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President's Message - - Lanell Rabner

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us..."

Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*
[1859]

In a few short weeks, this school year will become history. Another year consigned to yearbooks, scrapbooks, record books, and memory. So take a deep breath, step back, and reflect on the teachers you've supported, the kids you've introduced to books and literacy, the lifelong learning skills you've taught, the welcome, safe environments you've created, and the collections you've built. Forget about the barren bulletin boards, the empty display cases, the half-finished pathfinders filed away in some folder on the desktop, the new policies and procedures brochure buried in the bottom of a drawer, or the web evaluation lesson that crashed and burned more than once. There is always next year!

As we face preparing for a difficult year where educators in general and librarians, library media teachers, and media specialists in particular, are being marginalized, now more than ever is the time for us to lead out and demonstrate the value we alone bring to our schools, students, teachers, classrooms, curriculum, and

collections. **WE** are the information specialists in an age of information glut and our schools cannot and must not get along without our expertise. This is a year for us to tell **OUR** stories. Throw open our doors, roll out the welcome mat, and invite our communities in to see just what school libraries or media centers bring to education. Let's invite our administrators in to see us at work. Let's stretch out our arms even further to those teachers who don't understand our teaching and supporting roles

yet need our knowledge, expertise, and experience to create a curriculum that is rich and engaging for all students. Let's advocate our cause in our schools and neighborhoods, and to those who control the purse strings, yet may have forgotten what it takes to educate a child.

In this year of tightening the belt, let us choose to make better use of what we already have. Resources in the Pioneer Library can supplement and enhance our current collections, while replacing what we might not be able to purchase. Sharing lesson plans, book reviews, display and programming ideas, can raise the quality of school libraries and library instruction across the state. And finally, let us choose to focus on kids above all else. It can be through us they connect with books, reading, literacy, and the world outside our doors. I believe if we continue to do as we have always done, share our passion for learning, knowledge of information literacy, and carefully selected resources with those whom we teach and work; our libraries will become the educational hub of our schools. It may not be the best of times financially, but it can be a season of light and hope. I salute you all for being the best you can be!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you to all UELMA members that supported the recent book collection service project at the UELMA Conference. Both books and cash were received to support new collections at two schools in Alpine School District. The Dan Peterson School in American Fork and the Summit Program in Orem were recipients. The Dan Peterson school is a school for disabled youth. The Summit Program serves students in grades 7-12 who are in custody of the State of Utah for reasons of neglect of delinquency, or are at-risk for educational failure.

The students at both schools will be enriched by library and literature experiences because of

**UELMA Book
Collection
Service Project**
by Luanne Olson

Library Teacher of the Year**Andrea Woodring**Orion Middle School
Weber District**Paraprofessional of the Year****Leslie Lansford**Municipal Elementary
Weber District**Administrator of the Year****Julie Atwood**District Office
Salt Lake District

Congratulations to our 2009 Award Winners!

2009 Fall Workshop Announced for Cedar City

On **Thursday, September 17, 2009**, UELMA will again host a Fall Workshop at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. Workshop Chair Sherry Paxton, Millard High School, Fillmore, will email past participants all information. The theme for the workshop is:

"LIBRARIES GO WILD"

(even on exotically meager budgets!)

The conference will be held in the SUU Hunter Conference Center on Broadway Street. Registration will be posted on the UELMA website: www.uelma.org. An exhibitor registration packet will be emailed to vendors and posted on the website. Sherry can be reached at 435-743-5602 (School) or 435-253-0187 (Cell)

or sherry.paxton@m.millard.k12.ut.us



It just wouldn't be UELMA Spring Conference without a stop by the exhibit hall to see all the new products available for 2009. Over 25 vendors were on hand to display the latest in technology, resources, books, and more. With 42 tables of merchandise and information to browse there was plenty to see and shop for. This year, our vendors donated over 50 different door prizes ranging from seminars and gift baskets to everyone's favorite.....free books! It was a fun

Thanks!

day for vendors and librarians alike.

In these tough times, we are grateful for all the generosity and support of our UELMA vendors. A complete list of vendors can be found at www.uelma.org

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Workshop and again next spring!

Vendor Questions? Please contact Blair Foote at 801-485-4652 or rainbowbookgirl@msn.com

Conference Wrap

— Michael Goodman

After a few problems here and there, the 2009 UELMA conference “Building Bridges: Forging Partnerships for the Future,” with many helping hands, finished with a **95% approval rate** according to the

evaluation forms that were returned to us.

Evaluations are always interesting. With most comments being positive, there were some negative comments about the location, the parking, and the food. The Eccles Conference Center is one of the few venues that can accommodate the size of our conference. The parking was a bit better this year, but not as good as we hoped after the construction problems last year. Food costs have spiraled, so luncheon choices are limited without prohibitive expense increases. And as usual, the same items that some people did not like, other people loved. Only one evaluation was totally negative, calling the conference the “worst ever;” but the vast majority of respondents felt it was a “wonderful,” “great,” or “helpful” conference and that sessions were valuable.

