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Message from the President- Sarah Herron



Welcome to UELMA! It is an exciting time to be part of our organization. You have a fantastic 2016-17 UELMA Board to represent you. We hope that you enjoyed an outstanding conference in March with fantastic authors, interesting speakers/sessions and a rousing call to advocacy by our outgoing president, Michelle Miles. Michelle proposed three tiers of advocacy: Tier 1 – Become a library advocate in your own library and school by purchasing quality materials and sharing news about events, Tier 2 – Become a library advocate in your district by participating in library meetings, and Tier 3 – Become a library advocate in

Utah by actively participating in UELMA. Selena Campbell, President-elect, and I are fully committed to continuing this action plan and look forward to UELMA assisting you in any way we can.

For the past several years, we, as your UELMA Board, have had to focus on helping the Past President organize the annual conference. While it was necessary to divide and conquer the tasks that needed to be done to facilitate a great day of professional inspiration and networking, we have realized that, as a Board, we were losing focus of the other areas of librarianship that the UELMA organization can impact. Last year, we began changing the focus of the Board by creating committee assignments for each Board member: Professional Development, Advocacy, Publicity, Conference, Curriculum, and Membership. You have seen the impact of the Publicity Committee in our increased presence on social media. However, these committees were in the infant stage and could be neglected as the Board members worked on the conference.

Now we need your help. This year, I would like to strengthen these committee assignments. Each Board member will put out a call for help to serve on her/his committee. This is an excellent chance for you to contribute your talents to UELMA, learn about the organization and perhaps spark your interest in serving on the Board at a future date. Assignments can be long or short term and you can choose how active you want to be. Thanks to all of you who offered to help be on the Conference Committee with Michelle Miles. An involved membership will strengthen our organization. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

My other goal this year is to reach out to library personnel throughout Utah. There is so much support that we can give to each other. We are often “singletons” in our buildings and/or areas and it can be lonely. Personally, I have found that all opportunities to share ideas and network are empowering. I would like to pursue different formats for professional development and interaction among our libraries either by creating webinars, recording podcasts, utilizing the library-media list-serv mailing list, and/or building stronger partnerships with existing library and technology organizations in the state. We have started this exciting process and would love to hear your strategies for carrying this goal forward.

Please contact me at any time via e-mail, sarah.herron@slcschools.org, to share ideas or concerns. As Red Green said, “We’re all in this together”.

Sarah Herron
UELMA President

Conference Follow Up

Plotting Your Course *In a World of Change*

The 2016 UELMA conference was a phenomenal success! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and presented. We couldn't have pulled it off without you! Hopefully, the conference inspired you with some new ideas and goals to finish this year and start the next year with optimism and renewed energy. It was delightful and informative to hear from Leslie Preddy from AASL. Chris Crutcher made us all laugh and learn more about being an author. UELMA would love to hear from you and see pictures of your accomplishments. Send your photos through Facebook, Twitter, or to Liz for the newsletter. Thank you for your feedback via the exit survey. We will use your comments to make this next year even better.

Presenter handouts will be found in the Member Resources on the UELMA webpage.

We continued our service project for Free Little Libraries and would love for you to submit an application to create your own Free Little Library with the funds. Be sure to see the UELMA homepage for more information.

Remember we are also taking applicants for the new AASL Conference Grant. Apply on the website. The link is on the homepage.

If you would like to help with the UELMA conference next year be sure to fill out the volunteer form. Planning starts this summer. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NRRgV7hIxX64UGiXvJaT6sR1037ehMyqLmCvE8LwVH8/viewform>

Jessica Moody
2016 UELMA Past President & Conference Chair



AASL Conference 2021

AASL National Conference is coming to SLC in 2021!

We are excited to announce that the American Association of School Libraries is holding the AASL National Conference in Salt Lake City, October 18-24, 2021. The location of the Conference, which is held every 2 years, rotates around regions in the United States and brings in approximately 3,500 attendees. According to AASL, Salt Lake City was chosen for its accessibility, places of interest, meeting and exhibit facilities and exciting activities available to registrants.

