brower Author Keynote <i>Ballroom BC</i>						
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Book Signing <i>Ballroom A</i>						
1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	A Decade of Deployment: Impacts of 3D Printing Services at Marriott Library <i>Cascade A</i>	The Library Next Door: Creating an Off-Site Teen Center <i>Cascade B</i>	Due for Review: The Art of Constructive Feedback <i>Cascade C</i>	Makerspaces in the Library: How to Start, Train, and Run a Makerspaces in a Multi-Branch Library System <i>Cascade D</i>	Diversity Audits: Equitable Collection Management <i>Cascade E</i>	Six (or Seven) Strangers: Creating Cultural Connection in a Small Town <i>Soldier Creek</i>	Genealogy and Local History for All: Strategies for Every Library <i>Hobble Creek</i>
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) Meeting <i>Silver Creek</i>						
2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break <i>Ballroom A</i>						
2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Creative Connections: Getting in the Door for School Outreach and What To Do When You're There <i>Cascade A</i>	Your Librarian Is In: Office Hours Outside of the Library (2:30 – 2:55 p.m.) <i>Cascade B</i>	Projects, Interns, and Hourly Wages: A Panel About Student Employees in Libraries and Archives <i>Cascade C</i>	Mind the Gap: Designing Programs for a Changing Population <i>Cascade D</i>	Overcoming Information Nihilism: Coaching Patrons from "Everything is Fake" to Hopeful Skepticism <i>Cascade E</i>	Are You Lost? Developing a MAP (Metadata Application Profile) for Your Institutional Repository <i>Soldier Creek</i>	You Can't Outgrow the Library: Providing Storytime to Big Kids (K-2) <i>Hobble Creek</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Grateful, Mindful and Well-Watered: Strategies to Promote Mental Health for Library Workers <i>Cascade A</i>	Coordinating Large Projects – A Report on the Outcome of an Exhibition with Many Stakeholders <i>Cascade B</i>	Parental Perceptions of Censorship in Utah <i>Cascade C</i>	Innovating for Impact: Social Innovation in Utah's Libraries <i>Cascade D</i>	Cultivating Outreach Connections <i>Cascade E</i>	Unsung Heroes of the Catalog: Metadata Maintenance, Enhancement, and Remediation <i>Soldier Creek</i>	Remix the Future: A ULA Listening & Design Session <i>Hobble Creek</i>

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- Brodart
- ByWater Solutions
- Career Services / MPLA
- CoLibri
- EBSCO Information Services
- Edutek Corporation
- Gale
- Ingram Library Services
- Libraria
- Outgrow Your Garage PBC
- PBS
- Planted in Pages
- Playaway Products LLC
- Sandra Montanino Author
- Shadow Mountain Publishing
- SirsiDynix
- Spacesaver Intermountain, LLC
- Tech Logic Corporation
- The University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies
- Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board (USHRAB)
- Utah State Library
- Virco



CRAFT & CONNECT

HOTEL LOBBY
5:00 – 10:00 PM



Unleash your creativity and unwind after a full day at the ULA Annual Conference! This self-guided craft session is the perfect chance to relax and recharge while mingling with fellow attendees. Whether you're a crafting pro or just in it for the vibes, all materials will be provided.



ULA Conference 5K Fun Run/Walk/Stroll



Along the scenic Provo river

Join us!

Monday, May 18 at 5:30 PM

Meet us at Provo River Park (335 N. Geneva Rd, Provo, UT)
No need to register or sign up. Just come for an enjoyable
time with your friends.

Here's the route we'll take (out and back):

<https://onthegomap.com/s/05rhdlll>

For info: dan_broadbent@byu.edu

Join us for the **Networking Social**

**4-5 PM
TUESDAY
IN BALLROOM A**

**MEET FELLOW
LIBRARIANS**

**ROUND TABLE
INFORMATION**

A purple location pin icon with a white lowercase letter 'i' inside, centered within a white circle.

**CARDIGANS
& CONVOS**

**TYPEWRITER
POETRY**

**ICE CREAM AND
OTHER SNACKS**

A colorful illustration of a soft-serve ice cream cone with three scoops: green, pink, and brown, on a white cup.