Our attendance was a little down from what we expected, due primarily to the economic down turn. There were 392 registered library media personnel, 40 exhibitors, and 26 guests for a total of 458 attendees.

While cost of the conference center and food increased this year, we did not want to raise the cost of the conference and dues for UELMA members. We saved a huge amount of money by having smaller conference folders and on-line handouts. The on-line handouts became a big problem, and we are sorry that many could not access the handouts before the conference. All materials we received by the deadline had been uploaded prior to the conference, but there was a browser interface problem for many who tried to access them. That problem is now fixed, and you may access all the handouts from the UELMA website.

We received a \$3,000 UPLIFT grant from the Utah State Library, for which we are indeed grateful. The Utah State Library has helped to sponsor the conference for several years and has been a great, supportive conference partner.

The author sessions were well attended. Scott Savage and Shadow Mountain Press, his publisher, donated a copy of his book *Water Keep* to each attendee at the conference. Deseret Book brought twice as many author books this year but still sold out most of them before lunch. No matter what you plan, there is never enough of one thing or another.

The date of the conference, the first Thursday in March, often conflicts with Dr. Seuss’ birthday, and that is an often expressed complaint. The date of the yearly conference is set by the UELMA Constitution and can only be changed by changing the constitution with a majority vote of the members. The board is evaluating that concern.

I am looking forward to next year’s conference as I hope you are. I am especially looking forward to it because I will only be a helper and not in charge of everything. Debbie has some great ideas in the works. You ought to volunteer and be a helper.

ANY ONE

All Utahns have access to the following online library resources at any K-12 school, public library, college/university or home:

- **EBSCO** – General reference magazines, academic journals, newspapers, auto repair and more.

- **Deseret Morning News Archives** – Newspaper articles from 1988.

- **SIRS Discoverer** – General reference elementary and middle school level information.

- **SIRS Knowledge Source** – General reference high school and college level information.

- **Utah Digital Newspapers** – Digitized copies of early Utah newspapers.

In addition to these online library resources...

ANY SCHOOL

In K-12 school libraries, K-12 Pioneer Library (<http://pioneer.uen.org>) provides educators, staff and students access to:

- **CultureGrams** – Information on more than 200 world countries and the 50 States.

- **World Book Encyclopedia Online** – Encyclopedia information in English and Spanish with articles, pictures, maps, audio and video clips.

- **Soundzabound** – Royalty free music.

ANY LIBRARY

In public libraries, Public Pioneer (<http://pioneer.utah.gov>) provides Utah citizens access to:

- **Overdrive and NetLibrary** e-audiobooks and videos.

- **HeritageQuest** – Genealogy and family history.

- **Factiva** – Business and financial information.

- **NewsBank** – Newspapers including The Salt Lake Tribune Archives.

ANY PLACE

Any Utahn can access these online resources from home (Internet access needed). Home Access requires either a log-in name/password, library card or student number and password. For more information talk to your local librarian or call 1-800-866-5852 or email resources@uen.org.

Access your online resources at
<http://pioneer-library.org>

Pioneer Online Library: Benefits for all Utah Citizens



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2010 UELMA Conference

Will be held
March 4, 2010
Location:
To Be Announced

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Winners of the 2008-09 Beehive Book Awards

Picture Book: *If I Built a Car*
By Chris Van Dusen

Children's Fiction: *The Candy
Shop War* By Brandon Mull

Informational: *The Dangerous
Book for Boys* by Conn and Hal
Iggulden

Poetry: *Dogku* by Andrew
Clements, Illustrated by Tim
Bowers

Young Adult Novel: *Wildwood
Dancing* by Juliet Marillier

You asked... We answer!

WHAT YOUR \$80 BOUGHT YOU:

A Look at What Conference Registration Fees Covered

\$80.00 Registration Fee

<20.00>Dues

\$60.00 Conference Fee

Prorated Conference Expenses

\$58.23 Continental Breakfast, Two Breaks, and Lunch

7.73 Room Rental

1.87 AV Equipment Rental

5.48 Speaker honorariums, travel, expenses

9.48 Printing, supplies, other conference expenses

\$82.79 Conference Expenses per registrant

Less prorated Non Registration Income:

\$19.64 Exhibitor Fees

7.63 LSTA Grant

.54 Sponsorships

\$27.81 Conference Expense Offset per registrant

\$54.98 Net Conference Expense per registrant

\$ 5.02 Net UELMA Income per registrant - This combined with member dues fund UELMA operations and contingency funds.