

ULAN: A new advocate for Utah Libraries

by Nan Allsen

Utah Library Advocacy Network *Unity: a totality of related parts*

This newly organized group of individuals represents all libraries in the State of Utah. The goal is to form cooperative and collaborative networks of people interested in library related issues. ULAN is not a creation of either the Utah State Library Division or the Utah Library Association. Rather, it is an independent, open entry organization that supports the efforts of libraries and library related organizations. The goal of this organization is to assist organizations and consortia in furthering the promotion, marketing, and legislative clout of Utah libraries. Several important issues will be presented before this years legislature. It is important that members of UELMA are informed of these issues and support the progress of all valuable library projects taking place around the state. These issues include the following:

Public Library Development Grants. A bill to bolster the Utah Library Development Grant funding. ULAN seeks to increase funding to \$550,00 and build a mechanism to continue increasing funding until former levels are reached.

Marriott Library Renovation. State funds of \$48.5 million have been requested to provide a comprehensive overhaul of the thirty-six year old Marriott Library at the University of Utah. **Children/Youth Library Services.** \$144,200 requested by the Utah State Library to hire a children and youth specialist and one staff member to provide expertise and support to Utah's libraries and their services to children. **PIONEER:**

Utah's Online Library. \$500,000 requested by UEN, \$88,000 requested by ULA with the UALC supporting increased funding.

Utah Academic Library Council (UALC) –Information Resources. \$500,00 one-time or on-going funds requested to invest in print and electronic collections at all institutions.

Digital Recording System for the Library for the Blind. \$32,000 on time appropriation of \$32,000 to acquire the digital equipment needed to assure that all books recorded in the future are produced through the new standard digital technology.

S. B. 97 – Consolidation of City and County Library. Amends Utah Code Annotated 9-7-410.

For more information about the Utah Library Advocacy Network, visit their webpage at <http://168.179.23.126/ulanpage2.html>

ULAN is an independent blend of parties interested in and dedicated to promoting libraries throughout the state...and beyond.

Cindy's Daily Reading: Rants and Raves

Cindy Mitchell has a great web site that includes her recommendations for books you should and shouldn't buy. Check it out on <http://www.sjms.jordan.k12.ut.us/MediaCenter/corner.htm> I definitely recommend you bookmark this one.

DeVillers, Julia *How my Private, Personal Journal became a Bestseller*

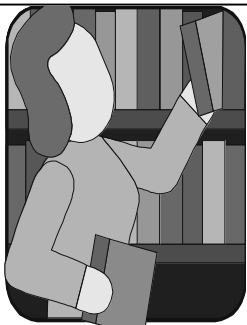
This is a must for middle school. You will need several copies. Once the kids find it, it won't stay on the shelves. Cindy has other reviews and lists of books that you will find helpful. It changes often, so keep checking back.

Another book you may want is *The Million Dollar Shot* by Gutman, Dan. If Eddie can make one free throw he can win One Million Dollars. There is a whole series of Million Dollar books. Try one and you will be hooked. For a book on the elementary level, try *Freddy in Peril*, book two in the Golden Hamster series.



Utah Library Media Supervisors Training Grant

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Three Training Opportunities available. Pick the one that's best for you.

Meeting the Challenge: training for school library media

staff is a training grant sponsored by ULMS and funded through LSTA. This grant was piloted last year and provided library aides from around the state four training opportunities. This year three

training dates will be offered, two sessions will be offered to library media aides and one session will be offered to certified library media teachers. The cost for each training session will be \$10.00 and registration forms will be sent to each school as well as to each district office. The training dates are as follows:

January 22 – Beginning Cataloging. This session will be held at Jordan High School from 9 to 4. The trainer is Laurel Harris.

April 8 – Beginning Collection Development. This session will be held at Snow College South in Richfield. The trainer is Louanne Olson.

April 15 – PR for the School Library Media Center. This session is open to certified library media teachers only. It will be held at the Horizonte School in Salt Lake City. Su Eckhardt from Colorado will be the trainer.

Storyline Online offers some picture book favorites read online by national celebrities and authors. This video streaming site is fun for adults and kids alike. Check it out at <http://www.bookpals.net/storyline/>

Websites you can use!
by Marilyn Walker

School Libraries Work is a Research Foundation Paper that provides lots of reasons for supporting school libraries. Read this and then share it with your principal and faculty and anyone else who will listen. It is found at http://www.scholasticlibrary.com/download/slw_04.pdf You need Acrobat Reader to view the document.

The **UCET** conference is coming up. Their keynote speaker Bernajeon Porter will address Digital Storytelling. See <http://www.ucet.org/> for registration info.

ULA Utah Library Association <http://www.ula.org/> are our partners in Library support.

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EDUCATIONAL MAGAZINES A list of professional library media magazines can be found at www.alt.wcboe.k12.md.us/mainfold/supportse/reslib/magazinelinks.htm

What is Happening on the Hill?
By Susan Huff

will affect you are being debated. Be HEARD!

