

---

---

# ◆ UELMA ◆

---

---

Vol. 24 No. 4

May 2004

---

---

## *President's Message* - - Fawn Morgan

*A light exists in spring  
Not present on the year  
At any other period.  
---- Emily Dickinson*

While searching for a quote to begin this, my first official, president's message Emily Dickinson's poetry begged to be included.

For many teachers in classrooms springtime is a winding down and summing up period. In school libraries, however, librarians are often just gearing up. Inventories are begun and orders are being prepared. We are examining the curriculum and preparing to purchase new materials to support lessons in the coming year. Some are compiling book lists for summer reading programs. For those who are in year-round schools the fun never ends! If our minds *are*, happily, turned to summer vacations, school librarians are always considering what gems may be found in museum stores that we can buy to put on the library shelf.

On my desk, next to one of the many to-do piles, is a burned-out lamp to a video projector. I have a replacement lamp on order with a waiting time of approximately two weeks. The purchase order amount is \$387.50 including shipping and handling. The company assures me that this is a bargain price. Depending on the lumens available the discount school bid for

replacement bulbs can be between \$250 and \$500. With projectors selling for \$1,200 to \$3,000 or more the lamps, themselves, equal  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  the cost of the entire unit, a valuable commodity.

If library media centers are, indeed, the heart - or mind - of the school, then school librarians are the lamp. You are the light that projects enthusiasm for books and reading. You illuminate the research process. You focus curriculum beam for teachers, staff and students. The light of your programs reaches out in this age of libraries-without-walls into each classroom and into the homes. The spotlight is rarely focused *on* the librarian or library but, rather, *outward* from the library media center.



In one school there may be five or 105 teachers who can give support to each other. In school libraries there may be one lone librarian with no one in that school who entirely shares enough understanding to give support. For this reason librarians must support each other across greater distances. Thankfully, we live in a time of communication convenience with telephones, e-mail, Internet, fax machines and other technical gadgets bridging the distance. Membership in organizations such as UELMA, ULA, AASL, LM\_Net, UCET, CLAU, PTA, UEN, as well as local school library affiliations provide the network for library media personnel to support each other district-wide, state-wide, and nationally. Take the time regularly to communicate with others. Students will benefit, teachers will benefit and so will you.

It has been an honor and privilege as well as pleasure to be President of UELMA. Thank you to every one who has been part of the successful activities, conferences and events of this past year. Due to the efforts of many of you, there are numerous important success highlights.

A big thank you and expression of appreciation to **Diane Stokoe** who chaired the 2004 conference. She and her committee produced a conference that was timely, well organized and enjoyable. Member response was overwhelmingly positive. In addition she along with **Sheryl Burton** and **Voni Rivas** of the History Committee, have gathered, sorted and recovered much of the history of UELMA which will serve as a legacy for years to come. Thanks.

In addition to the tribute to past presidents, the excellent sessions, and the delightful guest author, the recognition of outstanding librarians and administrators under the direction of **Julie Barlow** deserves thanks.

Thank you to **Kathy Moore** and **Lynnette Brady** and their committees for hosting the productive regional conferences in Price and Cedar City. They both retire off the board this year after three years of going the extra mile. UELMA has benefited greatly from their service.

Thank you to **Fawn Morgan**, your new president, who so cheerfully and willingly worked to keep the communication links open and relevant. Along with **Bonnie Odd** who served as the Newsletter editor and **Dave Harline** who oversaw the UELMA web page, the word on libraries got out. I am very confident that Fawn will be an outstanding president. Hopefully she will be able to count on each of us for support this coming year.

Thank you to **Susan Huff** and those who assisted her for persistently pushing the appropriate buttons until we were able to receive an audience with the Legislative Subcommittee for Educational Funding. Library needs

## Thanks and Congratulations are in Order

- - Burke Belnap

were front and center that day. That event will have a positive impact for some time to come. Thanks to every one on the Board including liaison and special assignment folks. It was truly enjoyable working

with them. Everyone worked so hard. They are dedicated, talented people who desire to see students teachers, and administrators have the very best library services and programs. Our influence and healthy relationship with other organizations is due in great part to **Georgia Loutensock**, State Office of Education, **Cindy Mitchell**, ULA, **Randa Bruce**, UCET, **Linda Bethers**, CLAU and **Jean Truman**, ULMS. And thanks to **Jeff Cutler**, Vendor Representative, and all those companies whose endorsement has kept UELMA financially solvent and enabled us to provide quality conferences.

