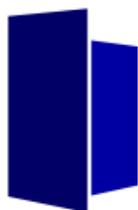


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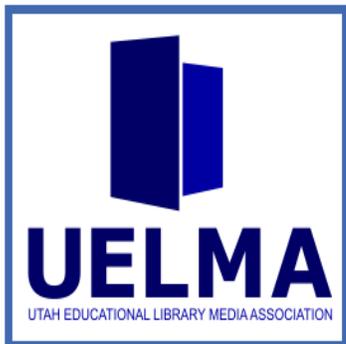
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Message from the President- Selena Campbell



As the 2016-2017 school year draws to a close, we are excited for what the new 2017-2018 year will bring. Our UELMA conference was a great success! The UELMA conference committee, led by Michelle Miles, worked hard to provide you with a fantastic conference experience. We appreciated your conference evaluations and look forward to what our 2017-2018 UELMA Conference will bring! Sarah Herron, our current past-president, will be the conference chair and we need you to help on a conference committee! Stay tuned for how you may volunteer!

Dates Coming Up:

- ULA Conference
May 17-19, Sandy
- Library Boot Camp
July 20-21, Cedar City
- SUMS Conference
October 4, St. George
- AASL Conference
November 9-11, Arizona

During my incumbent remarks at our 2017 UELMA conference, I referenced a well-known interpretation of a quote by Gandhi and encouraged all of us to “be the change you wish to see in your school library.” Often it is in our nature to resist change, but I would hope as you reflect back on this school year, you will reflect on the changes you made and hoped to make.

Recently AASL (American Association of School Librarians) released their May E-newsletter the *KQ Express*. In this issue, the Baltimore County Public Schools was named as the School Library Program of the Year! There were also several school librarians and school library program award recipients! It is inspiring to see the changes these programs and school librarians made in being innovative, creative, and collaborative. If you do not already have a membership to AASL, I highly encourage you to do so. It is invaluable to see the larger picture of what is happening in school libraries across our nation. Let this inspire change in your library!

On a smaller scale, it is our continued mission as UELMA to connect, advocate and unify school librarians across our state. We will continue to use social media, the UELMA website (uelma.org) and the library media list-serve to provide information and resources. What changes are happening in school libraries in Utah? We want to know! Share your successes with us so you can inspire others!

National educational funding which can affect state funding for school libraries has been a hot topic lately and the leadership of the ALA (American Library Association) and AASL (American Association of School Librarians) have been busy advocating for you! It is important to be aware of how you can specifically advocate at your school, local or state level to show how invaluable your school library is to your students, teachers and community. Our profession is dynamic and should always be evolving to meet the needs of 21st-century learners. That means as librarians we need to evolve and change.

I wish you success on your journey for the 2017-2018 school year! Thank you for supporting UELMA and thank you for supporting each other!

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Selena Campbell- UELMA President 2017-2018

2017 Conference– Librarians: Agents of Change

Thank you for making the 2017 UELMA conference such a success! We really appreciate all of you who attended the conference. We also want to recognize all of the people who volunteered and presented – you are the backbone of this conference and we couldn't have done it without you. Presenters, if you haven't already sent in your handouts to be posted on our website, please do so. Many of our members anxiously await those documents. We'd also like to thank our authors. Emily Wing Smith had a fascinating story to tell; and it was so fun to see Chris Raschka's view of downtown Salt Lake. If you had a chance to see Jake Parker or Judd Winick during a session, they were fantastic. We so appreciate their willingness to present. We also had fun with our Cosplay participants this year. It was awesome seeing the creativity of librarians in our state. And one last shout-out goes to our members and their generosity. We raised \$1,432 dollars for our service project – Youthlinc. Thank you so much for giving to such a great cause. Hopefully you left the conference uplifted and inspired.

As a final note, it has been an honor to serve on the UELMA board. I have gained a deeper appreciation for the organization and its purposes. In addition, I have met so many awesome people from all over the state. I really believe in the power of school libraries and great librarians – and I love belonging to an organization filled with people who are just as passionate about school libraries as I am. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Michelle Miles
2017 UELMA Past President & Conference Chair

Conference Service Project



Congratulations to our generous librarians who are funding a Youthlinc Library Project in Peru. Librarians donated \$1,432.35 to Youthlinc during the UELMA conference on March 3, 2017.