ULA Networking Social



Cardigans



& Convo



Tuesday, May 19th

4 - 5 PM Ballroom A

Hosted on behalf of the
Rural & Small Libraries Roundtable.

Connect with fellow librarians using the classic cardigan to spark conversation, camaraderie, & community. Bring your own cardigan to swap or browse the donated cardigans while supplies last. Customization options available!

Poetry

— written on —

vintage mechanical typewriters



Free, impromptu
poems, created
just for you,
and on the
topic of your
choice.



Come see us during the networking social,
Tuesday May 19, 4:00 to 6:00
in Ballroom A - Level 2.





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LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Rae Schumann

Utah State Library



Rae Schumann began her career as a librarian at the Santaquin Public Library in 2021, but has a long history working in libraries before that. She has her undergrad in Art from Utah Valley University, and is currently earning her Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. In her current position at the Utah State Library, she manages the Book Buzz Program, providing book club kits to libraries and schools throughout Utah. Under her tenure the usage of Book Buzz has gone up 37%. While continually supporting the rapid growth of Book Buzz she recently undertook the role of Systems Administrator for the Juniper Library Consortium. She has been instrumental in leading libraries through the migration process to Koha, all while managing tickets and constantly updated Koha features with ease. Rae represents the best of librarianship in Utah as she has adapted to the ever-changing needs of her positions and her patrons.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Greg Nelson

Brigham Young University Library



Greg Nelson is the Chemical and Life Sciences Librarian at the Brigham Young University Library. He completed his BS degree in Microbiology from BYU, a PhD in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from Loma Linda University, and finally a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Greg is a member of the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries. Before becoming a librarian, Greg completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale and Massachusetts General Hospital studying protein biochemistry and lymphatic metastasis. Greg teaches library research methodology to a variety of students on a regular basis. He works with students and faculty

from the departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Microbiology and Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Physiology, and the Neuroscience Center. His wife, Shannon, completed her PhD in 2023 and now works in the Plant and Wildlife Sciences department at BYU. They are the parents of five children and grandparents of six grandchildren with two more on the way. He goes to work happy and heads home happy at the end of the day.

OUTREACH AWARD

Amy Crockett

Duchesne County Library



Amy grew up in a small town in northern Utah and has lived in Duchesne for about five years. She currently serves as an Associate Librarian with the Duchesne County Library, where she manages three library outreach programs, conducts the weekly homeschool hour, and curates the Junior and Young Adult collections. Her responsibilities also include designing the monthly newsletter, updating the library website, and processing images for the history center. In addition to her library work, Amy is a licensed massage therapist. She is married with three children and enjoys hiking, paddleboarding, and reading.

OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD

Brittnie Hecht

Wasatch County Library



Brittnie Hecht (she/her) is the Young Adult Librarian at Wasatch County Library in Heber City, where she facilitates programs for ages 8-18 and the wider community to bring them together in meaningful ways. She's been in the role for 652 days—according to her unofficial “Count Up Tracker.” She leads well-loved programs like Reading with Therapy Dogs, Snack Shack, book clubs, and a tween D&D Club. Her current favorite program is Sages & Seekers, an intergenerational program connecting teens and older adults through conversation, curiosity, and plenty of shared “we’re all human” moments (Class 4 wrapped at the end of April). She is creating space for real conversations with young people and believes libraries are one of the last places where that

community connection can truly thrive. She will serve as the 2026-27 Chair of the Rural and Small Libraries Roundtable. Outside the library, she enjoys pestering her husband and their two calico cats with weird made-up songs, drinking Earl Grey tea (hot), crocheting, and playing board games.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Vern Waters

Salt Lake County Library



Vern Waters was born in Ogden, Utah in the early 1960s. The family moved to Roy when he was two where he grew up. Vern was always an avid reader and imaginer. He always wanted to be a rock star...but lacking the talent, looks, and ability, he had to look for other avocations to turn into vocations. Finally, he got to act like a rock star, even though his fans were young kids and moms and dads. He is once again playing guitars in Storytime. He can't tell you how many guitars he currently has in the arsenal. How many does he need? Just one. Just one more! Always just one more. Vern is the father of two amazing young adults named Lauren and Dylan. Vern is humbled to have been recognized for this honor. He appreciates every person associated with ULA.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Marissa Bischoff

