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President's Message - - Debbie Naylor

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I was able to read or listen to five books. It can't get much better than that. I hope your new year is incredible. I made a couple of observations this year. One: Librarians don't want to retire. Many of us are past our 30 years but the thought of not having access to books makes us crazy. Two: Librarians can't say no. Besides our regular work, we are data specialists, testing proctors, webpage designers, multimedia specialists, computer specialists, club advisors, and more. It makes us leaders in our school but also adds that small degree of stress. Third: We are "Tiggers". Librarians are fun loving.

As I finish up my year as president of UELMA, I want to thank each of you for your support and friendship. I would encourage each of you to be involved in UELMA by presenting or helping at conferences and workshops or being on the Board. Thanks to you all for your inspiration. The following poem by Bessie Anderson Stanley shouted "librarians".

They have achieved success who have lived well,
Laughed often and loved much; who have enjoyed
The trust of pure women, the respect of
Intelligent men and the love of little children;
Who have filled their niche and accomplished their task
Who have left the world better than they found it,
Whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or
A rescued soul; who have never lacked appreciation
Of Earth's beauty or failed to express it;
Who have always looked for the best in others
And given them the best they had;
Whose lives were an inspiration;
Whose memories a benediction.



Teacher/Author
Trudy Harris
to Keynote
UELMA
2009 Conference
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Please Support UELMA 2009 Service Project!

As announced last November, UELMA Conference will support two schools this year. Both the **Dan Peterson School** in American Fork and the **Summit Program** in Orem are opening libraries and are excited to be part of UELMA's service project.

The **Dan Peterson School** serves the severely disabled youth population of Alpine School District. The one hundred and thirty-five students, who range from age three to twenty-two, come year round to learn skills that will help them access the world

around them.

The **Summit Program** serves students in grades 7-12 who are in custody of the State of Utah for reasons of neglect or delinquency and non-custody students who are at-risk for educational failure.

Bring your donation of money or books on any reading level to the UELMA Conference in Ogden on March 5th.

If you have any questions, please contact **Luanne Olson**, Alpine School District (801) 717-4751 or lholsen@alpine.k12.ut.us
Thanks so much for all you do.



Building Bridges: Forging Partnerships for the Future!

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Ogden Eccles Conference Center

Do you have the January inversion blues headed for the February blaas? Do your spirits need a jump-start? Is your foundation a little weak? Come to the 2009 UELMA conference to relax, rejuvenate and renew the professional librarian that is YOU. We have an excellent selection of breakout sessions for you to choose from, and **good luck** trying to choose just one to attend each hour!

Not sure what the essential new books are, **Cindi Mitchell**, our resident, ravenous reader, will present her famous book reviews of the best new books for your library. If you were unable to get into last year's standing-room-only storytelling presentation by **Rachel Goodman**, she is returning with another round of "Prop Me Up: Storytelling for Children." **Cathy Minson** will tell you "Who's in Charge" by explaining the Authority File that every library media teacher should have in the library media center. Teaming with teachers and other librarians; innovative teaching of the BIG6; student-centered information management; information management in the digital age; and grant writing are only a few of the hot topics and creative sessions to be presented.

Don't forget our featured author sessions. **Kimberly Heuston**, award winning Utah author, will present "Out of the Darkness: Trends in Contemporary YA Fiction." She is the author of *Dante's Daughter*, *The Shakeress*, and *The Book of Jude*. **Trudy Harris**, whose many works include *Pattern Fish*; *Up Bear*, *Down Bear*; *Pattern Bugs*; *Over, Under, In, and Ouch*, will present "Myth-busting: the Truth About Picture Books." Trudy will also be our keynote luncheon speaker. **J. Scott Savage**, author of the *Farworld* series, will present "Integrating Authors and Illustrators into your Curriculum" and round out our author sessions and book signings. Deseret Book will again have supplies of these authors' works available for purchase.

Of course we couldn't have a UELMA Conference without the support of our many vendors. Their exhibit hall will be packed with presentations and answers to pressing questions, drawings and door prizes. Stop by any time during the day to meet the faces behind the products and tell them thank you for all of their support. And special thanks to **Rainbow Books and Blair Foote** for supplying our tote bags this year. There will be little time to sit down, but plenty of time to munch and mingle, strengthen professional skills and networks, and learn new library tricks at the conference! So take your vitamins, wear comfortable shoes, and be in Ogden on **March 5th**!

Rooms still available!