There is a recently formed organization called **Utah Library Advocacy Network**, (ULAN), whose mission is to promote libraries of all types throughout the state. They are interested in all legislation that will affect libraries. One issue that will likely be on the table this year is increased funding for Pioneer, Utah's online Library. To learn about other education bills, go to the website: www.le.state.ut.us. In the middle of the page, click "2005 General Session Information." Then click "Key Issues" for a list of topics for the session, **OR** go to www.le.state.ut.us. On the right-hand side, click "Bills" and then "Search Bills/Bill Requests." Then you'll get a page of 2005 legislation. Click the drop-down menu next to "by Subject" and click education. This will list all the education bill requests for the 2005 session. Here is some information to help you get involved: In the Senate, there are 29 members (21 Republicans and 8 Democrats). In the House, there are 75 members (56 Republicans and 19 Democrats).

The session began January 17 and ends March 2, 2005. Each year approximately about 700-1000 bills are filed and 300-400 are passed. If you don't know who your state senator or representative is, no problem. To identify your senator, simply go to the following map:

<http://se15.utahsenate.org/perl/spage/distmapal.pl>

Click on the area of the map where you live. The map expands and gives street names and landmarks to help you narrow down your neighborhood. Then click on the circled number again and you will see your senator's picture, email address, phone numbers, and more! Finding your representative works the same. That map is:

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/house/DistrictInfo/newMaps/State.htm>

Finally, if you are not a registered voter, do it now! It's easy. Just print and mail in this Voter registration form

<http://www.elections.utah.gov/Registration.PDF>

The benefits we derive from living in a democracy are not free. It will only work well when we all work together. You CAN make a difference.

Here's a novel idea! How about making a New Year's resolution and KEEPING it! This year, resolve to get involved in what is happening at our state legislature. Contact your senator and representative when bills that

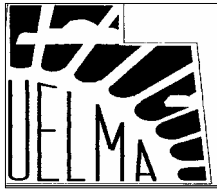


Funding for Pioneer will be one issue we need to follow this session.

Connecting Books to Children

Please bring any new or gently used books to UELMA's Spring Conference on March 3rd to support the Youth Book Exchange at the University Neighborhood Partners (UNP). This program provides books to children who do not have books in their homes. This program is an alliance between the University of Utah's Marriott Library, the three elementary schools nearby, the ASUU's diversity

board and other student and adult volunteers. For more information, visit the UNP website@ <http://www.partners.utah.edu/bookexchangeprogram.htm> or contact Sheryl Burton, UELMA's service project chair at sheryl.burton@slc.k12.ut.us. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase books in Spanish or English.



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Important News for the Upcoming Conference!!!

UELMA's annual conference will be held on March 3rd at the Davis Conference Center, located at 800 Heritage Park Blvd in Layton.

- Conference Hotel is the **Hilton Garden Inn**. Be sure to identify yourself as an attendee of the UELMA conference. Rooms are \$74 single or double occupancy. Rooms **must be reserved by February 9th** to guarantee this rate. The telephone number is **(801)416-8899**. The hotel is attached to the conference center and is on the south side of the conference center.
- There are 600 free parking spaces around the conference center. Most of the parking is on the north side of the conference center.
- Early conference registration ends February 24th! The registration form and schedule of conference activities are included in this newsletter. Also, continue to check the web page for updates.

*Candidates for
UELMA offices
Vote at the conference!*



Cindy Mitchell – UELMA President Elect

Cindy Mitchell is the library teacher at South Jordan Middle School. First a geography teacher, she moved into the library because of her life long love of reading. As a librarian, her greatest joy is connecting a student to a book that turns them on to the rest of the world of books. The idea that she is paid to read books and buy her favorite books doesn't hurt either. For the last three years, Cindy has been on the boards of UELMA and ULA, trying to promote interaction and cooperation between schools and public libraries. In her free time she reads books (!) and plays with her family and every other year she attends the ALA National Conference so that she can shake the hand of as many YA authors as she can.



Lesley McLaughlin – UELMA Board Member Candidate

Lesley McLaughlin has been an educator in the Salt Lake City School District for 34 years. She began her teaching career as an elementary teacher. She then received her library degree and was a librarian for 13 years. She moved into the district office to direct library media and technology services where she presently has been working for the past 13 years. Her greatest goal is to help librarians really become the informational specialist in the schools. This means using both print and electronic resources. Librarians need to know how to teach students the Big 6 so that they become life long learners.



Debbie Naylor – UELMA Board Member Candidate

Debbie graduated with a B.S. degree from the University of Utah in Physical Education and Health. She has taught at Lehi High School for 26 years, starting in physical education and coaching. She has been involved at Lehi High as the director of character education and schools-to-careers. She was one of the first work-based learning programs in Alpine district, helping to write the curriculum and setting up internships in the community. She has been in the library for two years. She recently completed a Masters Degree from Utah State University in Instructional Technology with a library science certification. Being a library teacher has definitely been her favorite position. She loves to help students educate themselves by finding information. Of course, she is an avid reader and loves to share books with students and teachers. She has just become a grandmother for the first time and plans to finally read share all those picture books she has been purchasing for the last 8 years.
