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## *President's Message* - - Andrea Woodring



At this last conference it was wonderful to interact with everyone and get all of our creative juices flowing. There are such great things going on in our media centers across this state. Recently, Lincoln Elementary school in Salt Lake City received a grant to remodel the library from Target Corporation. This grant, obtained by Linda Houtz, the media specialist, also included a 2,000 books for the media center. But wait! There's more. Each



student at the school also received seven books to take home for themselves. This is just one example of how librarians are always looking out for their students. I know that I am truly inspired by all of you! Keep up the good work and enjoy the summer break you all deserve!

I want to publically thank our new members to the UELMA team, Shelly Ripplinger, Jim Moon, and Belinda Kuck. I'm so grateful they're willing to serve. Please contact any member of the UELMA board and myself if you any ideas, questions and concerns.

I'll always leave you with a quote "As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her." ~Erma Bombeck

Utah Kids Ready to Read is a resource for Utah librarians to assist with early literacy resources and training. The six early literacy skills that form the foundation of Every Child Ready to Read have also been the basis of Utah Kids Ready to Read: Print Motivation, Vocabulary, Print Awareness, Narrative Skills, Letter Knowledge, and Phonological Awareness.

The Public Library Association and the Association of Library Services for Children have been updating Every Child Ready to Read, using new research and strategies that have been developed since the program was first developed ten years ago.

The second edition of Every Child Ready to Read morphs the six skills into a simpler set of five action words: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. These practices will help children develop their language and pre-reading skills beginning at birth. The detailed changes to the program will be released in June.

Simplification of the terms that are presented to parents and caregivers is a welcome change. Utah Kids Ready to Read is eager to incorporate the changes into the current program. Starting in the fall, we will be offering early literacy training to Utah librarians, and we will welcome school librarians who wish to attend. Our number one goal is to remind parents and librarians of the importance of early literacy, and enable them to use the new skills to make sure their children are prepared to learn to read by the time they enter Kindergarten.

### **Summer Reading**

Don't forget that Summer Reading programs will begin in June at public libraries in Utah. This year's theme for children is "One World, Many Stories," and "You Are Here" for teens. We invite you to encourage your students to participate through their local library.

If you have any questions about Early Literacy or Summer Reading, please contact Matt McLain, Youth Services Coordinator at the Utah State

## **Early Literacy Utah Kids Ready to Read!**

*Check out the new page on our website that spotlights wonderful Library Teachers.*



*Are you privileged to know a marvelous school Library Technology Teacher? If you would like to spotlight a Librarian, contact Leslie Lewis*

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The April Board of Directors' meeting was marked by the

## Board Members Depart

departure of the UELMA Past President and two Board members as their three year terms expired. Past President Lanell Rabner, Springville High School, Nebo School District, completed her term with very successful 2011 Spring Conference. Susan Krusell, Lincoln Elementary School, Ogden School District, worked during her tenure to update the UELMA Constitution. Luanne Olson, Alpine School District, served her term chairing the annual Awards nomination and selection process. The current Board members would like to express their appreciation to these three for their dedicated service. Each received a plaque recognizing that service at the Spring Conference Business Meeting.

## Involved with Charter Schools?

Charter school librarians and others who are involved with charter school libraries met during the March UELMA conference. Approximately 24 people attended. During this meeting, we introduced ourselves and our schools to each other and discussed some of the issues that we deal with, many of which are unique to charter schools. Contact information was also shared.

We decided to meet together again at the next conference and there was some interest in dividing into regional groups and meeting every quarter or so. A schedule has not yet been established.

If you are in a charter school and would like to be included in any emails, future meetings or information, please contact Kathy Ballard at [Kathy.ballard@monticelloacademy.net](mailto:Kathy.ballard@monticelloacademy.net). We want to make connections with all charter school libraries!

## What is SUECON?

The Washington County School District, the Utah Coalition for Educational Technology (UCET), and UELMA welcomes you to the first Southern Utah Education Conference (SUECON) held in beautiful St. George.

Please visit [www.suecon.org](http://www.suecon.org) now and visit our conference in **St. George on October 13th and 14th!**

# Congratulations to our 2011 Award Winners!

## ...You inspire all of us...

### Teacher Librarian of the Year

**Laurel Harris**

Jordan High School  
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### Paraprofessional of the Year

**MerriLynn Sorenson**

Gunnison Valley Elementary School  
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### Administrator of the Year

**Becky Lewis**

Provo School District



## And now, a word from our vendors....

By Armin Bucad

Thank you to all who stopped by the vendor area at the UELMA Spring Conference. There were 30 vendors displaying the latest in technology, resources, books, and more. With 42 tables of merchandise and information to browse, there was plenty to see and shop for. Together, the vendors donated over 60 different door prizes ranging from books to gift baskets. As always, it was a fun day for vendors and librarians alike. We are grateful for all the continued support of our UELMA vendors. A complete list of vendors can be found at [www.uelma.org](http://www.uelma.org). We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall at SUECON (Southern Utah Education Conference) and again next spring! Vendor Questions? Please contact Armin Bucad at 801-518-2418 or [armin@sebcobooks.com](mailto:armin@sebcobooks.com)

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