Participants in Youthlinc gain important project management and leadership skills through efforts to help local and international communities. Every dollar that UELMA donated goes far in helping impoverished individuals in developing countries – and Utah young people who are learning that they can make a difference in the world.

Youthlinc creates lifelong humanitarians by showing youth the connection between local and international service. Each student participant contributes 80 hours of local service during the school year, learning the impact they can have on others in their local community. Then if desired, they can apply to go on an international trip to help with a variety of construction, renovation, community health, educational and vocational training projects and cultural exchange initiatives while in-country.

Additional donations stemming from UELMA include a \$50.00 check from a librarian whose own student had participated in Youthlinc. Juan Diego High School librarian, Sharon Phelps, led staff and teachers at Juan Diego High School to make a cash donation of \$250 and all fines collected during a 10-day period in April to go to Youthlinc.

Congratulations!



Thanks to Utah State Library

UELMA wants to thank the Utah State Library that generously supported our conference by providing an Uplift Grant that covered the speaking engagement fee of Chris Raschka. Mr. Raschka described his writing and drawing process, asked two librarians to perform as he read one of his stories, and drew a delightful map that detailed his walk around downtown Salt Lake City earlier that morning. Thank you to the Utah State Library for supporting UELMA!



Conference Evaluation

Many thanks to those of you who submitted the post-conference evaluation. Many of you liked the wireless availability, the spaciousness and the easy freeway access of the Utah Cultural Celebration Center. You enjoyed the sessions and speakers and made thoughtful suggestions about topics that could be presented at next year's conference. Limited parking, however, was a large concern. We were the first conference of this size in the venue's newly expanded space and we will share your comments with the venue. If you did not take the opportunity to complete the evaluation and/or would like to serve on the Conference Committee for next year's conference, please fill out the evaluation here (<http://www.uelmaconference.org/Conference-Evaluation.html>). We value your input!

Sarah Herron
Conference Chair and Past President

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Library Boot Camp

For-Credit Opportunity Available for School Librarians!

Looking to earn university credit this summer and spend some time in the beautiful mountains of Southern Utah? SUU & UELMA are hosting a one-credit “Library Boot Camp” July 20 and 21, 2017 at Southern Utah University. This exciting two-day course will result in 1 graduate-level credit for just \$51 (\$30 course fee, \$21 SUU processing fee).

Not getting the credits you deserve?

Register during the conference, or by mail, to attend

Library Bootcamp!



“Modern Issues in Media Centers”

A Professional Development Course - In conjunction with SUU

Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday, July 21, 2017 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Just \$30 for two days of engaging and relevant coursework, and 2 box lunches.
- After completion it's only \$21 to SUU to receive 1 University credit.

This one-credit course, titled “Issues in Modern Media Centers” will bring together faculty instructors from the Library and Education departments at SUU, as well as UEN & SEDC instructors for two-days of professional learning for school librarians looking to enhance their skills and earn university credit.

Topics covered will include: library website design, virtual field trips, makerspaces, book repair, graphic novels, fake news, advocacy, and more. In addition to class time, SUU librarians are putting together some networking activities to include a visit to Cedar Breaks National Monument and a Shakespeare Festival play! If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form and return it to Larry Jeppesen by July 1, 2017: <https://goo.gl/878GOc>.

*“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services,
great libraries build communities.”*

- R. David Lankes

Summer Reading Program



Every summer, libraries all across Utah participate in the Summer Reading Program. The 2017 theme for all ages is “Build a Better World.”

In addition, Utah State Library and Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) have partnered to provide an opportunity for parents/guardians of children, who participate in their local library’s summer reading program, for a \$1,000 UESP scholarship. “Book Your Summer” runs from May 15 - August 15. Go to bookyoursummer.com for more information.

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 “Book Your Summer.” 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).