The 2016-2017 UELMA Board has sent a letter to the AASL stating our support for the National Conference in Salt Lake City and enumerating the benefits to not only for Utah librarians but also for the library professionals throughout the Intermountain West. We believe that having the conference will increase membership and exposure for UELMA and AASL and look forward to the professional development opportunities that the National Conference will provide.

AASL would like to hear support from our Utah library professionals for their choice of our state. We would appreciate you thanking AASL for choosing Salt Lake City and welcoming them to Utah. Please send an e-mail to Melissa Jacobsen, [mjacobson@ala.org](mailto:mjacobsen@ala.org), by **May 15, 2016**. If you would prefer to submit a letter by regular mail, the address is: AASL, Attn: Melissa Jacobsen, 50 E. Huron St, Chicago, IL 60611; the due date for regular mail is **May 13, 2016**.



UELMA Awards

Three outstanding educators were granted awards at the 2016 UELMA conference.



Marianne Bates was awarded Teacher-Librarian of the year. Marianne is amazing. She has been a presenter at many conferences, sharing her teaching and technology skills. She has launched a school wiki with over three hundred thousand views. She set up a district wiki where she shares media literacy and links for incorporating the Common Core standards to the library program. In addition, she has been a board member and webmaster for Children's Literature Association. Through skilled grant writing and innovative projects, Marianne was key to acquiring over \$60,000 in grants for Albion Middle School. Others have said of Marianne, "If I could be half the librarian (she) is, I would feel like my career has made a difference in the world." And, "Marianne is one of the finest librarians I know."

Shelley Nordick was awarded as an Outstanding Administrator. Shelley has worked tirelessly to provide media specialists with fun and meaningful professional development opportunities. She has arranged for a close partnership with local public librarians so that they and the librarians in the district can share resources and information. In so many ways, Shelley has been an advocate for our profession. She has served on committees and given great input for the state core standards. Her great leadership skills enable her to work with those in decision making positions to understand the needs of librarians, promote their work, and publicize their contributions. Others have said of her, "Shelley is a creative visionary with attention to detail."



Lawni Hamblin was awarded Outstanding Paraprofessional Librarian. Lawni has been referred to as the "book whisperer" at Bluff Ridge Elementary. She works her magic with students and helps even the most reluctant, struggling reader find the one book that opens a world of magic to that student. Besides working with students, Lawni works tirelessly with the community to make her library open and available to families. Lawni's school is a year round school. When it closes for a few weeks, Lawni still makes time to open the library. She supports the community and works with business partners to enhance her library collection. Her administrator said of her, "I have never seen a librarian who is more approachable, more caring or more concerned about a person, small or big, finding the love of reading."

Little Free Library Grant Winners

We have two winners of the grant for Little Free Libraries this year.

The first is **Dana Valencia** of Oakridge Elementary in Granite District. "With new ESL families moving into the neighborhood a Little Free Library would help with additional reading materials, and aid in building a stronger community," Dana said in her application. We wish her the best of luck in getting this project up and running. What a lucky community they are to have her.



LeAnne Evans is our second awardee, hailing from the book desert of Midway Elementary in Midway, Utah. Here's the reason she feels they need a Little Free Library: "The small rural community of Midway City in Wasatch County is a close community. There is a community library in the neighboring city, Heber City. However with a Little Free Library in our little town the students can still have the opportunity to pick up a book while parents run errands in Midway without making a trip into Heber. The students love taking home a book to read and read again. It would be great to get this set up in time for summer vacation so students can still access books to read while parents run errands and pick up groceries."

UELMA does have funding for a few more Little Free Libraries. Feel free to apply!

Summer Reading Program



Every summer, libraries all across Utah participate in the Summer Reading Program. 2016 themes are “On your mark, get set...READ!” for children and “Get in the Game READ” for teens.

In addition, Utah State Library and Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) are partnering to provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to enter their children, who participate in their local library’s summer reading program, in a sweepstakes for a \$1,000 UESP scholarship. Entitled “Book Your Summer,” the sweepstakes runs from June 1 - August 15.

Along with the summer reading program, public librarians support the literacy efforts of school librarians by encouraging lifelong reading by providing access to books, eBooks, audiobooks, internet, computers and literacy based programming.

