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President's Message

- - Michael L. Goodman

Wow! Conference time is fast approaching, and Cindy has a great UELMA Conference 2008 ready to take center stage. I have been attending professional conferences for 35 years and have rarely been uninspired by the workshops in which I participated. It was professionally enriching to gather ideas and materials from successful teachers to use and adapt in my own classroom. When I taught English and French I participated in all the conferences and workshops that were available, even when it required travel to far flung cities in other states. Unfortunately, I could not convince my fellow teachers of the benefits of attending even the local conferences or that participating was the professional thing to do. I began attending UELMA conferences while I was in my certification program two years before I became a library media teacher. What a wonderful introduction to "library media people!" I haven't missed a conference since. And what I rarely saw at conferences during my years in the classroom, I see regularly at UELMA: fellow librarians from my district and librarians I have met from other districts over the years faithfully attending and supporting their professional conference.

I feel sorry for my former colleagues who passed by those experiences for professional growth and especially for their students who missed out on the benefits. I applaud you loyal and faithful attendees at our conference and look forward to meeting with you in March. Thank you for your commitment to our profession and to the students and teachers you serve.

Carolyn Meyer is the author of more than 50 books for children and young adults. Her first book was published in 1969, but her professional writing career didn't take off until 1990. In 1999, Ms. Meyer published the first novel in her "Royals" series, *Mary, Bloody, Mary*. That title has been swiftly followed by books about Princess Elizabeth, Anne Boleyn, Princess Catherine, and The latest book, *Duchessina: a novel of Catherine*

Keynote on History: Meet Carolyn Meyer

de Medici. Ms. Meyer has also contributed to Scholastic's Royal Diaries series,

with titles about Isabel of Spain, Kristina of Sweden, Anastasia of Russia and Marie-Antoinette.

During her breakout session, Ms. Meyer will

show us how to turn our students into CSI's, (Curious Student Investigators) as we work with them to bring history to life. In her lunchtime presentation, Ms. Meyer will dazzle us with photos and stories of the many places her historical research has taken her.



UELMA SERVICE PROJECT

For the
UTAH STATE PRISON in Draper, Utah
**Help these men & women
BREAK into READING!**

Donate books from your library on any reading level.
Bring your donations of books or money to the conference in
Ogden on March 6th, 2008.

We can make a difference in their lives!



Building a Better Librarian! Thursday, March 6, 2008 Ogden Eccles Conference Center

Library skills need some honing? Do your spirits need a little shoring up? Is your foundation a little weak? Come to the 2008 UELMA conference to relax, rejuvenate and create a better you as a librarian. We have an excellent selection of breakout sessions for you to choose from. Good luck trying to find just one you want to attend each hour! If you feel a little scattered, Jamie Tabish, a professional organizer, will share simple ways to organize your time and your space. Mike Goodman, our fearless president will show off the many ways he has fun making books with students. Teaming with teachers and other librarians; showing the importance of library skills; and creating a look for your library in real space and cyberspace are other hot topics.

Don't forget our fearless authors. The **Buehners**, that intrepid husband/wife author/illustrator team will be talking about pictures books as a learning tool and their pictures books specifically. **Terry Hokenson**, author of *The Winter Road*, a dazzling adventure novel, will talk about translating adventure experiences in to an engaging novel. And not least at all, **Carolyn Meyer**, author of more than 50 books for children and young adults will teach us how to turn our students into CSI's (Curious Student Investigators) and then entertain us at luncheon with her personal experiences of traveling to research her historical fiction.

Of course we couldn't have a UELMA Conference without the support of our many vendors. Their exhibit hall will be hopping constantly with presentations and questions answered (and probably a little candy on the side). Stop by any time during the day to meet the faces behind the products and tell them thank you for all of their support. And special thanks to World Book and Rob Geertsen for supplying our tote bags this year. Also many thanks to the Utah State Library for helping our conference along with an UPLIFT training grant.

There will be little time to sit down at the conference! So take a deep breath, hold onto your hats and **SEE YOU IN MARCH!**

The conference hotel this year is the **Hampton Inn**. Prices are \$65 Single occupancy, \$75 Double, Triple or Quad \$124.

Contact them at 801-394-9400. Mention that you are with UELMA to secure your rate. **Registration code UMA.** The Marriott, 801-627-1190, and the Hotel Ben Lomond, 801-627-1900, are also close to the conference center.

You must reserve by February 13th to guarantee the rate.