Brigham Young University Library



Marissa Bischoff is the Humanities & European Studies Catalog Librarian at the BYU Library where she has worked for 13 years. She received her MLIS from San Jose State University and an MA in Comparative Studies from BYU.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Amber Fullerton

Tri-County Bookmobile Headquarters



Amber Fullerton serves as a Library Tech II at the Tri-County Bookmobile Headquarters in Bicknell, Utah. Since joining the team three years ago, Amber has turned the headquarters into a vibrant community anchor by living the philosophy: "See a need, fill a need." From securing a grant for an observational beehive to expanding the "Library of Things" with unconventional items like carpet cleaners, Amber's work focuses on practical, creative solutions for her patrons. She is the driving force behind a diverse array of community groups, including a Teen D&D Club, a Homeschool Book and Movie Club, and specialized story times. Her "Animal Rescue" story time was particularly resourceful—she even ended up adopting one of the puppies featured in the

program. Beyond the library, Amber is a Girl Scout Troop Leader, a 4-H entrepreneur group leader, and a dedicated community volunteer. Amber lives in Wayne County with her two children, ages 15 and 11. For relaxation, she enjoys reading, working on paint-by-number projects, and hiking the trails outside of nearby Capitol Reef National Park with her story time rescue dog. She is honored to receive the Special Service Award from the Utah Library Association.

LEGISLATIVE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Daniel Neville-Rehben

Salt Lake City Library



Daniel Neville-Rehben is the Chief Service & Impact Officer at the Salt Lake City Public Library, where he helps shape system-wide strategy and champions the Library's role in protecting the freedom to read. He serves as Chair of the Utah Library Association's Advocacy Committee, working to strengthen public support for libraries across the state. With a background in design and community engagement, Daniel believes libraries are one of the few places still weaving people to ideas and to each other. He lives in Holladay with his husband, young son, and a pair of unruly pets.

PARAPROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



Utah library paraprofessionals serve a vital and dynamic role in our community. According to the American Library Association, the number of paraprofessionals working in public and academic libraries in the United States exceeds credentialed professionals. Since their service is so important, it makes sense to provide ongoing training to these workers as well as recognize them for their valuable contributions to the Utah Library Community.

The ULA Paraprofessional Certificate Award Program provides opportunities for participants to expand their professional service, professional development, and professional advocacy. Program participants use the work and training they are currently doing to achieve badges in competency sets. There are also opportunities to explore additional facets of librarianship and develop new skills.

Participants state they feel confident, develop increased skills, and have even received promotions after completing the program. Well-trained, supported staff feel confident and are better able to support their library's mission. Please consider participating in or encouraging your staff to complete the ULA Paraprofessional Certificate Program.

If you are interested in participating, email jaheckert@orem.org

Julie Heckert, Paraprofessional Certificate Program



PARAPROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



AMY CROCKETT

DUCHESENE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Amy grew up in a small town in northern Utah and has lived in Duchesne for about five years. She currently serves as an Associate Librarian with the Duchesne County Library, where she manages three library outreach programs, conducts the weekly homeschool hour, and curates the Junior and Young Adult collections. Her responsibilities also include designing the monthly newsletter, updating the library website, and processing images for the history center. In addition to her library work, Amy is a licensed massage therapist. She is married with three children and enjoys hiking, paddleboarding, and reading.



STACEY KEAHON

SUMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Stacey grew up in Georgia and moved to Utah in 2013. She has been working at the Summit County public library for the past 5 years at the circulation desk. She recently moved into a new position as the Administrative Assistant. Stacey oversees the Interlibrary Loan services at the Kimball Junction branch and enjoys helping with teen services. She loves to adventure with her boyfriend and dog. She loves living in Utah and being outside.

PARAPROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



KATHERINE MILLER

DUCHESENE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

My name is Katherine Fiona Miller. I was born in Phoenix, Arizona, where I graduated from Camelback High School with JROTC honors and rank. Years later, I moved to Las Vegas, where I met my husband and we welcomed our two handsome boys. We eventually settled in Ogden to raise them, and later moved to the Basin following my husband's involvement with paranormal work and television projects in the area. I've been fortunate to build a meaningful career as an associate librarian with the Duchesne County Library, where I oversee three programs, Lego club, Teen & Tween, Family movie night and I help with the Fruitland outreach. I manage the junior nonfiction and graphic novel sections, as well as working at Duchesne Elementary as a behavioral intervention and child success coach. I truly enjoy connecting with people, traveling, crafting, and sharing laughter along the way.



LORI ANN POTTER

DUCHESENE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Lori Ann Bruton Potter grew up in Duchesne, Utah, and was more than a little startled to end up back in Duchesne as an adult. She holds a BA in American Studies and an M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. She is currently the manager of the Duchesne Branch Library and Duchesne County History Center and serves as a co-chair on the Intellectual Freedom committee. Lori Ann has three energetic school-aged sons with her partner, Stephen. She loves reading, napping, trees, LEGO, music, and family. Her favorite fictional heroines are Princess Donut the Queen Anne Chonk and Emma M. Lion. She dreams of someday living near the ocean.

ULA 2026 BOOK DRIVE

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Silent Auction



Utah Library
Association



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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Bid Online

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Questions? Contact hiroko.hashitani@gmail.com

Career Questions?

Visit the ULA Career Services Booth

(Located in the Exhibit Hall)

- Check Out Open Job Descriptions
- Get **Feedback** on a Resume or CV
 - Is Your Resume Optimized for AI?
- Practice Interview Strategies
- Ask Your Library Career Questions



**Sign Up for a Free
Headshot Photo**



Resources for Library Job Searching in Utah

- ALA Joblist
- ULA Jobline
- MPLA- Jobline
- CIMA (Conference of
- Inter-Mountain Archivists)

You've Got This!

Writing Your First Professional Resume?

Suggestions

- Highlight technical skills/literacy
 - Librarianship often includes troubleshooting technology. If you can navigate a database, help a senior citizen use a tablet, or even just format a complex Word document -- include it in your skills/experience.
- Emphasize people skills.
 - Despite the stereotypes, librarians work *with* people!
 - Include your customer service experience.
- Pay close attention to the job description and use the same language in describing your experience.
- Be creative & describe your experience as transferable.
- Be cautious of using generic AI-generated content- it's boring! Add details that make you stand out.
- Don't assume that reviewers connect a position title with specific duties- include any relevant job details in your descriptions.
- Consider including a short Teaching or Service Philosophy.
- Take a step back and look at the overall appearance of your resume. Is it visually appealing?



Optimize for Applicant Tracking Systems

- Make sure you customize your resume for each job description.
- Use Standard Formats: Avoid complex formatting, headers, footers, and special characters.
- Submit your resume in PDF format, or in some cases a Word doc.
- Use Simple Fonts: Stick to traditional fonts like Helvetica, Garamond, or Georgia.
- Avoid Graphics: Keep your resume text-based.
- Use standard headings like "Work Experience" and "Education."

You've Got This!

Library Interview Advice

Congrats! You made it to the interview!

Suggestions

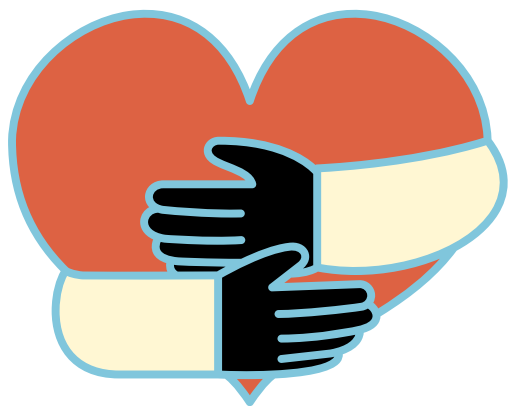
- For long interviews, bring water and a snack (to eat during a break).
- Think about your experience and prepare a few stories that you can apply to the interview questions.
 - Can you think of a time you took lead on a project?
 - When you suggested an improvement to a process?
- You are interviewing them too! Be prepared with questions to ask your potential coworkers, boss, and administrator.
 - Review the website, mission statement, and/or strategic plan and prepare related questions.
- If in doubt, dress business formal.
- If polite chit-chat isn't your thing, practice it. Come up with a few go-to questions to help keep the conversation going. Think of this as a networking opportunity! For example:
 - Could you tell me about the local area?
 - What's a recent favorite work project?
 - What was one thing that surprised you most when you first started working here?



