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Message from the President- Selena Campbell



We hope this latest edition of the UELMA newsletter will capture your interest in our upcoming 2018 Annual UELMA Conference! Please consider sharing your knowledge and talents with us as a conference session presenter! Looking back thus far, it has been an exciting year with the Future Ready Librarians model going full steam ahead along with the introduction of the new AASL (American Association of School Librarians) National School Library Standards.

The UELMA board has been busy working on our online web presence and we look forward to unveiling our new website at our conference in March 2018. We felt it was important to streamline the accessibility to our website and social media sites to align with current professional organizational trends. We are also working on providing a repository of conference presentation videos, increasing UELMA membership and improving membership benefits, establishing stronger community, school and professional partnerships. We have meticulously gone over the UELMA Constitution to clarify verbiage, organizational structure and purpose. We will present the UELMA Constitution to you 30 days prior to our March 9th conference for a membership vote of approval.

UELMA could not grow and evolve without your support and membership. We appreciate all those who serve on additional UELMA committees because you are the dedicated busy bees behind the scenes! Working together has helped our organization move forward with the momentum to change and improve each year. I personally would like to thank our UELMA board members, liaisons and executive board. I am amazed at the talent, skills and effort that each one of them voluntarily puts into our organization. Together we are a force for good as we try our best to represent you, your library programs and students. We serve because we believe in and love what we do. It's as simple as that! Please consider serving in any capacity on the UELMA board or committees in the future. We need you!

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Dates Coming Up:

- UELMA Conference
March 9, West Valley
- UCET Conference
March 22-23
- SUMS Conference
Oct 17

Newsletter Submissions:

-Please send articles for publication to Selena Campbell at secampbell@dtdmail.net or Elisabeth Petty at elisabethpetty@outlook.com.

-Visit our website at <http://www.uelma.org/Newsletters.html> for more information.

President's Message, cont...

A robust and effective school library cultivates a reading community, engages students and teachers to use print and digital resources, and encourages a global citizenship. I have encouraged you to make one small change this year, and I hope you are seeing that change grow into many possibilities and positive outcomes. With that in mind, I'd like to leave you with something to ponder.

Each day you are making a change in the life of a student. Students often thank us for acquiring the latest and greatest books in the library and a host of other things we do. However, author Jason Reynolds, one of the keynote speakers at AASL17 in Phoenix, AZ reminded us when it comes to young people:

- “(To) remember when was the last time you thanked a young person?”
- “It’s okay for us to disagree, but not disengage”
- “Be humble enough to connect with young people and admit what you don’t know about them.”
- “If a student says a book makes him finally feel seen, look for the places in his life where he feels unseen.”

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Selena Campbell
UELMA President 2017-2018

UELMA 2018 Conference

The Future is Now! Are you Ready?

The Theme for the UELMA 2018 Conference is “The Future is Now! Becoming a Future Ready Librarian”. What does that mean?

A Future Ready Librarian:

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| •Designs Collaborative Spaces | •Ensures Equitable Resources |
| •Builds Instructional Partnerships | •Invests Strategically in Digital Resources |
| •Empowers Students as Creators | •Cultivates Community Partnerships |
| •Curates Digital Resources and Tools | •Advocates for Student Privacy |
| •Facilitates Professional Learning | •Leads beyond the Library |

Overwhelmed? Don’t be! You implement many of these in your library already. At the Conference we want to break these topics down and give you strategies for enhancing your skills to become Future Ready.

Is there a topic that you are successfully integrating in your library? We would love to have you present a session! Look for presenter application forms to be available soon. If you have any questions, you can contact Sarah Herron (sarah.herron@slcschools.org).

Plan to attend the March 9, 2018, UELMA Conference at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and become Future Ready! The Future is Now!

UELMA 2018 CONFERENCE



THE FUTURE IS NOW!

March 9, 2018

Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 West 3100 South
West Valley City, Utah

Image from <http://futureready.org/program-overview/librarians/>

UELMA 2018 Conference Announcements

Present at the UELMA 2018 Conference - Share What You Know!

