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President's Message - - Michael L. Goodman

"Every reader, his book"

I am enjoying the second round of an in-service class I am taking called Writing Memoirs. I am impressed by how many members of the class have written about the impact of libraries, school and public, on their growing up years and on their current intellectual life. This has made me muse on the first school library I can remember. The library at Sanger Elementary School in Hobbs, New Mexico, was a small room about one-quarter the size of a classroom. I was in the sixth grade and not particularly interested in reading. I went to the library one afternoon after school to kill some time and just browsed the few shelves not looking for anything in particular. The covers of the fiction books were of the standard 1950's school library style, plain solid colors or geometric patterns with the title embossed in black on the spine. I can still see in my mind's eye the low shelf at the back of the room where I happened upon *Windyfoot*. I must have read the librarian's synopsis pasted inside the front cover, "The story of a boy in New England who gets a horse for Christmas," and decided to take a chance and read it. When I finished it, I read *Windyfoot at Maple Sugar Time*, *Windyfoot at the County Fair*, and all the other books in the series that I could find. These were the first books I read because I **wanted** to read and not because I **had** to read. I reflect on my first experience with the joy of reading each time I see a student disinterestedly browsing the fiction shelves stocked with bright, exciting covers designed to entice a new reader. Maybe he or she will find that one book today that will stimulate a life long love of reading. As S. A. Ranganathan said in the Five Laws of Library Science: "Every reader, his book; every book, its reader."



Service Project Recipient Spring 2008 Conference

UELMA has chosen to donate books to the State Prison Library this year. The books will be used for recreational reading and to support educational programs. The prison has very few restrictions; they do not want any textbooks, outdated nonfiction, books in very poor condition and obviously, books with more explicit sexual situations would not be acceptable. Fiction of any kind is always appreciated and children's and young adult materials are always needed for some of the inmates have low literacy skills..

We will be collecting your gently used, new books and/or money this year during the Spring Conference. Please be as generous as you can for these adults need to know that people do care.

Christie Jensen, Library Director for the Utah State Prison, sent us the following information:

The mission of the Utah State Prison Draper Site Libraries is to provide high quality library services and materials for an underserved population of incarcerated individuals. The goal of the Draper Site Libraries is to provide a diverse and updated collection of reference and reading materials to the inmate patrons who have no other access to library services. Education and therapy programs are a major focus for the inmates at the Draper site, and the libraries strive to help provide the needed materials that satisfy the educational, therapeutic, and recreational needs of our inmate patrons.

Library services to the inmate population are provided according to their classification and privilege level, as well as their housing assignment. The median age for males is 27 and for females it is 32, with an age range from 18 to over 80 years old. The education levels vary from illiterate to college graduates with a wide range of interests and abilities.

If you have any questions, please contact **Bridget Merrell** at bmerrell@dixiehigh.org or **Jan Duane** at janduan@jdchs.org. Thanks so much for all you do.

10 Ways to be a Pioneer Library Advocate at your School:

1. Join the K-12 Library Media Mailing List. Call 1-800-866-5852 to learn how to join.
2. Display a Pioneer Library poster in your library. Call 1-800-866-5852 to request a poster.
3. Publish an article about Pioneer Library in your local school's newsletter/paper.
4. Go to http://pioneer-library.org/support_materials/ to see and download a variety of documents about Pioneer Library
5. Present Pioneer Library at your faculty meeting. Distribute one or more handouts to your faculty. Go to http://pioneer-library.org/support_materials/
6. Request Pioneer Library training for your faculty. Call 1-800-866-5852 to request training.
7. Complete an online tutorial on a specific Pioneer Library product (All tutorials are under 5 minutes each). Go to http://pioneer-library.org/support_materials/, then look under "Flash Tutorials."
8. Take the Pioneer Library online class. Go to: <http://www.uen.org/development>, then click on the "View Courses" button.
9. Thank your local Senate or House Representative for Pioneer Library via e-mail: Go to: <http://se15.utahsenate.org/perl/spage/distmapal.pl> to locate your Senate Representative. Go to: <http://www.le.state.ut.us/house/DistrictInfo/newMaps/State.htm> to locate your House Representative.
10. Share the home access login/password with students and faculty. Login: Password:



UELMA is looking for some librarians who would be interested in serving on the UELMA Board. We meet four times per year. It is fun and rewarding to be involved with the inner workings of the UELMA conference and to rub shoulders with some of the

Will you join us?
—Debbie Naylor

great librarians in the state. If you are interested, please contact **Debbie Naylor** by email at library-media-bounces@lists.uen.org or phone (801-376-5198) We are looking-forward to working with more of you.



Teaching lessons in cooperation with teachers is an integral part of being a Library-Teacher. In order to encourage and facilitate this teamwork, the UELMA Board is inviting you to join our inaugural Lesson Plan Exchange. Your job as a participant is to create a hard copy of a lesson plan that you currently team-teach. While this may be a library skills lesson, we encourage you to bring lessons that integrate library skills into the core curriculum. You then will need to bring copies (number to be determined later) of this lesson with you to UELMA.

@Conference: The 1st Ever UELMA Lesson Plan Exchange

At conference, there will be two Lesson Share times: one for K-6 and one for 7-12. **Admittance is NOT FREE!** In order to attend, you must have with you the copies of your lesson plan. That is key. You must have a lesson plan to share if you want to pick up all of the other lesson plans. Once everyone has gathered, everyone can roam the room and pick up copies of each other's lessons. There will be time to ask questions and share and generally get a chance to talk about lessons in the library.

So, if you are a K-6 librarian and know that you want to participate, please let Marilyn Walker (marilyn.walker@slc.k12.ut.us) know. Secondary library-Teachers, send a heads up to Sarah Herron (sarah.herron@slc.k12.ut.us). They are the facilitators for the sessions and will let you know how many copies to bring. This is a fantastic way to share the creativity load with colleagues. Participants are sure to walk away with new ideas to connect with other teachers in their schools.

Make your plans now for
Building a Better Librarian
@UELMA 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008
Ogden Eccles Conference Center

Our state-wide conference will take place at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center on Thursday, March 6th of 2008. We will explore the role of the Library-Teacher and discover what we can do to become better librarians.

Each of our sessions this year strives to support at least one of the roles of a Library-Teacher: Administrator, Library-Teacher, Information Specialist and Life-Long Learner. Highlights include: Guest authors; **Carolyn Meyer, Terry Hokenson and Carolyn and Mark Buehner**, who will not only sign books, but will also teach us about their craft and their books in their individual sessions. UEN will treat us with sessions on how to use their online content. We also have sessions dealing with **blogs** and **wikis** for librarians, library **web pages** and even a session on how to use all those cool new **gadgets** on the market, (and some of the old ones you could never just figure out.) To help you build your collection, we will have sessions from CLAU, focusing on their **award books**. Plus, there will be a session on **graphic novels** and different sessions on new YA books and recently released children's books.

Don't know where to start when it comes to connecting teachers? **David Loertscher**, library researcher extraordinaire will have a session about "Banishing the Bird Units", or creating better library research projects. We will also sponsor a **Lesson Plan Exchange** for the K-6 and 7-12 levels, so that we can all share ideas with each other. We have an excellent **storytelling with props** session to enhance your public performance skills. Additional sessions are being planned now, so read all about it in the next newsletter. Can't wait to see you there!

UELMA Seeks Applicants for the Position of Executive Director

UELMA will receive applications for the position of Executive Director through December 21, 2007. Responsibilities of the position include:

- ★ All financial transactions and tax responsibilities
- ★ Day to day operations of UELMA
- ★ Acts as a resource for information concerning UELMA
- ★ Planning and Publicizing Board Meetings
- ★ Overseeing Newsletters and Mailings
- ★ Conference Planning and Administration with Conference Chair
- ★ Conference and Membership Registration
- ★ Oversee Conferences
- ★ Oversee Fall Workshops
- ★ Guide and teach new UELMA Officers to help them continue to move the organization forward based on UELMA's goals and purposes.