Hotel Information for UELMA Conference:
March 6, 2008



Free Lessons @ the Lesson Plan Exchange!

Everyone needs a kick start sometimes – an idea to grab a teacher's attention, a plan to integrate library skills into the curriculum. Share your expertise and garner the expertise of your fellow librarians at the Lesson Plan Exchange during the UELMA Conference. **ADMITTANCE IS NOT FREE!** You must bring copies of one of your lessons in order to pick up everyone else's lessons. This can be a library skills lesson, but we encourage you to bring a plan that integrates library skills into the curriculum. There are two share times; one for K-6 and the other for 7-12. Since this is the first time we have ever tried this, we need to get an idea of how many copies you need to bring. If you are K-6 and want to share, please email Marilyn Walker (marilyn.walker@slc.k12.ut.us) and if you teach 7-12, please email Sarah Herron (sarah.herron@slc.k12.ut.us) to let them know that you will be participating. Then they can let you know before the conference how many copies to bring. This is a fantastic way to meet new colleagues and share the creativity burden. Participants are sure to walk away with several new ways to connect with other teachers in their schools!

Presenting our slate of UELMA Officers

Lanell Rabner—President Elect

Lanell Rabner has been a Librarian for 31 years, with experience in Public, Academic and now High School librarianship. She received a B.A. in History from Brigham Young University in 1970 and an MLS from BYU in 1976. In addition to her Library experience, she worked as a Historian and Battlefield Interpreter at Gettysburg Military Park.

Lanell's library experience has included Head of Reference, as well as summertime Children's Librarian at the Columbus Public Library, Columbus Georgia. At the Academic level she has worked as a Computer Assisted Resource Librarian for the BYU Law School and graduate Nursing School, a General Reference Librarian, Periodicals Department Chair, and Electronic Resources Librarian. At BYU, she also taught research strategies and methodologies for Advanced Legal Writing at the Law School and beginning research for the English department. She has served on a variety of committees in ALA, ULA, UALC [Utah Academic Library Consortium], and NASIG [North American Serials Interest Group]. Currently she is the Librarian at Springville High School; one of the best career moves she's ever made!

Lanell believes libraries should be the information hub of campus; a place that fosters independent learning, unfettered access to a multiplicity of resource genres, information literacy, and a love of the printed word. Creating such an environment is possible if one follows the advice of library reference pioneer Samuel Swett Green: "One of the best means of making a library popular is to mingle freely with its users and help them in every way" (Samuel Swett Green, 1876).



Luanne Olsen—Board Member

Luanne Olson is the Director of Library Media Services for Alpine School District. She has been a secondary librarian for 10 years. She taught History and English before becoming a librarian. She teaches "Collection Development" workshops throughout the state. She loves the library but also enjoys road trips with her husband that include driving scenic byways and backways and traveling throughout the world.



Susan Krusell—Board Member

Susan Krusell was born and raised in Utah, and after graduation from Weber State she taught 4th Grade in Washington State, and subbed K-8 in Upstate New York while her children were young. Her family returned to Utah and Susan returned to the classroom in 1981 teaching first grade in Ogden District. In 1990 she moved to the library, earning her endorsement then Masters from USU. Susan has remained at the same elementary school through the infamous fire in 1990. She is still married to her college sweetheart, has three children and 5 grandchildren all living in Utah. She loves cooking (and eating!), crafting and of course reading.

Susan's passion is teaching kids of all ages to THINK. She feel that our organization, in fact our profession, should be actively involved in increasing awareness in pre-service teacher education programs of the true role of the educational library professional in schools today.





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Soundzabound - a royalty free music library. This library includes time slices of 1:00 minute, :30 seconds, and :15 seconds that can be used with all forms of multi-media, including:

- . Videos
- . PowerPoint
- . Digital Storytelling
- . Web Design
- . Movies
- . Podcasts

Pioneer Library Adds MUSIC to its K-12 Collection

Try out this new addition at the K-12 Pioneer Library web page at <http://pioneer.uen.org>

This library includes the following genres:

- . 40's
- . 50's
- . 60's
- . 70's
- . 80's
- . 90's
- . 2000's
- . Animation
- . Background Enhancement
- . Christmas
- . Classical
- . Country
- . Cultural
- . Early 1900's
- . Game Show
- . Graduation
- . Hanukkah
- . Hip-Hop / Urban
- . Loops
- . Low Tempo