Have you taught a great lesson or professional development session in your library recently? Have you attended a state or national conference and returned inspired by new ideas? Have you experimented with technology, genre-fication, Breakout EDU, book speed dating, or something else that you are excited about? Do you have tips that we could all use? We need you to present at the UELMA 2018 Conference!

There are a variety of ways to present at the Conference and you choose what fits for you. You may sign up to present a session. Sessions range from the standard 45 minutes to the shorter 30 minute sessions that we introduced last year. We are also introducing an [Idea Lab](#), a technology “poster session”. You create a 5-10 minute slide show presentation on your topic and are set up as a station. Attendees browse the presentations and come away with great ideas!

Sessions may have co-presenters and may be on all levels of library experience. This [Future Ready Library handout](#) has a list of topic ideas.

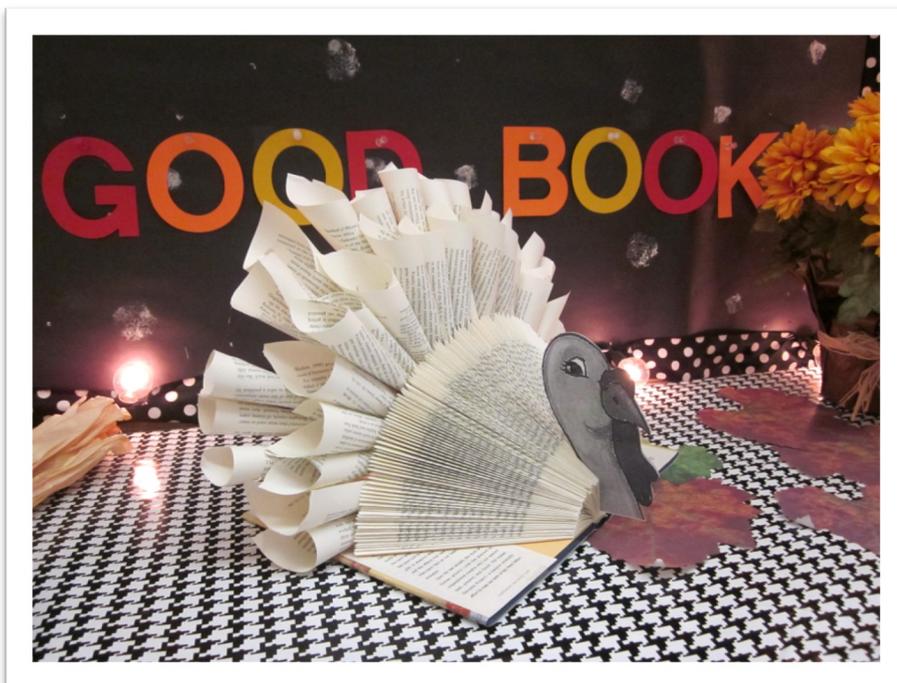
[Presentation Proposal](#)

[Idea Lab Proposal](#)

Proposals are due by [December 20, 2017](#). Once submitted, they may be modified until January 10, 2018. So submit a proposal today! The forms are also available on the UELMA website, <http://www.uelmaconference.org/conference-proposal-request.html>. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

UELMA 2018 Award Nominations - Now Open!

Do you know someone who is amazing in his/her school library, embraces challenges, spends her/his time collaborating, and being all around indispensable? Can you think of an administrator who enthusiastically advocates for school libraries, encourages collaboration between library peers, and fosters professional growth for library staff? Nominate those jewels for the UELMA awards! We want to celebrate a paraprofessional, a teacher librarian, and an administrator at the 2018 Conference and are looking to you for nominations. Please fill out the [UELMA 2018 Nominations Form](#) today! The nominations form is also on the UELMA website, <http://www.uelmaconference.org/award-nominations.html>.



UELMA 2018 Repurposed Book Art Contest

Do you have piles of well-loved but tattered and now discarded books? Turn them into art! At UELMA 2018, bring a repurposed book art project to display and you may win a gift card to purchase a few new books. Pinterest, anyone?

