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President's Message: Who Needs a School Librarian? *A poem in two voices.* - - Lanell Rabner

Voice One

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?

But I lost my aide

And my Trust Lands support is gone

My budget was hacked to pieces

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?

I could just quit showing up

Or just sit in my office all day

I could read ...

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?

I guess I ought to remember why I took this job in the first place

Books, reading and kids like you.

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?
We do!

Voice Two

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?

I do!

Lucky you
more time to spend with me.

What's a few less books?

So write a grant.
Who needs a School Librarian anyway?
I do!

Who would find me good read?

How will I ever figure out MLA?

But you won't.
Who needs a School Librarian anyway?
I do!
Just do more with less
Because I'm worth it!

Maybe you liked books?

Who needs a School Librarian anyway?
We do!



Less help? Less money? Less resources? The landscape looks the same for all of us. So what do we do about it? Look to each other - to network, share, talk, advocate. No one tells our stories better than we do. Let's get out of our comfort zones and do more with less. We can still make library memories that will last a lifetime and teach our kids that librarians do care about them and are always around to help. Let's make this a year to advocate, not abdicate and let our schools and communities know that School Librarians are here to stay. Because we DO make a difference.

UELMA-Southern Utah Fall Workshop Libraries Go Wild! 2009 (Even on Exotically Meager Budgets)

Southern Utah school librarians and media specialists went WILD with excitement as they attended the UELMA Fall Workshop on September 17th at Southern Utah University. A fun filled day with adventurous events provided an environment for a wildly productive day of collaboration and training. Session presenters went wild with Reading Time Activities, Celebration days, Lesson Plan Sharing, Old and New Book Ideas, and Roaring Technology...Gadgets, Gismos, and Gorilla Tactics. Blair Foote along with our fabulous eighteen vendors went wild with creativity as they hosted a "Genre Safari" complete with jungle animals, passports, and prizes. UELMA President **Lanell Rabner** gave a stimulating welcoming message, and **Georgia Louten-**

sock dazzled everyone with a "Keeping Everyone Happy in the Jungle" presentation during lunch. Workshop participants were also entertained by the remarkably exciting Canyon View High School Madrigal Choir performing an assortment of jungle songs. SEDC along with local businesses provided terrific "Survival Gifts" to well deserving workshop attendees. Authors Laura Bingham and Heather Justesen added to the excitement and literary flavor of the workshop.

We want to give a special thank you to John Eye and the Library Media Faculty at S.U.U. for sponsoring this event. Thank you also to all the session presenters, vendors, facilitators, UELMA board members, and especially to all those who made such a great effort to attend the workshop! Keep GOING WILD with enthusiasm and excitement... and we'll see you at the Annual Conference in Orem.

Embracing an exciting jungle theme, the **UELMA exhibit hall** has never been so wild! This year's fall workshop in Cedar City was the perfect opportunity to showcase the new books and products available for librarians. Each attendee was given a "**Genre Safari Passport**" and received stamps by visiting each vendor booth. It was a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and meet new exhibitors, as well. With a dozen companies represented, it was a fantastic day to shop for library products and services. Vendors donated over 30 different door prizes and, as always, we are grateful for their generosity and support. An updated list of vendors can be found at our website at www.uelma.org

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Announcing
 The Annual UELMA Conference
Library Leadership: Piecing It All Together
Friday, March 5, 2010

Make your plans now!

Library Leadership: Piecing It All Together is the theme for the UELMA Spring Conference to be held **FRIDAY**, March 5, 2010. It will be held at **Mountain View High School in Orem**. After much deliberation, it was decided to host the conference at a high school to decrease the cost of the conference and we plan on passing that savings on to you.

Our emphasis for the entire year is **advocacy**; therefore, Deb Logan, a national advocacy speaker will be our keynote speaker. You will find her delightful and entertaining. Check out her website at www.deblogan.com. LaRene Ellis, *Stone's Quest Trilogy*, and Mike Ramsdale, *Train to Potevka*, will be speaking at conference sessions and signing books. Be thinking of ideas you would like to present as well at conference sessions.

We hope to go green again this year by having the conference handouts available on the UELMA website prior to the conference so you can print them off and bring them with you. We are delighted with the changes, the authors and speaker, and hope you are looking forward to a great conference.

Service Project & Fund Raiser

In keeping with the UELMA Conference Theme, **Piecing It All Together**, I want to gather quilt blocks to sew rag quilts for local literacy centers to auction off at their fundraising events. If as many of you as possible could bring one or two or as many blocks as you create, I will piece the quilts.

Please bring 5" or 10" quilt blocks. Cut two 5" blocks of a material of your choice and one 4" block of batting. Center batting in the middle of the two blocks (right sides out). Draw a line from corner to corner. Sew along that line using a light colored thread. This should give you a 5 " square sewn with an X from corner to corner. The 10" will be the same. The material can be flannel or cotton but needs to be the same type of fabric on both sides. In other words, we will end up with an all flannel quilt and an all cotton quilt. I would also like it to be dark on both sides or light on both sides to make it easier to match. Thanks so much. I think this will be a fun project to complete and it will be a benefit to literacy.

Building Bridges:
Forging Partnerships for the Future
2009 UELMA Annual Conference - Thursday, March 5th
Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Ogden, Utah

Dear UELMA Member or Colleague,

Plans are under way for an exciting UELMA conference next year. We need your help to have the best sessions possible.

Call for Proposals

Do you have an idea for a session you would be willing to share with your fellow school librarians? You are invited to submit a proposal for a session to be presented on March 5th. You can lead the session yourself, or ask a friend to team-teach with you, or perhaps you know a local teacher or professional with valuable insights whom you could suggest to present.

Our 2009 conference will be focused on building partnerships between educational libraries and patrons, administrators, the public, academic, and public and private libraries to provide superior services and information for 21st century learners.

Name of presenter: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____

Your name if different from suggested presenter: _____

Type of session: ,,45 minute Breakout Session ,,, Poster Session

Area of focus: ___ Administrator ___ Information Specialist
 ___ Library-Teacher ___ Life-Long Learner.

Intended Audience: ___ Elementary ___ Secondary ___ All levels

Subject of session:

Short description:

You are encouraged to bring needed equipment with you but other arrangements may be possible.

Return form to: Michael Goodman, Conference President
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There is also a need for volunteers to help in facilitating conference sessions. Please contact Michael Goodman at the above address to volunteer as a facilitator for a 45 minute session.



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**2010 UELMA
Conference**
Will be held
FRIDAY
March 5th, 2010
at Mountain View
High School in
OREM
Plan now to attend!

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What is it?

The “library-media” mailing list is a way to share information with others who work in a Utah K-12 library through email. An email message is sent to a single address then forwarded to the email accounts of all of the librarians and staff in the mailing list.

*Here's how you can join
the Library-Media
mailing list:*

Getting started

To subscribe or unsubscribe to a mailing list:

1. Go to <http://lists.uen.org/mailman/listinfo>
2. Scroll down the list of the mailings lists until you find “library-media”
3. Select the “library-media” link
4. Follow the directions on the screen to subscribe or unsubscribe