Examples of Questions to Ask During an Interview

- What are the biggest challenges the library or team is currently working on?
- Can you give me an example of how the person in this role would collaborate with others on the team/with other stakeholders?
- What does the average day in this role look like?
- What would the first 30 day priorities be for the person in this role?
- What is your favorite thing about working here?
- How is feedback—both positive and constructive—usually shared within the team?

You've Got This!



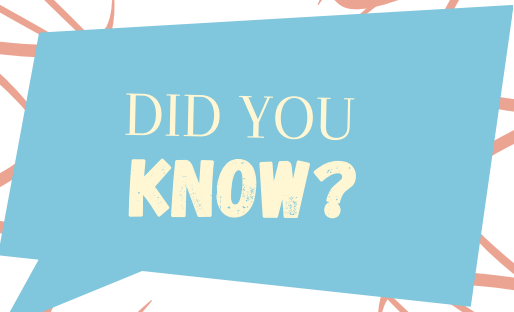
HELP A FELLOW LIBRARIAN

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ULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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OTHER STATE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

FUNDS RAISED PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS



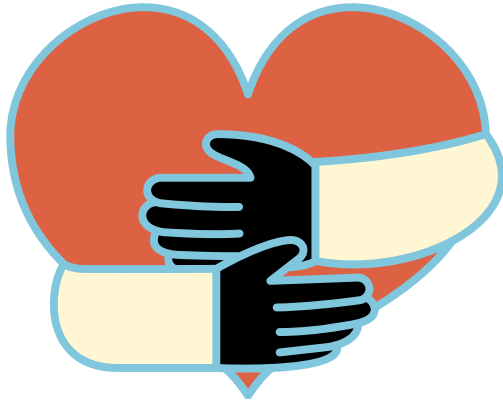
DID YOU KNOW?

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SCHOLARSHIPS



ULA scholarships are awarded to Utah librarians who wish to attend a conference or join ULA but cannot cover the cost. Conference attendance scholarships are available for members of ULA for the ULA annual conference or other state conferences. Scholarship funding is provided from the annual silent auction proceeds.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship are asked to complete an application found on the ULA Website <https://ula.org/scholarship-application>. For the conference scholarship you should be a current member of ULA. All scholarship recipients will demonstrate a need, submit receipts, and write a report detailing how they benefited from attending the conference or membership in ULA.

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 ULA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**ALLISON
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**ISABELLE
ROEHRIG**

SALT LAKE CITY
LIBRARY

**MARILYN
PORTER**

BYU LAW
LIBRARY

RECOGNIZE A COLLEAGUE

Behind every successful library, amenity, service, or program is library staff. Take a moment and think of who in your library makes a difference to your community, your library, and/or your work place.

The Conference Committee invites you to recognize a colleague with a \$10 sponsorship. Recognized colleagues will be highlighted during the 2026 ULA Conference, and your sponsorship will help support the event's success.

If you'd like to participate, please visit the ULA Wild Apricot Store to submit your sponsorship details.

[Recognize Someone](#)



MEET THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me by electing me as President-Elect of the Utah Library Association. I'm honored to step into this role and to be part of the work this community is already doing across the state.

In the weeks since the election, I've been thinking about what it means to prepare for this role. Not just to step into a leadership position, but to participate in the kind of collective work that libraries across Utah are already doing every day.

We are a statewide community, but we don't always have shared structures that make it easy to work together. We are busy, distributed, and often focused on the immediate needs of our own institutions. And yet, some of the challenges we face, including advocacy, access, intellectual freedom, and sustainability, are larger than any one library.