UELMA 2018 Conference Announcements, cont...

UELMA 2018 Celebrities – Sneak Peak!

We are excited to announce the keynote speakers and some of the authors who are attending the UELMA 2018 Conference!

Keynote Speakers – Shannon McClintock Miller and Craig Seasholes

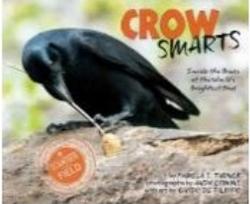
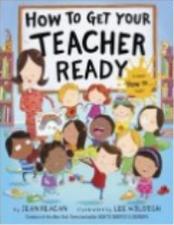
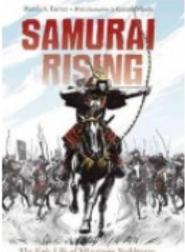
Shannon McClintock Miller is **THE** Future Ready Librarian guru. She is an author, teacher librarian, international speaker and consultant, the 2016 ISTE Make It Happen Recipient, and a 2017 AASL Social Media Superstar Finalist. This past February, Shannon was named Spokesperson for Future Ready Librarians. Read about Shannon in this [School Library Journal article](#) and check out her blog, [The Library Voice](#) (<http://vanmeterlibraryvoice.blogspot.com/>). Shannon Miller will be joining us via Skype.

Craig Seasholes is an elementary teacher-librarian in Seattle, Washington. He has been president of the Washington Library Media Association several times as well as an AASL director for the Pacific Northwest (Region 8). He blogs at <http://bookmansbytes.blogspot.com> and is active [@craigseasholes](#) on Twitter. We are fortunate that Craig will be the “Sage on the Stage” with Shannon during the keynote.



At AASL 2017 with Shannon McClintock Miller and Craig Seasholes!

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UELMA 2018 Conference Announcements, cont...

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Online registration for the 2018 Conference will be available soon on our website: uelmaconference.org.

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Larry Jeppesen
226 S 200 W
Wellsville, UT 84339

Contact Larry Jeppesen at larry.jeppesen@comcast.net with any registration concerns.



Future Ready Librarians - The Future is Now!

2018 Annual UELMA Conference
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 W 3100 S, West Valley City, Utah
March 9, 2018



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Conference Registration – **Includes Friday activities, lunch, and membership**

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AASL Conference Report

A Utah elementary and secondary librarian set off together to the Phoenix desert to attend the bi-annual AASL conference. Read what they had to say about their AASL conference experience below:

DaNae Leu- Elementary Media Specialist, Snow Horse Elementary, Davis School District

Hitting eighty degree Phoenix in early November may be many a cold-state Librarian's fantasy, but I personally live for temperatures of fifty degrees and below. The heat was not the draw. Neither did the gorgeous landscape and cactus-studded hiking justify the squashed, but short flight. The excessive loads of both ARCs and trade hardcovers, (so many a trip to UPS was in order), were also not the main attraction. A very nice perk - but not quite worth the price of admission. (Well, perhaps the 2018 Brian Selznick!)

What vindicated every expense of attending AASL were those sessions. So many tantalizing sessions on the schedule – so few time slots. It was a decadent abundance of professionals sharing tried and true educational treasures. I came back ready to hit the road with -- not someday plans -- but workable, tangible skills. Since retuning, I have incorporated several ideas to create a community of reading in my school. I have become braver at using green screen technology to produce book talks. I am considering how to implement STEAM strategies linking picture books. After a session by Melissa Stewart, I'm corralling my third and fourth graders into examining Informational text. More than anything, Jason Reynolds' (yep, THAT Jason Reynolds) closing Keynote left me awash in the of realization that it is an honor to walk into my school every day and serve the young minds that I'm entrusted with.

