

UEN Sessions for UELMA 2008

Session 1: Digital Television: Coming Soon to a School Near You

Beginning in February 2009, the Federal Communications Commission will be requiring all television stations to broadcast solely in digital format. Digital TV makes additional quality content available by allowing stations to broadcast in high definition or transmit multiple channels simultaneously, but it also requires a set-top converter box or other technology to allow viewers to access these channels. Come learn about how the digital television transition will affect you and your school and learn strategies for using this new technology in your school.

Nate Southerland

Nate is an Instructional Services Specialist with the Utah Education Network whose primary assignments include adult education, corrections education, and the Educational Technology Endorsement Program. A PhD student in educational leadership and policy at the University of Utah, Nate earned a bachelor's degree in physics teaching and music from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in international rural and community development from Utah State University. He has worked as a high school science and music teacher on the Navajo Reservation, a curriculum and technology specialist, a college career counselor, and an adjunct faculty member. Nate currently oversees UEN's digital television education and outreach efforts.

Session 2: One Search, That's All

Pioneer Library now has a new search tool that allows Utah's educators and students to search all of Pioneer Library's databases with one search. Information about what's new with Pioneer Library will also be shared in this session.

Session 3: Your my.uen is one-of-a-kind!

Learn how to access your bookmarks, documents, news, and much more all in one place.

John Bryner

John teaches ITC workshops for UEN, and also helps with higher education offerings and information literacy topics. He started his career teaching high school Spanish and English, later moving into the school library as a Media Specialist at the elementary and middle school level. Recently, he worked as Professor of Teacher Education and Librarian for Southern Utah University. John's education includes a degree in Spanish and English Teaching from the University of Utah, a Masters in Library Science from North Carolina Central, and will shortly include an EdD in Instructional Technology from the University of Wyoming as well.

Session 4: Internet Safety: What's the Risk?

Every time you get on the Internet you take a risk - from getting a computer virus to getting exposed to pornography. Participants in this session will learn about the risks of getting on the Internet and what they can do to create a safer Internet environment at school and at home.

Sariah Donnahoo

Sariah Donnahoo of the Utah Attorney General's Office, is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Sariah's duties as a member of the ICAC Task Force include providing educational resources and safety presentations for adults and children throughout the State of Utah. Sariah previously worked as a social worker for Child Protective Services, investigating allegations of child abuse/neglect. Sariah also has eight years experience as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and held positions with Gold Cross Ambulance, Primary Children's Medical Center Emergency Room, and Life Flight. Sariah attended the University of Utah and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Science and Health.

Rick Cline

Rick works in the Instructional Services Department at the Utah Education Network. This past year he has been working on the NetSafe Utah grant as Outreach Coordinator making presentations to parent groups regarding Internet safety statewide. He has also been coordinating the distribution of packets to parents and educators. Rick received his Masters and Ph.D. Degree in Instructional Technology at Utah State University.

Session 5: Water Wise Utah

The Partnership for a Nation of Learners has made it possible for Water Wise Utah to present The Western Waters Digital Library (westernwaters.org) new digital collection about water conservation, hosted by the Marriott Library at the University of Utah. Information regarding training, a web site (waterwiseutah.org), water-related resources in eMedia as well as other community resources for librarians will be presented in this session.

Lisa Cohn

Lisa, an Instructional Services Specialist at UEN, is the project manager of Water Wise Utah, a grant awarded by the Partnership for a Nation of Learners. Lisa returns to Salt Lake where she grew-up, after spending the last decade directing a charter school in Arizona. Lisa received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and an Elementary Education certification from Clark University in Massachusetts. She earned a special education certification from Utah State University and a Master's degree in Social Welfare Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.

Susan Salem

Susan is Digital Projects Manager at the Marriott Library. She holds a BFA in drawing and painting from USU and an MBA with certification in information resource management from Westminster College. She was project administrator for the Rocky Mountain Humanities Center, a National Endowment for the Humanities initiative, and also facilitator for scholarly research in the humanities at the University of Utah. Since 2003 she has worked mainly on the Western Waters Digital Library, first as project administrator for the initial two-year, twelve-institution grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Service, and since then as a grant coordinator and manager of subsequently funded projects including Water Wise Utah, Water is for Fightin', Law of the Colorado River, and Origins of Western Water Policy.