And there must be thanks given to Executive Director, **Larry Jeppesen**, whose broad understanding, quiet dedicated and principled approach has kept our organization focused and moving in the right direction.

I also wish to congratulate those new officers who join the board this year. **Nan Allson**, President Elect, has made many important contributions to Utah libraries and now her leadership abilities will have even greater impact. New board members, **Marilyn Walker** and **Paula Cloward** will bring new dimensions to the Staff as well. Thank you for accepting this opportunity to serve.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who belongs to UELMA for your collective membership ultimately provides the energy for influencing and improving this organization in the fulfillment of its mission which is to provide the very best in support, direction and help, that students and their teachers may have available to them resources needed to meet the challenges facing them now and in the future.

**We are excited to announce that the 2005 UELMA Conference will be held at the new Davis County Convention Center in Layton, Utah on Mar 5, 2005.**

A number of locations were considered including the one in Ogden, which has been the site for several years. There was a strong desire from the southern part of the state to have the conference in St. George or Cedar City. Sites were also reviewed in South Salt Lake and in Provo. In addition to location, we examined possible costs, convenience, capacity, and availability. When all factors were weighed, it was the decision of the board to move the conference to Layton for this coming year.

Planning is well underway. We are taking into consideration your responses and suggestions made at our March Conference. **Collection management** and **Curriculum Integration** were high on the list of suggested topics for 2005. Other areas that were marked for attention included **Funding/Grant Writing**, **Future Trends** and **Research Skills**. We will try to incorporate these topics in the 2005 conference.

If there are other areas that you would like us to consider please share that desire with one of the board.

**2005 UELMA  
Conference  
Scheduled for Layton**

## Paraprofessional of the Year — Lori Christiansen

Beehive Elementary (Granite District)

Lori's skills are both stellar and exemplary as she works with 688 students and a staff of more than 60. Lori provides an inviting cozy, homey atmosphere by playing music as students enter and furnishes the media center with banana chairs, a fish aquarium, and book displays. She has written several grants, helps with the book fairs, and sponsors the pencil and book supply machine with proceeds going to the media center/computer lab and it's patrons.

She has the ability to take several programs and put them under one umbrella which allows the students to connect with each component. Just this week she introduced the Kindergarten to their "Interconnection's" study of Antarctica by talking to them about continents, teaching them a little song about the continents and then taking them on a visual tour of Antarctica via the computer. She also emphasizes the 6-traits writing with students. As Lori saw the math needs of students and their lack of understanding of math terms, she designed a Mind Over Math Bulletin Board to stimulate their thinking. Lori is also the Interconnections Coordinator for the school. This program integrates science and social studies core curricula into thematic units. She is doing a great job and becoming a mentor for the teachers as she is often found coaching teachers on how to do something specific on the computer.

## Library Media Teacher of the Year —Trudena Fager

Bountiful High School (Davis District)

Some of Trudena's accomplishments include: teaching library classes for BYU, writing of various grants, working in Azerbaijan at their University Library teaching them cataloging in English and Azeri, serving on accreditation teams, policy committees and writing a resolution that was funded by the legislature to build or remodel 43 school libraries throughout the state to make them larger than a single classroom.

A teacher wrote, "Of all the wonderful people who love and help kids at BHS, Trudena Fager has done more to help the greatest number than any one else here. At the first of each year Trudena visits with every English class with a cartload of books and introduces the students to the wonders of the library. She gives book talks about several, and the race to the library is on. She teaches the Big 6 research process, she consults teachers with her ordering process, and puts together annotated bibliography's for their units.

A principal wrote, "I recall the work she did in designing a new Media Center. She took the space available and provided a drawing of what she needed. It was exceptional. When it was completed, I had to inform her we didn't have money for the shelving she needed and wanted. So, Trudena took a woodshop night class, learned how to make shelves and made them! So bright, gifted talented and what a joy to work with."

## Administrator of the Year—Paula Fugal

Mountain Ridge Junior High School (Alpine District)

Ms. Fugal is a new principal at Mountain Ridge Junior High. When asked what she would do if she were not a principal, without hesitation, she said she would be a librarian. Her love for books and reading are reflected in the way she encourages students to read. One of the first programs she established at our school was a book club for students called, "Fugal's Readers Feast." Some students Ms. Fugal personally chose were shy and quiet. Students in the book club meet once a month during lunch and discuss a chosen book. She takes time out of her busy schedule to always be there for all three sessions. She provides treats and prizes to help promote reading. She makes reading a top priority for students.