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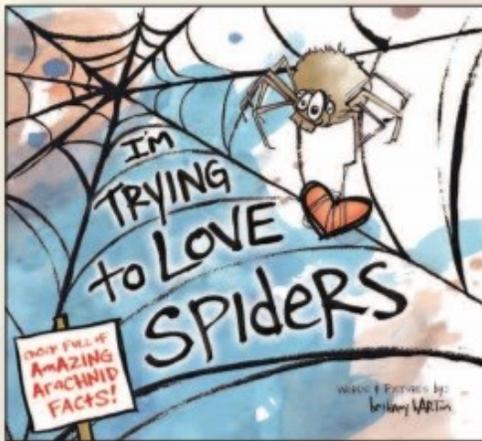
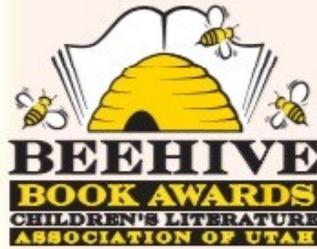
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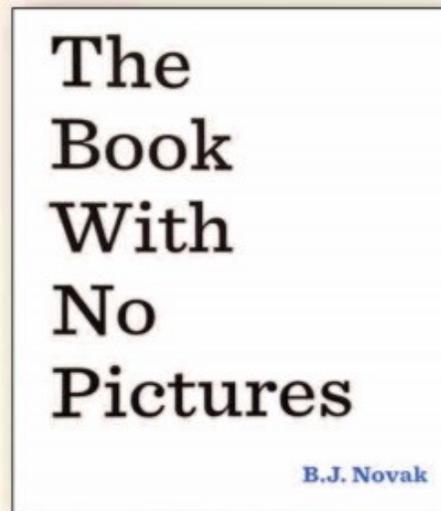
Register for the summer reading program at your local library. Starting May 15, all families participating in the program will receive a \$1,000 UESP scholarship to use for your child's education. One entry per household. 18 or under. Learn more and enter at bookyoursummer.com.

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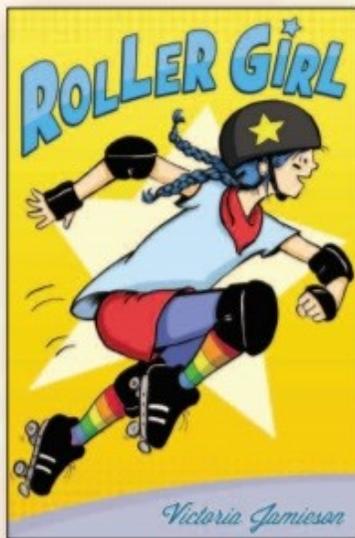
2017 Beehive Book Award Winners



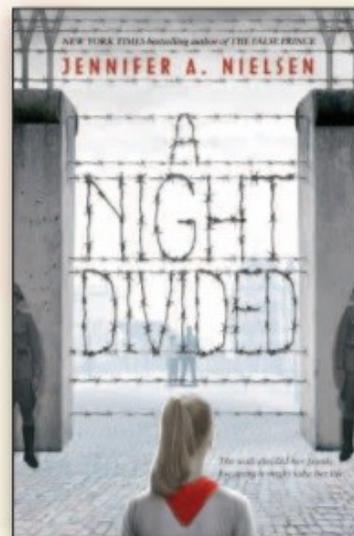
Informational Books



Picture Books



Children's Fiction



Young Adult Books

SUMS Conference 2017



The annual SUMS (Southern Utah Media Specialists) Conference will be held October 4, 2017, in the historic Woodward building in St. George, Utah. We will have vendors, prizes, great food and fantastic presenters! Join Media Specialists from all over the state to collaborate and share library ideas. Presenter submissions and registration will be sent out in August.

Contact Chris Haught (chris@sedck12.org) or Michael Paxman (michael.paxman@washk12.org) with questions or suggestions.

AASL Conference

The AASL (American Association of School Librarians) bi-annual conference is close by this year. From November 9-11, school librarians will meet in Arizona at the Phoenix convention center. The theme for the conference this year is “Beyond the Horizon”.