Shannon Johns- Secondary Teacher Librarian, Syracuse High School, Davis School District

I registered for the AASL conference as soon as the location was announced! I knew that Phoenix was close enough that the cost of travel would be feasible. As I looked over the conference app ahead of time, I knew that the conference was going to be great- and it was! Every break-out slot had multiple sessions I wanted to attend with topics ranging from implementing the new library standards, programing ideas, and creating maker-spaces. Yet even more valuable than the amazing sessions I attended was the opportunity to interact and network with school librarians from across the country. The synergy at this conference was contagious and I was especially excited to meet some super-star librarians I follow on social media- (Shannon Miller!!) and



make those personal connections. I spoke to librarians from large urban districts, small rural areas, and everything in-between and we found that even though our demographics are different, we're all dealing with the same challenges of transforming our libraries to 21st century learning spaces, collaborating with teachers, and advocating for the importance of school libraries. One quite literal takeaway was the load of free books I lugged (and mailed) home! Authors are the rock-stars of the book world and getting to rub elbows with authors and listen to them speak was quite a thrill for this librarian! I left the conference with not only loads of free books but also energized and full of ideas. Was it worth attending? Absolutely!

AASL Conference Report, cont...

When I applied for the UELMA grant to attend the AASL National Conference, I first thought, “This sounds awesome, I’d love to go to that!” Immediately after I sent in my application to UELMA, I thought, “What have I done?! What if they actually choose me?!” This response will be understandable to any other introverted librarian who might be reading this, and those who know us. Really though, I was so pleased and extremely excited to be awarded the grant. I have enjoyed the state conferences I’ve attended and to have the opportunity to travel to a national conference felt like an exceptional stroke of luck.

I was able to push that introverted part of myself outside of my comfort zone to meet some gifted librarians at AASL who are creating intelligent and progressive activities in their libraries. It was refreshing to be able to hear the ways in which they were succeeding that were similar to my own successes, the ways they were struggling that gave me perspective on my own situation, and the ways in which I could do more to aspire to do the things that I admired about them.

I made goals to attend specific sessions about information research, self-advocacy, and misinformation. There were many different variations on those topics offered (which was awesome!), so I was able to gain some serious professional knowledge, but also have some fun by attending an illustrator panel session.

What I didn’t realize before attending the conference was how many authors and illustrators would be there to speak and sign books, and how many vendor booths gave books away. I packed very light and ended up shipping a fairly small box of books home, but there were other librarians in the UPS line that had gigantic boxes of books to send back to themselves for when they returned. The energy that came with all of the librarians getting to listen to and meet their very own “rock stars” made the whole event very special. And who doesn’t love a few (or a ton) of free books?

I had a wonderful experience while at AASL and I learned so much from the sessions I attended. I’m glad that I quieted that nervous voice within myself, to first apply for the grant and then approach the whole conference process with a strong focus, but a relaxed attitude.

*Shay Walton,
Logan High School*



I was excited to receive the grant from UELMA so I could go to the AASL conference in Phoenix. Personal development has always been important to me. I am a relatively new teacher librarian. I knew that going to the conference could help me be even better at my job. My goal has always been to be the best librarian that I can be. My husband says I get a little too enthused. He is probably right, but I was

also right to believe that the AASL conference would help me to be a better teacher librarian. The conference was important for personal development, but it was also great for meeting and networking with other librarians.

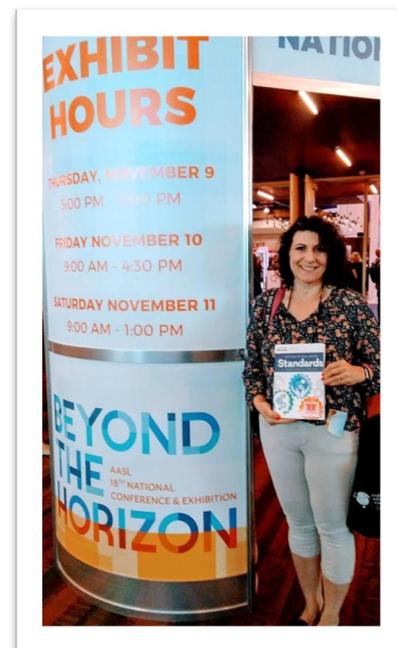
Before the conference, I decided to focus on building a reading community, which is something I am passionate about. My second focus was Makerspaces. I have a Makerspace in my library and I wanted to learn more about making this area of the library more engaging for my students. Most of the breakout sessions that I went to dealt with my two areas of focus. I felt inspired after my concurrent sessions to go back to my school and put into practice the ideas I gathered from these sessions.

