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## *President's Message* - - Nan Allsen

I was watching TV the other night. It was one of those reality shows that gave a middle-aged woman like me a make over. I watched as this woman worked through her various stages of anxiety and frustration. You could feel her torn between giving up the old look for a new look that was unfamiliar to her. She had to trust that the final product would make her feel younger and more refreshed. I think that she was hoping that this new look would give her a new lease on life, make her more popular with the gentlemen or give her social life a real boost.

Funny that this is how I feel about the changes that we are working through with UELMA. This is reality and I promised to keep things real so to begin, we as a board have working on a new look for UELMA, a face-lift and a make-over to help us look a little "younger". We hope that it will make us feel refreshed and you never know, we could be more popular with the younger crowd. We have definitely worked through feelings of anxiety and frustration and I don't think those feelings will change much, but we are confident that it will give us a feeling of renewed value.

To start, we have been working with a

professional web designer to create a new page for UELMA. You can access this page at <http://www.uelma.org> just like before, but PLEASE keep in mind that all the pages are still under construction. We are in the process of hiring a new Webmaster and will be working diligently with this person to populate the sub-pages as quickly as possible. For now, we felt that

it was most important to get the page launched for our association members to review and to get the most vital information out to you.

The most important of this information is the **conference dates**. Fall conferences are fast approaching and we want to make sure that all members are informed. Watch for more

information about these conferences included in this newsletter. I encourage all members to book mark this site and keep checking throughout the year as we continue to make improvements and changes.



Check out our new look!  
**WWW.UELMA.org**

Get information &  
connect with colleagues

# Regional Conferences Set for September

## Price Conference September 14, 2005

Final Touches are being put on this year's UELMA Regional Conference to be held at the **College of Eastern Utah in Price**. Following are some the highlights of the conference:

- In three separate workshops, **Laurel Harris**, library media specialist at Jordan H.S., will focus on Do's and Don'ts for Dewey; Cataloging helps and suggestions for creating an accurate, efficient collection; and Teaching strategies to increase higher scores on standardized tests
- **Kim Hanson**, Follett Library Resources representative, will present effective ways to manage and weed your collection.
- **Theresa Wilson**, SESC Trainer, will present what's new with E-media and Pioneer Tips.
- **Georgia Loutensock**, USOE, will share her usual gems of basic and useable tips to help you run your program more efficiently.
- Vendors

Flyers will be mailed to all schools in this regional area. If you have questions, please contact Larry Jeppesen at 435-563-6229 or [larry.jeppesen@cache.k12.ut.us](mailto:larry.jeppesen@cache.k12.ut.us). You can also find updated information on the Web Page at [www.uelma.org](http://www.uelma.org)

## Cedar City Conference September 15, 2005

The buzz you're hearing is your friends at UELMA putting finishing touches on this year's UELMA Regional Conference at **Southern Utah University in Cedar City**. You won't want to miss this information-packed conference, with the following features:

- Literary specialist and early childhood presenter **Harmony Langford** on Read Aloud Magic.
- Noted SUU elementary education team, **Mark and Linda Marriott**, and **Suzanne Julian**, of SUU library, will share the latest in children's and young adult literature.
- In three separate workshops, **Laurel Harris**, library media specialist at Jordan H.S., will focus on Do's and Don'ts for Dewey; Cataloging helps and suggestions for creating an accurate, efficient collection; and Teaching strategies to increase higher scores on standardized tests
- **Richard Eissinger**, instructional librarian at SUU, will provide instruction to help students correctly cite all sources, and discover free on-line tools to assist with this process.
- Returning presenter, **Melanie Durfee** of SEDC, with what's new with e-Media.
- Always welcome and informative **Georgia Loutensock**, USOE
- Vendors

Watch for registration flyers which will be delivered to your schools in the near future.

Questions? Contact Jean Truman, Canyon View High School, 435-586-2813 for the Cedar City Conference.

## UEN is offering four new classes this coming school year:

1. **Podcasting, Blogs and Vlogs** - Introduces 21st century communication skills for teachers.
2. **Visual Learning with Inspiration** - Teaches how to use Inspiration software for developing ideas and organizing thinking.
3. **Create Online Video Tutorials** - Helps teachers and tech trainers create "just in time" training with their own fun tutorials.
4. **Digital Camera II** - Photoshop Elements will be used to create high quality materials to help improve school-community communication and offer "real, rich and relevant" projects for students.

To register for one of these new offerings or other classes, go to the **UEN Professional Development** web site at [www.uen.org/development](http://www.uen.org/development).

School librarians wear many hats as they perform their duties. We are detectives investigating statistics for the research process. We are counselors using reviews to advise students which books to read. We are technicians removing a wayward disk stuck in a computer drive or tangled tape in a video player. We are publishers posting graphic organizers or search tips to our web sites. We are salesmen convincing students and teachers of the value of our curriculum. We are buyers purchasing quality materials to enhance the library collections. We are teachers providing instruction in reading, media and information literacy. We are storytellers engaging the imagination of our patrons.

Stories, whether fictional or factual, are the basic tools of librarians, especially school librarians. We tell stories to entertain pre-school students while showing picture books. We tell true accounts to teenagers to convince them that research skills can be useful methods for solving life's problems. We tell fellow teachers and administrators real-life examples of the benefits of our programs. Stories are a basic part of our daily activities.

While wearing those many hats librarians use many tools. We use keywords, phonics, screwdrivers, html code, Boolean logic, standards, policy, book tape, and the Dewey Decimal System. Stories are, however, one of our most effective tools.

