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## *President's Message* - - Debbie Naylor

At the conference, which was awesome, I heard a number of you state that you would like **more "Best Practices" in library lessons.**

This is a great agenda for the year. The IMLS focus states "As lifelong learning becomes more central to our society, museums and libraries have new opportunities to serve as vital learning resources.

- The central challenge is to establish greater public awareness of and access to these resources, and awareness of how to use these resources to foster critical thinking and enhance information-literacy skills.
- To meet this challenge, museums and libraries may be most effective by becoming part of a network of learning resources—all sharing a common

educational mission." This networking can start with us as librarians by posting lessons or resources on the listserv, and then posting to the resources portion of our webpage. The first step is the format. If you have a good format for lessons, please send it to me. We will decide on one format and post it for all to use.



While you are waiting for the format, here is an awesome resource on inquiry--[www.virtualinquiry.com](http://www.virtualinquiry.com). The key words were a useful tool but the meat of the project is under course materials. Start from the beginning and read everything (with that hour of time you have with nothing to do). I found out about my own learning as well as that of my students; plus, I found thematic pathfinders and lesson plans.

Enjoy your summer; we have lots to accomplish next year!

### **Library Media Teacher of the Year**

**Fawn Morgan**  
Layton High School  
Davis District



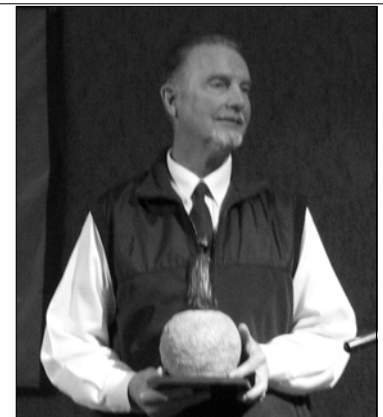
### **Paraprofessional of the Year**

**Debra McKinzie**  
Ridgeline Elementary  
Alpine District



### **Administrator of the Year**

**John Ericksen**  
North Sanpete High School  
North Sanpete District



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## **Congratulations to our 2008 Award Winners!**

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## 2008 Fall Workshop Announced for Cedar City

On **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, UELMA will again

host a Fall Workshop at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. Workshop Chair Bridget Merrell, Dixie High School, St. George, has emailed past participants a Power Point presentation on the program. The theme for the workshop is *Be The Link*. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the registration fee. **The workshop will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM.** The conference will be held in the SUU Hunter Conference Center, on Broadway St. Registration materials will shortly be posted for participants on the UELMA website – [www.uelma.org](http://www.uelma.org). An exhibitor registration packet will be emailed to vendors and posted on the website around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bridget can be reached at 435-673-4862 x113 or [bmerrell@dixiehigh.org](mailto:bmerrell@dixiehigh.org).

The UELMA Board of Directors evaluated attendance at the 2007 Fall Workshop in Price and elected to discontinue the event. An extended effort will be made to encourage members from SE Utah to attend the Cedar City Workshop and the Annual Spring Conference. A mailing and emails will be sent to all affected.

### 2009 Conference Announced

March 5, 2009

Ogden Eccles Conference Center

The 2009 Spring Conference had previously been announced as a joint event with the Utah Library Association. ULA and UELMA Conference planners met in March to review progress and facility. It

was determined that Southtown Expo Center, the reserved facility, was not adequate to handle the anticipated combined registration. The two organizations decided it was in the best interest of both organizations not to meet jointly in 2009. ULA will continue to use the Southtown facility for their annual meeting in May. A joint meeting will be planned for 2011, at either the Davis Conference Center, or the Salt Palace.

The UELMA 2009 conference, “Building Bridges: Partnerships for Success,” will be on **March 5, 2009**. We will return to the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. Local authors, **Brandon Mull**, *Fablehaven* series, *The Candy Shop War*, and **Kimberley Heuston**, *The Shakeress*, *Dante’s Daughter*, *The Book of Jude*, will be presenting at the conference. Mark your calendars now for 2009.

The **conference chair is Michael Goodman, Mt. Jordan Middle School**. Mike is busy shuffling his program to reflect the change in meeting focus. Look for registration materials and program information on the UELMA website after you return to school this fall. Exhibitor materials will be emailed and posted on the website in late December. An added feature for conference attendees will be the opportunity to ride Front-Runner to the conference. The Ogden Intermodal Station is approximately 3 blocks from the conference center. The Ogden Mayor is working to have trolley service available from the Intermodal Center. Blair Foote, Rainbow Books, has assumed the Vendor Representative Board position and will oversee the exhibits for both the Cedar City Workshop and the Spring Conference.

We are so pleased with your active participation for the book donation service project. **We had more books donated that ever before and collected the sum of \$380.35** for Christie Jensen, the Library Director for the Utah State Prison, to spend at Sam Weller's. The boxes filled the prison's van and Mike Goodman's

**Thanks!**

truck. Christie will be processing for a very long time!