If we want to do meaningful work together, we have to be intentional about how we organize ourselves to do it. Over the coming year, I'll be focusing on three ideas: structure, connection, and collective power. This includes structure in how we organize our work, connection across our communities and regions, and a shared sense of what we can accomplish together.

I've also been thinking about this in very practical ways. I've started spending time in the Utah Library Association archives, looking at how the organization has evolved over time, including what has changed, what has persisted, and what ideas have surfaced more than once. I've been in conversation with colleagues across the state, listening to what people are experiencing in their libraries right now. I've also been reaching out to leaders in other state associations, learning how they approach engagement, governance, and some of the more complex challenges facing our profession.



This work is helping me think not just about what we might do next, but how we can do it in a way that is structured, connected, and sustainable.

During my presidential term, I hope to create more opportunities for conversation and participation across the state. This will include a listening session at the annual conference, as well as efforts to bring ULA board meetings and informal gatherings into different regions of Utah. These are small steps, but they are part of a larger goal: to make it easier for more people to be part of the work of this association.

I am also thinking about what it takes to support that work, not just in terms of time and attention, but also in how we resource the things we say are important. If we want to build something meaningful together, we need to be willing to invest in it.

Ultimately, this year is about preparation, not just for a presidency, but for the kind of collective work we want to do as a community. I invite you to **get organized with me**, to build stronger structures, deepen our connections, and think about what we can accomplish together as a statewide library community.

Heidi Fendrick, ULA President 2026-2027



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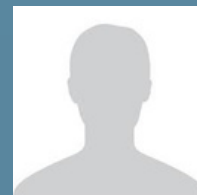
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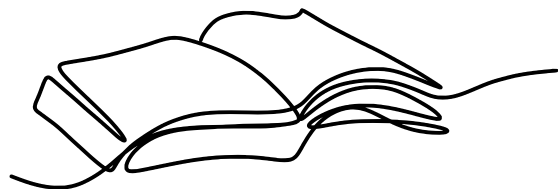
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering with the Utah Library Association (ULA) offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the advancement of library services and community engagement across the state. By volunteering, individuals can directly support libraries in their mission to provide access to information, resources, and educational programs that enhance the lives of Utah residents. Volunteers play a vital role in organizing events, assisting with programs, and advocating for the importance of libraries in fostering lifelong learning. Additionally, volunteering with ULA allows for networking opportunities with fellow library professionals and advocates, offering personal and professional growth while helping to shape the future of library services in Utah. It's a rewarding way to make a positive impact on both the community and the broader library field.

There are many ways that you can volunteer:

- **Committee & Roundtable Involvement:** Serve on various ULA committees, including those focused on professional development, advocacy, diversity and inclusion, or youth services. These roles allow volunteers to shape the direction of library services and initiatives in Utah.
- **Fundraising:** Help with fundraising initiatives to support ULA's programs and services.
- **Event Planning and Support:** Assist in organizing ULA conferences, workshops, and seminars, including helping with registration, logistics, and providing support during events.
- **Library Advocacy:** Participate in campaigns and initiatives that promote the value of libraries in the community.

These opportunities provide valuable experience and contribute to the broader mission of supporting and enhancing library services in Utah.



FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 6, 2026

Account	Balance 6/30/2025	Balance 3/6/2026
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
18 MONTH CD XX0030	\$ 45,746.17	\$ 47,256.88
BUSINESS CHECKING XX0055	\$ 40,936.81	\$ 27,988.73
MYEXPRESS DEBIT	\$ -	\$ 1,021.16
MONEY MARKET XX0007	\$ 12,924.12	\$ 3,002.41
PRIMARY SHARES XX0001	\$ 173.45	\$ 173.53
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 99,780.55	\$ 79,442.71
Other Assets		
TOTAL Other Assets	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 99,780.55	\$ 79,442.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities		
ULA Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,042.07	\$ 5,042.07
TOTAL Other Liabilities	\$ 5,042.07	\$ 5,042.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,042.07	\$ 5,042.07
EQUITY	\$ 94,738.48	\$ 74,400.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 99,780.55	\$ 79,442.71