“Stories in words are among our oldest, most powerful, most mysterious tools. Through mere sounds on the air, or squiggles on a page, they give us what no other technology can - ourselves.” - Rafe Martin

Ultimately, the strength of our library program in each individual school depends on the ability of the librarian to tell a story in an effective manner.

The 2006 Annual UELMA Conference will highlight storytelling. Rafe Martin, award winning author and story teller as agreed to keynote at this event. He will also present a session. Martin has authored over twenty books which have received the ALA Notable Books, Parent's Choice Gold, 1995 Utah Children's Book Award nominee, and IRA Pick of the Lists awards. He writes for a variety of levels pre-kindergarten to young adult. Some titles include Will's Mammoth, The Rough-faced Girl, and The World Before This One. Look for a new fantasy YA title, *Birdwing*, available October 1! He has been telling stories for more than ten years and has performed at many prestigious events including the National Storytelling Festival and American Library Association Conference. You may even want to apply for an arts grant so that you can have Rafe visit your library while he is in town next March! For more information go to <http://www.rafermartin.com/contact.htm>

Other storytellers in a variety of formats will also present at breakout sessions and provide poster session displays. The theme around which plans for

## *Annual Conference: With Joy In The Journey*

the conference are being made is Progressing Towards Standards - With Joy In the Journey. Storytelling can be one of the most rewarding tools librarians use and one that produces the most enjoyment both for the teller and the hearer. Famed historian David McCullough expressed this view in a speech given at Hillsdale College recently.

“There was a wonderful professor of child psychology at the University of Pittsburgh . . . who was so wise that I wish her teachings and her ideas and her themes were much better known. She said

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that attitudes aren't taught, they're caught. If the teacher has an attitude of enthusiasm for the subject, the student catches that whether the student is in second grade or is in graduate school.”

What better way to pass on enthusiasm than with story? Storytellers enjoy life. Tell a story with feeling and that difficult student or colleague may catch the enthusiasm we have for our programs. Telling stories in a joyful way will better our library programs and make it more likely that the library media standards are met, thereby benefiting students as they learn needed literacy skills.

Please join your colleagues and friends at our annual **UELMA Conference, Thursday, March 2nd at the Davis Conference Center** located in Layton. Hotel details will follow in the next issue of our newsletter. Please mark this date on your calendar now!

# *With Joy In The Journey*

UELMA Annual Conference - Thursday, March 2, 2006  
Davis Conference Center, Layton, Utah

Dear UELMA Member or Colleague,

Plans are under way for an exciting UELMA conference next year. Conferences do not happen by magic or automatically, however, and your UELMA board can't do it by themselves.

## *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 2**. Ask a friend to team-teach with you, or perhaps you know a local author or teacher with valuable insights whom you could suggest to present.

**Name of presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name if different from suggested presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of session:**       45 minute Breakout Session       Poster Session  
(Create a display and be available for questions)

**Subject of session:**

**Short description:**

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

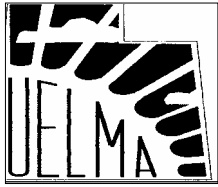
## *Committee Help Needed*

Several committees are required to organize each conference, but many hands make light work! *Much of the work can be accomplished by telephone and by e-mail.*

Please volunteer to help on a conference committee this year. If you have never volunteered before, please do it this year. If you have helped in the past, your experience is valued and welcome!

Advisory / Planning     Signs / Set Up     Session Introduction     Other \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Return form to:</b> Fawn B. Morgan, Conference Chair Layton High School Library, Layton High, 440 Wasatch Drive, Layton, UT 84041 Phone: (801) 402-4996 (work) E-mail: <a href="mailto:fmorgan@dsdmail.net">fmorgan@dsdmail.net</a> Fax: (801) 402-4801
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**2006 UELMA  
Conference**  
Will be held  
**March 2nd, 2006**  
at the  
Davis Conference  
Center.  
Plan now to attend!

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### Sequels: Know What is Next

Once a student reads a great book, you know that they are going to ask "what's next?" Here is a list of sequels that have either come out this summer or are due this fall. Hopefully you already have the first book in the series! See more sequels online at <http://www.sjms.jordan.k12.ut.us/MediaCenter/corner.htm>

Ardagh, Philip. - *The rise of the house of McNally, or, About time too* 152p Third in the Unlikely Exploits series – follows *Fall of Fergal* and *Heir of Mystery* – EL, MS

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia - *Falcondance* (The Kiesh'ra volume 3). Release: Sept 13 2005. Sequel to *Hawksong* and *Snakecharm*. MS

Bell, Hilari. - *Rise of a hero* 462p Sequel to *Fall of a Kingdom* (originally *Flame*) in the Book of Sorahb series – MS

Cadnum, Michael. - *The Dragon Throne* 212p Sequel to *Book of the Lion*, following the knights as they return from the crusades. EL, MS

Fisher, Catherine - *The Sphere of Secrets* 370p. Second in the Oracle

Prophecies trilogy, following *The Oracle Betrayed*. MS, HS

Funke, Cornelia – *Inkspell*. Sequel to *Inkheart*. EL, MS

Hanley, Victoria. - *The Light of the Oracle* 312p. Companion to *Seer and the Sword* and *Healer's Keep*. EL, MS

Nix, Garth. - *Across the Wall* : a tale of the Abhorsen and other stories 305p. One story following up the adventures of Lirael and Sam, along with other short stories. MS, HS

Paolini, Christopher. – *Eldest*. Sequel to *Eragon*. MS, HS

Pierce, Tamora. - *The Will of the Empress* Release: Nov 20 2005 A new book, but it follows the characters of the Circle of Magic and the Circle Opens quartets. MS

*Pick a Great Read*  
Cindy Mitchell  
South Jordan Middle School