There is a magnificent vending hall with over 165 exhibitors, 100+ authors who will be speaking and signing their books, general sessions featuring Jason Reynolds and education evangelist Jaime Casap. There will be lots of time to network and explore, as well as over 100 break out sessions to choose from. AASL will be launching the new “National School Library Standards” at the conference. Be on the leading edge at your school library and plan to attend this conference, especially this year as it is so close to Utah. For more information and to register, visit <https://national.aasl.org/>

AASL Grant Award

As a way of giving back to our membership UELMA provided the opportunity for members to apply for a grant to attend the 2017 AASL Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. One secondary and one elementary grant recipient each received \$750 toward approved reimbursable expenses.

Each grant was made possible with \$500 provided by UELMA and \$250 provided by Southern Utah University, Friends of the Library Program. Each grant recipient wrote a 150-word essay on why they wanted to attend the 2017 AASL Conference and was required to have a school administrator sign their application to show support for attending the conference. Each recipient will also present on a topic they learned at AASL at the 2018 UELMA conference. The UELMA board reviewed all applications and anonymously voted for our awardees!

Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Tina Johnson from Kays Creek Elementary, Kaysville UT,
and Shay Woodruff from Logan High School, Logan, UT!**

Little Free Library Grant

UELMA is pleased to award a grant to Lisa Moeller. She will head efforts to build a Little Free Library in Kearns on Eaton Way. The Little Free Library will be an asset to the neighborhood because there are no libraries within walking distance. Lisa says the library will “encourage reading, creativity, and encourage being outdoors.”

UELMA grants are still available for Little Free Libraries. UELMA will give up to \$140.00 for construction, stewardship fee, signage, and an initial selection of books. The application process is very simple. You must be a UELMA member and be willing to present photos and a brief description of your Little Free Library at the next UELMA annual conference. The printable application form is available on the UELMA website under the “Announcements” tab, or [click here](#) to apply online.

UELMA Spotlight



In the
Spotlight

UELMA Member

Yolanda Marshall

Sharon Elementary School
Orem, Utah



For a special National Salute to Veteran Patients, Sharon students created and sent valentines to the Veterans Hospital in SLC.

One of Yolanda's favorite projects is a study of Mo Willems' books and characters. That day she had pig snouts for the kids!

Happy Pig Day every-

body. There were polka-dot pigs, Charlie Brown Zig-Zag pigs, and pigs with stars and stripes.

Yolanda attended UELMA this year for the second time. She enjoyed meeting and visiting with other media specialists.

She also enjoyed the great informational workshops that were held throughout the day. Many ideas were shared with other educators and she can't wait to try some out with her library classes. Since Sharon Elementary is participating in the Apollo Project*, these classes will be very beneficial to her in teaching her students in the media center.

Leslie Lewis & Yolanda Marshall



UELMA is happy to spotlight Yolanda Marshall of Sharon Elementary in the Alpine School District.

I first learned about Yolanda in my PLC. Every Wednesday at 9:00 P.M. Utah educators get together for #utedchat on Twitter. This is PLC in your jammies! Yolanda's assistant principal, Lewis Young, was describing what a magical Halloween display she had in her library. After seeing some photos, I had to go visit.

Sharon Elementary is located at 525 North 400 East in Orem, Utah. Enrollment for the year is around 464 students. Sharon Elementary is a Title One School with an Ethnic Minority of 59.7%. Mike Larson is the principal.

Yolanda is a veteran paraprofessional. She began working with students in English Language Learning. Now she reigns over one of the coolest libraries in the land.

The day I visited Sharon Elementary there was a pirate with some strange DNA, a ship with a comfy bench to read on while you sail, Yoda teaching a lesson, Despereaux guarding the aquarium, a Dilophosaurus, and several fire-breathing dragons. Each of these characters is squirreled away in some cranny or nook creating lots of welcoming reading spots.

Yolanda, her husband, Larry and her son, Matt, each have special talents for art and creation. More importantly, they enjoy creating a library space to inspire wonder in young readers. Larry built the ship and Matt painted it. Matt sculpted and made all the Star Wars robotics and the dinosaurs in the glass case. He also made the octopus pirate.

Yolanda and her students have worked with several charitable organizations over the years. They have donated **B**ooks, **B**lankets, and teddy **B**ears (The 3 B's for Children). Charities such as the Center for Women & Children in Crisis and The Road Home Shelter have helped Sharon Elementary students learn about giving.