The general sessions were inspiring. I was especially inspired by the last general session with the author Jason Reynolds. He spoke about connecting with kids, being grateful for who they are, and expressing that gratitude to them. He forever changed the way I see my students. He made me really think about my interaction with them, especially those that may be more difficult. I have made a habit of telling my students, “Thank you for coming to the library.”

One of the most beneficial parts of my conference experience, that I didn’t expect, was networking with other librarians. One of the best ideas I got about building a reading community came from a librarian I just met.

I am already making plans for 2019 in Louisville, Ky. Who wants to come with me?

Tina Johnson, Kay’s Creek Elementary



UCET 2018

UCET 2018

Thursday & Friday March 22 & 23rd, 2018

Registration is NOW OPEN.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/ucet-2018/event-summary-06efb812cb964e17a81907545cebaa99.aspx>

Get excited for this year's conference where the focus is YOU. #YOUcet

<http://www.ucet.org/conference/>

Without the right training and support with PD, an investment in hardware is likely to fail.

This year at UCET we'd like to focus on the human side of tech.

How technology can help us build relationships, engage our students in collaboration, and take student innovations and ideas to the next level.

Keynotes include:

Manoush Zomorodi, a podcast host, author, and relentless examiner of the modern human condition.

As host of [Note to Self](#), the podcast from WNYC Studios, she unpacks the forces shaping our accelerating world and guides listeners through its challenges.

John Couch is the Vice President of Education at Apple, Inc.

Couch holds an A.B. in Computer Science from Berkeley, 1969. He earned his master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 1970. John spent an additional two years in the Computer Science Ph.D. program. He left the program to work for Hewlett Packard as a software engineer. In 2010 John was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Philadelphia University for his innovative contributions to education.

UTED Chat

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Wednesday Nights 9 – 10 P.M.

Join with UCET in participating in a weekly educational chat on Twitter. Each Wednesday at 9 pm members of UCET can be part of a state-wide Twitter chat on a different educational topic each week.

UPCOMING CHATS

11/15	Equity in Mathematics	Steven Phelps & Michelle Jones	@MrPhelps_Math & @4MicheleJones
11/22	NO Chat – Thanksgiving Break		
11/29	Teaching Under the Influence – of Awesomeness!	Krystal Plott	@MissPlott
12/6	In the Trenches – Teacher Stories	Jared Covili	@covili

Little Free Library Grant

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 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.

Congratulations to UELMA member Leanne Evans, our recent recipient of the Little Free Library Grant. She is working on having her Little Free Library placed at her school, Midway Elementary.



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Southern Utah Media Specialists Conference 2017



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The combined efforts of UELMA, USBE, UEN, SEDC and WCSD resulted in plenty of great food, prizes and sessions!



One of the most popular sessions was led by Clint Stephens from SEDC as he guided groups thru a BreakoutEdu game. Librarians were challenged to work together to figure out the clues and unlock the boxes.

As you can see, they rose to the occasion and broke out!



Another popular session was led by Sharyn Manley from Gateway Preparatory Academy. She had attendees actively engaged as she shared ideas on Author Talks and Lesson Plans to use in the library.



UELMA's own Emilee McCoy had a full house as she shared ways to repair and protect books. The tools and methods she shared were simple and effective ways to preserve library books.

You can read more about the sessions and access a Google Drive Folder with all the presentations and handouts here-

<https://www.sedck12.org/professional-development/conferences/media-conferences>

Mark your calendars now for the next one, October 17, 2018 and we'll see you there!

The Lonely Librarian- A World of Desperate Isolation

As a charter school librarian I often feel isolated and alone. I don't have a district meeting to attend I have no other librarians with which to collaborate. I know I learned how to weed and build a curriculum during my library endorsement but learning and hands on are a different story. I am eternally grateful for UELMA. It has given me a place to ask questions, learn skills and make friends with other librarians.