Student participation in the summer reading program can prevent summer reading loss and offers advantages for struggling and/or reluctant readers.

- Numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents “summer reading loss.”
- Summer reading loss is cumulative. Non-readers don’t “catch up” in fall because readers are moving ahead with their skills.
- Reading for pleasure, whether it be books, graphic novels or magazines, builds children’s confidence as learners and enhances their formal education.

Contact your local public library for more information about its summer reading program and the Book Your Summer sweepstakes. By working together, school and public libraries can help close the summer reading loss gap.

Utah State Library is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).

For more information contact:
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Thank You

UELMA wants to thank the following organizations who so generously supported our conference. Utah State Library provided an Uplift Grant that covered the speaking engagement fees of Ellen Hopkins, Nathan Hale, and Frank Cole. The Uplift Grant also helped to pay for an additional theater for our conference break-out sessions. The Intellectual Freedom Committee of ULA sponsored Chris Crutcher.

Thank you both for supporting UELMA!



2016 Beehive Book Awards Winners



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by JEAN REAGAN illustrated by LEE WILDISH
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by Jon J. Muth



BONE by BONE
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SARA LEVINE ILLUSTRATIONS BY T.S. SPOOKYTOOTH



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Library Media Program at SUU

The Library Media Program at SUU is a flexibly-designed program designed to meet the needs of our busy students. It is currently the only entirely online Library Media endorsement program in the state of Utah and students may enroll any semester. After completing the LM endorsement through SUU, as well as the Praxis exam, students are qualified to apply for the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) Library Media K-12 endorsement. The program consists of six core courses taught by our library faculty which meet the requirements for the state of Utah. However, to meet the needs of our expanding program, we added a new class last year to accommodate out-of-state students who are required to have more than 18 credits to receive their LM endorsement. The Library Media program at SUU has undergone a shift in personnel this year, with the addition of new faculty positions including a User-Experience Librarian and an Early-Experience Librarian. The past program director, Steve Irving, has taken a position in Northern California and we wish him all the best in his new undertaking. Please contact our new program director, Cait Gerrity, at 435.586.1908 or caitlingerrity@suu.edu with any questions about the Library Media endorsement program.

Public and Charter School Calendars

Public School Calendar:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/main/INFORMATION/School-Year-Calendar/DOCS/2016District.aspx>

Charter School Calendar:

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/main/INFORMATION/School-Year-Calendar/DOCS/2016Charter.aspx>

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New Books at Utah State Library



There are new Professional Collection Books at the Utah State Library. These books were added in the past year and are available for check-out from the Utah State Library through Interlibrary Loan.

Alessio, Amy J. *Club Programs for Teens: 100 Activities for the Entire Year*. ALA Editions, 2015.

Baker, R. Lynn. *Counting Down To Kindergarten: A Complete Guide to Creating a School Readiness Program for Your Community*. ALA Editions, 2015.

Cano, Lesley M. *3D Printing: A Powerful New Curriculum Tool for Your School Library*. Libraries Unlimited, 2015.

Cart, Michael. *Top 250 LGBTQ Books For Teens: Coming Out, Being Out, And the Search for Community*. Huron Street Press, 2015.

Dietzel-Glair, Julie. *Get Real With Storytime: 52 Weeks Of Early Literacy Programming With Nonfiction And Poetry*. Libraries Unlimited, 2016.

Folmar, David. *Game It Up! : Using Gamification to Incentivize Your Library*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

Isaacs, Kathleen T. *Excellent Books for Early and Eager Readers*. ALA Editions, 2016.

Kepple, Sarah. *Library Robotics: Technology and English Language Arts Activities for Ages 8-24*. Libraries Unlimited, 2015.

Kroski, Ellyssa. *Cosplay In Libraries: How To Embrace Costume Play In Your Library*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

Larson, Jeanette. *Children's Services Today: A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

Scales, Pat. *Books under Fire: A Hit List of Banned and Challenged Children's Books*. ALA Editions, 2015.

Schadlich, Megan Emery. *Cooking Up Library Programs Teens and Tweens Will Love: Recipes for Success*. Libraries Unlimited, 2015.

Velásquez, Jennifer. *Real-World Teen Services*. ALA Editions, 2015.