This is a paid position. The wage is negotiable based upon qualifications. For additional questions you may call Larry Jeppesen at 435-512-6809 or email at larry.jeppesen@comcast.net. Please send resume to UELMA, P.O. Box 117, Wellsville, UT, 84339. Please mail applications no later than **December 21, 2007**.



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Details on our
Annual Conference
Thursday
March 6, 2008
Ogden, UT

In This Issue... ...Building a Better Librarian... ...Award Nominations.... ...Lesson Plan Exchange.....

UELMA invites you to nominate those individuals who make significant contributions to library media programs in Utah. This is an opportunity to recognize the Paraprofessional, Library Media Teacher, and/or Administrator who makes a difference in the lives of students, teachers, and a school by the work they do in the library.

If you have the privilege of working with someone who deserves recognition for a job well done—take time to nominate them for one of the following awards to be announced at the 2008

Nominate the BEST of us!
—Luanne Olson

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UELMA Annual Conference on March 6 at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center:

- Paraprofessional of the Year
- Library Media Teacher of the Year
- Administrator of the Year

Nominations are due **January 25, 2008**. A nomination form is included in this newsletter. Submit a completed nomination form to:
Luanne Olson, Alpine Instructional Media Center, Alpine School District, 490 North State Street, Lindon, UT 84042.

The conference hotel this year is the **Hampton Inn**. It is connected to the conference center. Prices are \$65 Single occupancy, \$75 Double, Triple or Quad \$124.

Contact them at 801-394-9400. Mention that you are with UELMA to secure your rate.

The Marriott, 801-627-1190, and the Hotel Ben Lomond, 801-627-1900, are also close to the conference center.

It is a good idea to reserve rooms early.

**Hotel Information for UELMA Conference:
March 6, 2008**

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**UTAH EDUCATIONAL LIBRARY MEDIA ASSOCIATION
AWARD NOMINATION**

(You may need to copy this form because registration is on the other side!)

UELMA invites nominations for awards to recognize those who are making significant contributions to library media programs in Utah.

_____ UELMA Administrator of the Year

_____ UELMA Library Media Teacher/Specialist of the Year

_____ UELMA Library Media Paraprofessional/Library Media Aide of the Year

NAME OF AWARD NOMINEE:

SCHOOL ADDRESS, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

LEVEL: Elementary Middle/Jr. High High School

NUMBER OF YEARS UELMA MEMBERSHIP

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

LIBRARY/EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (UELMA district or state committees, etc.) Attach additional pages with a **BRIEF DESCRIPTION** of the **UNIQUE IMPACT** this educator is making on students, faculty, and/or community through the library media program. Please do not exceed two pages.

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION: position and contact information , including email

Mail, fax or email nominations to:

Luanne Olson
Alpine Instructional Media Center
Alpine School District
490 N State Street
Lindon, UT 84042

Telephone: 801-717-4751
Fax: 801-796-3110
holson@alpine.k12.ut.us

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 25, 2008



Building a Better Librarian

Registration Form for the Annual UELMA Conference Thursday, March 6, 2008

Ogden Eccles Conference Center
2415 Washington Boulevard, Ogden, UT

Name: _____

School: _____

Address where you would like the newsletter sent:

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

This is my home address This is my school address

Telephone Number (where you would like to be contacted): _____

Email address: _____

Position _____ District _____

Certified Division

Non-Certified Division

Conference Registration – **Includes Thursday activities, lunch,
and membership if mailed before February 16, 2008** \$80

Membership Only – not attending conference \$20

Luncheon Choice – Luncheon entrée will be Chicken Almandine.

Please check if you prefer a vegetarian plate

Extra Luncheon Ticket _____ ticket(s) @ \$20 each for a total of \$_____

Late Fee for registrations mailed after February 16, 2008 \$10

Total _____

Return this form with a check made payable to UELMA before February 16, 2008 to:

**UELMA Conference Registration
Larry Jeppesen
P.O. Box 117
Wellsville, UT 84339**