If you are a lonely librarian such as I, or you know other librarians who might feel lonely please reach out to me at emccoy@paradigmhigh.org. Also please

introduce them to our lovely organization of UELMA. Our focus on the board is to reach out and let you know we are not alone but also give you resources to make you a better librarian regardless of your schooling or previous background.

I love what I do and want to be able to share and collaborate with amazing teacher librarians like you.

Thank you for promoting a love of learning. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Emilee McCoy

Utah State Library Announcements

UPLIFT Professional Excellence Grant

The Utah State Library (USL) offers the UPLIFT Professional Excellence Grant to persons employed at least one year in Utah libraries for advancing the knowledge, skills, and abilities of individual library employees to better serve their patrons. The Utah State Library funds these grants. Applicants may request funds to reimburse registration fees and reasonable travel to a professional development opportunity. Applications must be received prior to attendance. Only one grant per individual funded every two state fiscal years (July 1- June 30).

Application deadlines:

- January 15
- May 15
- August 15
- September 15

For more information visit <https://heritage.utah.gov/library/uplift-excellence-grant>, or contact Jessica Whetman at 801-715-6762 or email at jwhetman@utah.gov

BookBuzz

Book Buzz lends book sets (15 copies per set) to book clubs, book groups, libraries, organizations, schools, and community centers. The Utah State Library acquired the Book Buzz lending program from the Utah Center for the Book, Utah Humanities Council in 2012.

For more information, visit <https://heritage.utah.gov/library/book-buzz> or contact Linda Roholt at 801-715-6754 or [email at lroholt@utah.gov](mailto:lroholt@utah.gov)

Utah State Library's Children and Teen Book Enhancement Project

Congratulations to everyone in public and public charter schools who applied for and received books from the Children and Teen Book Enhancement Project! The project, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act and administered by the Utah State Library Division, provided books to participating schools in the following districts:

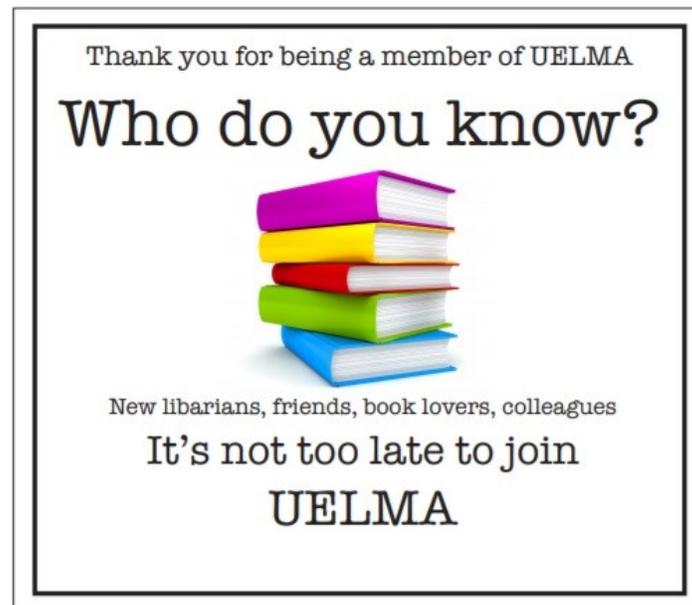
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Connect with UELMA

UELMA has created a new Facebook Group, this is a closed group where Utah librarians can ask questions, share ideas and network. Please join us and add your voice!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2003060786603325/>