The Hampton Inn still has rooms available for \$65/night + tax, single and double occupancy. The Hampton Inn is immediately adjacent to the Conference Center. This price includes parking. Triple or Quad occupancy is \$75.00 plus tax. Junior suites are available for \$119.00 plus tax. Executive Suites are available for \$129.00 plus tax.

Hotel Information for Conference: March 5, 2009

Reservations can be made by calling the Hampton Inn at 1-801-394-9400 or 1-800-HAMPTON or by going to their website

www.ogdensuites.hamptoninn.com. When making the reservation be sure it is for March 4th and use the Group/Conference Code ULM. The block of rooms will be held until close of business on February 4, 2009.

FYI

The Nebo District Reading Council is hosting an event that may be of interest to librarians. A Young Writers Conference will be held at Springville High School on March 21, 2009.

The event is open only to students in the Nebo District, but UELMA members are invited to attend. More information can be obtained by contacting Lanell Rabner, UELMA President Elect and President of the Nebo Reading Council. She can be reached at lanell.rabner@nebo.edu

Presenting our slate of UELMA Officers

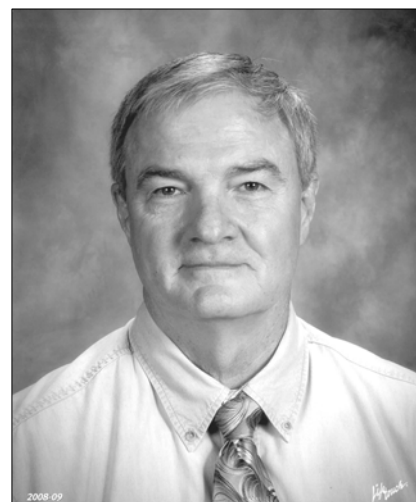
Brent Jones—President Elect

Brent Jones has served as the Media Specialist at Fremont High School for the past thirteen years. He set up a new school and understands the struggles and problems of “doing something with nothing” and the need to be aggressive, creative, and patient in developing a robust collection and literacy program.

Brent graduated from Emporia State University with a Masters in Library Science in 1995 and Utah State University with a Masters in Educational Technology in 1999.

“I really enjoy working with students and feel our future lies in their hands. In recent years, I have presented at UELMA conferences on the following topics: Virtual Media Centers, Collection Development on a Shoe String, and Graphic Novels. I believe that in the next couple of years, Media Centers will face challenges that will set our sails for many years to come.”

Brent and his wife and recently celebrated their 36th anniversary. They are empty nesters with twelve grandchildren that they spend time with. He also enjoys running a small wood shop where he makes furniture. In the last few years, he has also started to play the violin.



Sherry Paxton—Board Member

Sherry Paxton is the Library/Media Teacher at Millard High School. She received her B.S. Degree from Brigham Young University and her Library Science and Technology Certifications from Utah State University. One of her greatest joys as a librarian is watching students (especially the reluctant readers) learn to love books. She has taught school for fifteen years but has only experienced the pure delight of being a librarian for the last four years. Sherry was honored with the Huntsman Excellence in Education Award in 2002. Her greatest enjoyment is sharing stories and spending time with her nine amazing grandchildren.



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2009 UELMA Conference

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March 5th, 2009
at the Ogden Eccles
Conference Center.
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UELMA invites you to nominate those individuals who make significant contributions to library media programs in Utah. This is an opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals who makes a difference in the lives of students, teachers, schools, and outside organizations by the work they do. Nominate them for one of the following awards:

Paraprofessional of the Year (non-certified, classified)
Library Media Teacher of the Year (certified)
Administrator of the Year
(Principal or District Library/Media Director)

Take time to nominate an individual for one of the awards if you have the privilege of working with **someone who deserves recognition for a job well done**. The awards will be announced at the 2009 UELMA Annual Conference on March 5th at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden.

Please limit the entry to a single typewritten page in addition to the entry form. Suggested information to include is contributions to students, faculty, school, and outside organizations.

Nominate the BEST of us!
—Luanne Olson

Submit the completed nomination form that is included with the newsletter By January 30, 2009 to: Luanne Olson, Alpine Instructional Media Center, Alpine School District, 490 North State Street, Lindon, UT 84042. Fax to (801) 796-3110. Email to: lholson@alpine.k12.ut.us.

New Opportunity for Vendors!

We are excited to announce new sponsorship opportunities for this year's spring conference. Support UELMA by helping sponsor or co-sponsor the continental breakfast, morning, or afternoon break. Vendors will receive extra exposure through printed and verbal acknowledgement throughout the conference. Don't miss out on this exciting chance to promote your company while helping to ensure the success of the spring conference!

Questions?

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