*The principals of Orem's elementary schools have created the Apollo project to encourage 21st-century instruction in schools.

Book Reviews

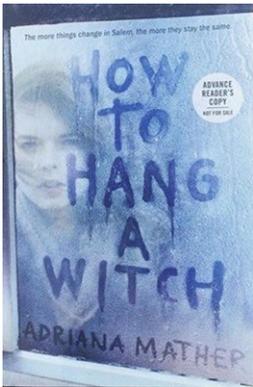
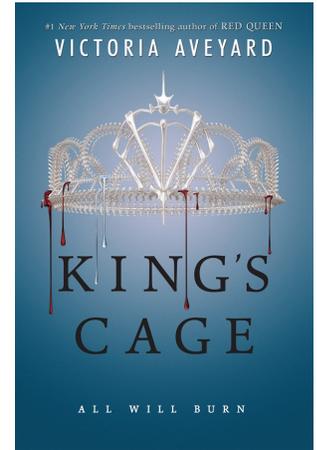
King's Cage (Red Queen #3) by Victoria Aveyard

I loved books one and two “Red Queen” and “Glass Sword” and thought that this was going to be a trilogy, until I got to the end this book. Surprise!

The plot twists and politics in this book were well developed that you could see and feel the character growth and you get to see sides to previously loved character that you didn't see in the previous books, and you begin to question why you liked that character so much. I began to sympathize with Maven and saw him more as a victim of his mother's machinations and Mare as being very selfish.

I enjoyed the characters that were introduced previously more as background characters in books one and two and how they get to be more in the forefront in this book as well as the new characters we got to meet. I feel that these characters will play pivotal roles in the next book.

All I can say is this book had my emotions all over the place, but at the end the of this book, the only thought I really had was, “What the Cliffhanger!!”



How to Hang a Witch by Adrianna Mather

This book pulled me in from the beginning. I actually listened to it on audio book and the author is the actor reading the book. In the synopsis of the book, when it says that “It's the Salem Witch Trials meets Mean Girls,” they are so on point.

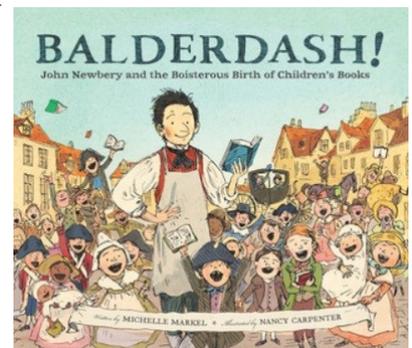
Without giving a lot away, this book had my interest because it told the story of the descendants of some of the key players from the Salem Witch Trials, with a touch of paranormal.

-Book reviews by Lafo K. Tonga, Taylorsville High

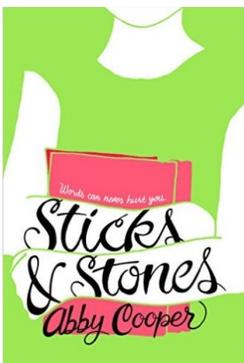
Balderdash! John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books by Michelle Markel

A picture book biography of John Newbery is just what the library ordered! The text is fairly simple and could work as a read-aloud for first grade and up. The cream colored pages are filled with subdued illustrations.

This is a fantastic book and could be read to almost any grade as introduction to the history of childrens books and/or the Newbery award. It's an interesting look into history and will probably surprise many young listeners. Every school librarian should have this book! The illustrations are creative and even funny. Maybe if we all read it enough, the word Balderdash will come back into fashion.



- Book review by Stephanie, Elementary School Librarian, for Kiss the Book



Sticks & Stones by Abby Cooper

Elyse was born with a rare disorder where the names others call her appear on her arms and legs. When she was younger she was called almost all good names, and had friends who accepted and protected her. But now she's starting middle school, and her friends are drifting away and the mean girls are calling her bad names. On top of it all she receives an anonymous note saying, “I know who you are, and I know what you're dealing with. I want to help.”

The story is sweet and heartfelt, the characters lifelike and true; it reflects on how hard it can be to accept yourself for who you are.

-Book review by EIH, 7th grade, for Kiss the Book

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