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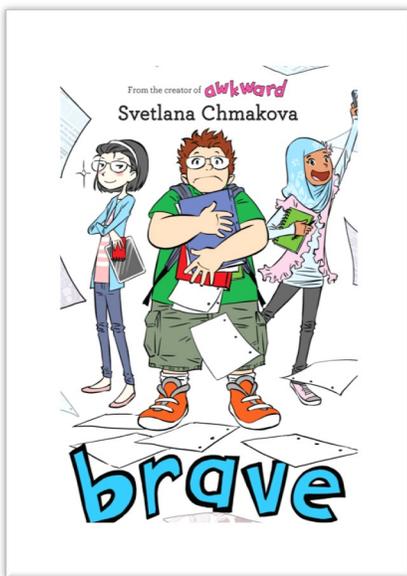
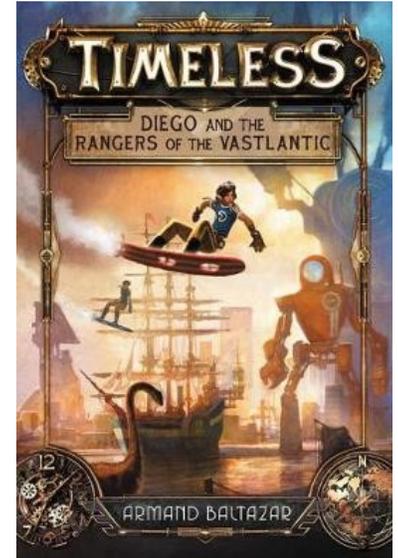
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Book Reviews

***Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic* by Baltazar, Armand**

After the scientists tore a hole in the space-time continuum, the world has resettled with people, animals, and scenery from all the world's history mixed together and electrical devices don't work. While the fighting has stopped for the most part, there are still those who want everything to go back to where it was and they will stop at nothing to accomplish that – even kidnap the world's best scientists, including Diego's father. Together with his best friend Petey, Lily, who is raised as a proper Steam-Time girl and her best friend Paige, they take off in pursuit of Diego's and Lily's fathers. They are picked up by what they think are pirates, but it turns out they have found a secret organization determined to stop the Aeternum - those who would reorganize the world – killing off all the children who have been born in this new era.

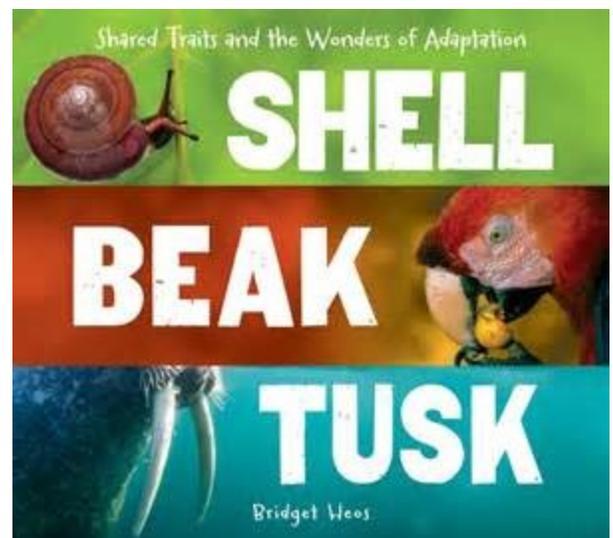


***Brave*, graphic novel by Chmakova, Svetlana**

Jensen is struggling in middle school, both socially and academically. He often daydreams about the future and what it will be like when he is an astronaut, but recognizes that he needs to improve his math skills, but it's hard to pay attention in class and he'd really rather draw. But when the editor of the school paper and her best friend start looking at "The Lizard Brain" culture at their school, Jensen starts to recognize that he is a victim of bullying, and some of the bullies are his "friends"! This terrific graphic novel shows middle school at its worst (and sometimes its best.) Tutoring, lunch, clubs and petitions show the reader that they are not alone in feeling like an outsider, and teaches them a lesson about changing school culture without being preachy or heavy handed. I hope this one is as popular as *Awkward*, the message is timely and important.

***Shell, Beak, Tusk: Shared Traits and the Wonders of Adaptation* by Heos, Bridget**

Each two-page spread shows two animals or insects that share a common trait (spines, tall ears, etc.), and talks about how each of them uses that trait. The two animals are not related to each other genetically, nor in the same geographic region. An extensive bibliography is included. Pair this with *Different? Same?* By Heather Tekavec and *Animals Do, Too!* By Etta Kaner for an extensive look at animal traits and adaptations. Perfect for Utah's 7th grade science core.



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