Ms. Fugal is not afraid to try new things. She also persuaded the PTSA to be in charge of a school wide reading program called ROAR (Read Often Achieve Results). Students earn prizes based on the amount of reading they do. Paula Fugal is a great supporter in the library program. She loves books and she love junior high students. She feels a library is an important part of a child's education.

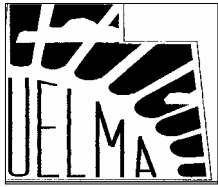
## Regional Conferences Announced

*"A library is not a luxury  
but one of the necessities of life."  
—Henry Ward Beecher*

It's time to look ahead to the 2004 UELMA Regional Conferences! Designed for all school library media center personnel and their administrators residing in the southern half of the state, it will be held **Wednesday, September 22**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the College of Eastern Utah in Price. On **Thursday, September 23**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. we will be at the Sharwin Smith Center on the Southern Utah University Campus, 351 West Center Street, Cedar City, Utah. A conference fee of \$20 covers lunch, conference materials and a half-year membership to UELMA. If you attended the spring conference in Ogden, you have already paid your membership and the cost will be \$10.

The conference will feature a keynote speaker, excellent workshops, breakout sessions, professional training, and a preview of some of the newest best reading picks for high school and elementary students. Attendees will also have an opportunity to look at the newest offerings by library vendors and interact with conference presenters and counterparts. Education license renewal points will be given.

Watch for registration brochures which will be delivered to schools this fall. UELMA's Regional Conference is guaranteed to be a conference you won't want to miss!



UELMA  
PO Box 117  
Wellsville, UT  
84339

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Logan, UT 84321  
Permit No. 147

In This Issue...      ... New President says 'Hello'.... Burke says 'Thanks'....2005 conference venue selected....

## UELMA 2004 - Honoring the Past Preparing for the Future

Over 435 educators attended our annual conference which was held in Ogden at the Eccles Conference Center on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The schedule reflected the needs of our growing membership which is now equally divided. About half of us are secondary and elementary library media teachers. The other half are library paraprofessionals. Some principals and superintendents also attended. Glenna Tunnel and Dianne Butler's "Great Ideas for your Five Star Library" and the "Best Five Minute Ideas for Librarians" were very popular. Co-chairs Rebecca Simmons and Diane Stokoe received high marks for their literature track which included Jim Jacob's best books, Cindy Mitchell and Patricia Foster's book sessions and the CLAU classes. Several commented that it was very helpful to have the CLAU sessions in the junior ballroom which we added this year. Many appreciated the conference committee repeating some sessions. This enabled flexibility in planning individual schedules.

About half of UEMA/UELMA's past presidents met at the gala reception just before the noon luncheon to renew acquaintances and share stories. Past presidents who attended included **Dr. Don Smellie, Dr. James Duane, Duane Hedin, Rowe Harrison, Dr. Brenda Branyan Zinsky, Sheila Stevens, Marilyn Taylor, Dr. Karen Berner, JaDene Denniston, Dr. David Walton, Michael Hirschi, Kathie Olson, Ann Olsen Thackeray, Dennis Morgan, and Diane Stokoe.** Those who joined the past presidents in this session learned more about the rich history of our organization. Throughout this past year records have been gathered, president's surveys have been completed and a draft of UELMA's history has been written. It will be finalized in the coming year.

"Anchor in a Sea of Change" attracted over seventy vendors, a record number for our conference. We appreciate the ideas and new information shared by vendors. In addition, they supplied many door prizes and gave away other items from their booths throughout the day. Burke Belnap handed the gavel over to **Fawn Morgan.** **Nan Allsen,** became president elect. **Marilyn Walker** and **Paula Cloward** were welcomed to the executive board.

Several boxes of books, including some autographed copies from our visiting guest authors, were sent to three needy schools adopted by the board this year. Books went to Circleville Elementary, Oscarson Elementary and Carmen Pingree School. A special thanks to Kathy Moore and Randa Bruce who spear headed this projects and to our members for their donations and generosity.

The printing for our beautiful conference booklets was donated by Document Express, Salt Lake City. A special thanks goes to the history committee who did the research and to all those who submitted bios.