All in all, you responded to a great need both in books and money for the prison. We would also like to thank Kathy Minson for her suggestion to donate to the prison. We feel this has served a very worthy cause. We appreciate you so much!

## Conference Wrap

— Cindy Mitchell

Many thanks to the many people who helped make this an utterly fantastic conference. I'd name you all personally, but really, every member of UELMA contributed in some way, shape or form. All day long, except for the parking issue, I heard words of delight and praise as I raced around the conference center. The rooms looked full, most everyone looked happy and lots of quality interaction was going on. I do not deserve all of thanks, so I am passing it all back to the UELMA Board, my conference committee, our faithful vendors, our willing presenters and everyone who attended the conference. All of you combined to make me look good! What more could I ask for.

I was asked to write a word of farewell, and farewell it is to the UELMA Board. Seven years ago I was still pretty new in this library thing, but when someone asked, I was willing to stick my neck out and became involved in a high quality organization. It was so refreshing to get out of the building and exchange ideas and concerns with librarians from all over the state. I wasn't sure I had anything to contribute and I sure didn't think I knew as much as all of these people who had been working so much longer than I had. What I learned, though, is that each of us had something that we could bring to the table. So, my challenge to you is that if someone asks, don't say know because you are afraid. Go for it - and you will have a fabulous time! In order to survive, UELMA needs all of us. And we need UELMA to help us connect and grow as librarians.

Now, I really am not going anywhere. I still have plenty to do to improve myself and my own library skills. My book reviews and I will still be available on the net - so stop by and see us some time. <http://www.sjms.jordan.k12.ut.us/MediaCenter/corner.htm>. And, if anyone is going to ALA Annual, send me an email; I love national conferences, too!

One last thing - my deepest thanks go to Susan Huff, who talked me into this all in the first place and to Larry Jeppesen who guided and mentored me and listened to all of my wishes and dreams and crazy ideas! See you all around!

Many thanks to the many people who helped make this an utterly fantastic conference. I'd

Larry Jeppesen is stepping down as the Executive Director of UELMA. Larry has been in this position for fourteen years. Larry has been, and continues to be, the Library Media Teacher at Cedar Ridge Middle School in the Cache County School District. John L. Smith of High Ridge Media is our new executive director. UELMA asked Larry to share some thoughts on this transition:

I cannot begin to share the many choice experiences that I have had over the last fourteen years that I have served as the director of UELMA. I came to the position wondering what I really had to offer. My main qualification was a desire to make a difference.

Hopefully, I have been able to

do that. One thing I have learned above everything else is that good things happen when people get involved. It has been the many people who have been willing to get out of their comfort zone and give of themselves to help others that have really made the difference.



In March of 1994 we had 188 people at the conference. This year we will grow to about 600 by the time we hold our fall workshop. Some very special things happened in between these two points. In the early years, the work was almost entirely done by six to eight people. They did the board work, the conference, and everything that UELMA did. It was with great personal sacrifice that these leaders labored to build an organization that would flourish, while addressing the needs of you the school library community. Over the years UELMA gradually has become an organization that you have taken ownership in. It is so exciting to see how many of you are serving in so many different ways. We have gone from begging for presenters to having to turn away wonderful presentations because we have more people willing than we have sessions. Many of you are serving on committees, working on the conference or the workshops. This is the strength of UELMA. The more you are willing to serve and help each other, the stronger this organization will grow.

I feel good about stepping away at this time because UELMA no longer is dependant on one individual. I am confident that we will continue to grow stronger. We will be that source of strength and encouragement for each other. I again express my appreciation to each of you, my friends. It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve you. Words cannot express my admiration for those who have served on the board with me over the years. You are simply awesome people! Each one of you has made a difference. I have learned more from you than you have learned from me. Lastly, I am not going away. I am just changing positions. I will be at the conference next spring as a participant. I am looking forward to actually attending sessions and just rubbing shoulders with you. I'll see you in the spring, and THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

## Larry Jeppesen Steps Down; New Director Announced



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## 2009 UELMA Conference

Will be held  
**March 5, 2009**  
at the  
**Ogden Eccles  
Conference Center.**  
Plan now to attend!

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### Winners of the 2007-08 Beehive Book Awards

#### **Picture Book:** *Mommy?*

By Maurice Sendak, Arthur Yo-  
rinks and Matthew Reinhart

#### **Children's Fiction:** *The Miracu- lous Journey of Edward Tulane*

By Kate DiCamillo

#### **Informational:** *What if You Met a Pirate?* by Jan Adkins

**Poetry:** *Once I Ate a Pie* by  
Patricia MacLachlan and Emily  
MacLachlan Charest

**Young Adult Novel:** *Bad Kitty* by  
Michele Jaffe

**Stuff you gotta know...**

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