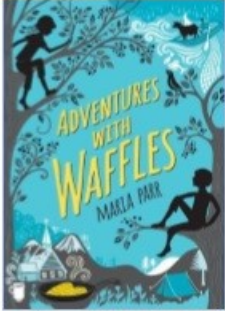
Vnuk, Rebecca. *The Weeding Handbook: A Shelf-By-Shelf Guide*. ALA Editions, 2015

Willingham, Theresa. *Makerspaces in Libraries*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

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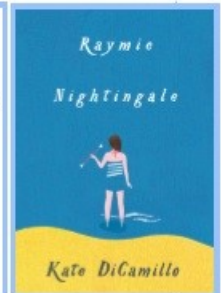
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ESSENTIALS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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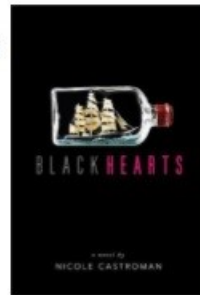
Adventures with Waffles by Maria Parr—It's summer vacation and life in miniscule Mathildewick Cove is anything but dull when next-door neighbors/best friends, Lena and Trille, are on the prowl. The two can create altogether too much excitement in their Norwegian fishing village. An innocent Sunday school lesson, a Midsummer celebration, a sheep roundup, and a simple row in the bay all take on an edge of humor and panic. Mortal jeopardy, concussions, boatloads of animals, and raining manure follow in their wake. A tale that feels both traditional and current, foreign and domestic. We are introduced to a young hero and heroine whose antics alternately cause us to cringe with dismay, giggle with inappropriate glee, and melt with buttery satisfaction. Fantastic read aloud for third grade and up.

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo—The summer of 1975 has begun. Three girls stand on the lake's shore, batons in hand, ready to obtain their dreams. All are preparing for the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition for vastly different reasons. Raymie hopes winning will return her wandering father back to her. Louisiana plans to win, to keep her out of the county home and rescue her cat from the shelter. Beverly simply wants to sabotage the whole pageanty thing of it all. In the end the three don't find their dreams, but dreams manage to come true. Three unforgettable souls who form an unlikely friendship and end up saving each other. This is Kate DiCamillo at her best. Best read under the summer sun in bare feet.

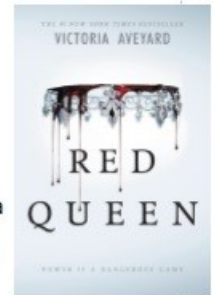


SHANNON JOHNS: CENTENNIAL JR. HIGH

Blackhearts by Nicole Castroman—This is the story of the notorious pirate Blackbeard as a young man and the maiden that captured his heart. Blackbeard, or Edward, as he was known was the son of wealthy merchant who dreamed of life at sea. Anne Bennett is a new maid in the household who has been forced into work after the death of her parents. Anne and Edward embark on journey filled with adventure and romance in a book that is sure to please middle age and teen historical fiction fans.



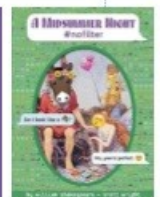
The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard—Fantasy meets Dystopia in this fast pasted young adult novel. In a world where society is divided between elite silver blood aristocracy and the red bloods who serve them, a common red blooded girl discovers she has powers that will change everything. Can she play the role of a silver blood convincingly, or will her deception be discovered?



CATHLEEN EDWARDS: SYRACUSE HIGH SCHOOL



2b, r nt 2b (Shkspr txt spk!) Fear not learned masters! The Bard lives on and now you can experience all the comedy, tragedy, and history in a texting format with colorful smart phone emoji's. The OMG Shakespeare series currently includes four books: *Yolo Juliet*, *srsly Hamlet*, *Macbeth #killingit*, and *A Midsummer Night #nofilter*. *Why for art thou recommending this? Will this not impede young scholars when they put quill to parchment? Okay, so this may not help them to become better writers, but to truly enjoy the brilliant texting translations, one must understand the original plays- ah, the rub! Readers not familiar with all the texting and emoji's, will find a handy glossary in the back of each book. LOL readers and ttfn*



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