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 6, 2026

Category	7/1/2024- 6/30/2025	7/1/2025- 3/6/2026
INCOME		
Annual Conference		
Annual Conference:Conference Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Annual Conference:Exhibition & Advertising	\$ 14,650.00	\$ 10,100.00
Annual Conference:Registration Fee	\$ 78,690.76	\$ 4,440.00
Annual Conference:Run Signup	\$ 40.96	\$ -
Annual Conference:Silent Auction	\$ 1,937.42	\$ -
Annual Conference:Sponsorship & Grants	\$ 15,010.00	\$ 11,000.00
TOTAL Annual Conference	\$ 110,829.14	\$ 25,540.00
Div Income	\$ 1,203.66	\$ 78.37
Donations & Contributions		
Donations & Contributions:Unrestricted General Fund	\$ 140.00	\$ -
TOTAL Donations & Contributions	\$ 2,429.54	\$ 1,145.00
Membership Income		
Membership Income:ALA Joint Membership	\$ 920.00	\$ 596.00
Membership Income:Individual Membership	\$ 21,575.00	\$ 9,832.45
Membership Income:Institutional Membership	\$ -	\$ 5,158.00
TOTAL Membership Income	\$ 22,495.00	\$ 15,586.45
Other Inc		
Other Inc:Advertising Revenue	\$ 540.00	\$ 10.00
TOTAL Other Inc	\$ 540.00	\$ 10.00
Other Programs & Events Revenue		
Other Programs & Events Revenue:Annual Fall Workshop	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 2,280.00
Other Programs & Events Revenue:YSRT Workshop	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,330.00
TOTAL Other Programs & Events Revenue	\$ 5,785.00	\$ 3,610.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 143,282.34	\$ 45,969.82

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSE STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 6, 2026

Category	7/1/2024- 6/30/2025	7/1/2025- 3/6/2026
EXPENSES		
2026 Conference Advance Payments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Administrative & Operational		
Postage Exp	\$ 194.45	\$ 192.00
Registration & Legal Expense	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00
TOTAL Administrative & Operational	\$ 212.45	\$ 209.00
Annual Conference Expense		
Conference Space & Exhibition	\$ 49,606.43	\$ -
Conference Supplies	\$ 5,199.88	\$ -
Design & Print	\$ 1,821.27	\$ 581.64
Event Management Fee	\$ 12,233.33	\$ 5,866.64
Prior Year Expense	\$ -	\$ (178.43)
Speaker Fee & Travel	\$ 11,907.58	\$ 2,481.10
ULA Conference Scholarship	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 930.00
TOTAL Annual Conference Expense	\$ 82,119.49	\$ 9,680.95
Board & Trustees Expense		
D&O Insurance Exp	\$ (155.00)	\$ -
General Liability Insurance	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,073.60
TOTAL Board & Trustees Expense	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 1,073.60
Fees & Charges		
Affinipay Fees	\$ 3,169.39	\$ 854.61
Tax Filing Fee		
Tax Filing Expense	\$ 59.87	\$ 41.00
TOTAL Tax Filing Fee	\$ 59.87	\$ 41.00
TOTAL Fees & Charges	\$ 3,229.26	\$ 895.61
Memberships & Associations Dues	\$ 357.74	\$ 100.00
Other Programs & Events		
Annual Fall Workshop Exp	\$ 1,697.90	\$ 1,358.73
YSRT Workshop Exp	\$ 2,543.97	\$ 236.91
TOTAL Other Programs & Events	\$ 4,241.87	\$ 1,595.64
Professional Fees		
Executive Director	\$ 18,862.50	\$ 12,378.00
Treasurer	\$ 6,480.00	\$ 4,931.20
TOTAL Professional Fees	\$ 25,342.50	\$ 17,309.20
Technology		
Software Subscriptions	\$ 6,592.93	\$ 548.86
TOTAL Technology	\$ 6,592.93	\$ 548.86
Transfer To MACU MyExpress Debit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Travel		
ALA Conference	\$ 2,789.16	\$ 1,998.62
TOTAL Travel	\$ 2,789.16	\$ 1,998.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 143,180.40	\$ 63,411.48
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 101.94	\$ (17,441.66)

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