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#### Message from the President- Lorraine Wyness

Our conference in March was a great success and has steadily grown over the past several years. Past president Sarah Herron, with the help of many wonderfully dedicated conference committee volunteers, did an amazing job pulling it all together!

We are ever grateful for the longstanding service of Larry Jeppesen, our retiring Executive Director, who has kept our organization financially sound to be able to continue our mission.

Hopefully you gained valuable information and skills that you were able to implement in your library. UELMA is already working on next year's

conference with Selena Campbell at the helm as our current Past President, lining up several great authors as keynotes. Stay tuned!

With the close of celebrating School Library Month in April, I hope you had the opportunity to showcase how your library is Future Ready and that you reflect on all the connections you make in your libraries everyday. Often we don't necessarily acknowledge the many ways we are connecting with students, teachers and the community to create meaningful academic opportunities, encourage critical thinking and support the emotional and social growth and development of students.

Our libraries are no longer just quiet areas but collaborative spaces where we can create personalized learning which is key to a Future Ready Library. The primary mission for UELMA is to support you in reaching that goal in "providing professional support, leadership, and enrichment for school library media personnel and those who support library programs." The board is continually working on ways in which we can best serve you and the work you do in your libraries that impact students.

Our newly redesigned website at [uelma.org](http://uelma.org) and more consistent use of social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter are ways in which we want to connect with you on a more personal level to provide a more robust professional learning network (PLN) to share expertise, resources, ideas, encouragement and dialog with each other, not only during the annual conference.

One of my goals as president is to begin a discussion board on UELMA's website and use social platforms like Twitter to have a monthly live UELMA Twitter chat (#UELMAcxn) that anyone who supports Utah school libraries can join. If you are not sure about the basics, information and some examples can be found

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## President's Message, cont...

[here](#). Currently the #TLChat hashtag is used by school librarians as one of the main hashtags for targeting school library tweets, and once a month it becomes a live chat, now on the first Monday of the month at 8pm ET. More and more regional school library associations are using live Twitter chats. If you have participated in the Edtech Twitter chats run by UEN or UCET you know that they can be stimulating, informative, and a great chance to interact in real time with your peers and discuss a topic of interest.

We want to make UELMA an important resource for you year round whether you are in a public, private or charter school and either a certified teacher librarian or classified personnel. I hope that today's digital tools can help us to stay in touch while continuing to empower you to transform teaching and learning for yourself and in your libraries. Be sure you join our [UELMA Facebook group](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). The dates and times of live Twitter chats will be promoted there. Please let us know how we can better focus our mission to support your school library needs and professional development goals. Reach out to the UELMA board from the [contact page](#) on our website, via email ([uelmaboard@gmail.com](mailto:uelmaboard@gmail.com)) or via social media platforms. I hope to connect with you online soon!

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## UELMA 2018 Service Project Recap

The service project chosen for the 2018 UELMA Conference focused on the Delta North Elementary School library in Delta, Utah. According to Betsy Lee, school librarian, the library shelves were in a state of disrepair due to weakened particle board shelves. The shelves were overcrowded and collapsing which became a hazard to students and library staff. As a result, library book trucks were used as replacement bookshelves.

Delna Bliss, principal of Delta North Elementary wrote in their thank you letter, "Your kind gesture will help us fix our shelves that are in bad need of repair. Thank you for thinking of rural schools. It is a great feeling to know you recognize our needs and are willing to help. The superintendent is aware of your generous donation and is also appreciative." Through the generosity of UELMA members, a total \$767.20 was donated to their library.



## Conference Wrap Up

### 2018 Conference – Future Ready Librarians – The Future is Now!

The 2018 Conference is behind us and what a wonderful day it was! Thank you so much for attending and we hope that it was informative and fun. Please remember you can access conference session videos on the UELMA website under [Member Resources](#).

Here are a few of the conference highlights:

- Skyping with Shannon McClintock Miller in Hong Kong - a first for our conference
- Authors Pamela S. Turner, Jean Reagan and Emily Summerill – inspiring speakers
- Amazing Book Art Contest – what talented crafters we are with books!
- 35 Sessions with over 45 Presenters – the largest offering ever!
- The Idea Lab Café - multiple presentations to sample!
- Shuttle Service to alleviate parking – a first for UELMA and UCCC!
- And last, but certainly not least – 465 library staff/supporters/vendors in attendance – a record!

Much gratitude to the inspiring and inexhaustible 2018 conference committee, the UELMA Board and conference volunteers. With all of the presenters, we had an army of facilitators. We are an organization of volunteers and pulling this conference together is a labor of love and endurance. This event would not have been possible without everyone's efforts.

We also want to thank the Utah State Library for the generous \$3,000 Uplift Grant that offset the rental cost of the venue. It was a pleasure to meet Colleen Leggett, the new Director of the Utah State Library, and show her our passion for school libraries.

Finally, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you on the UELMA Board. I have had an amazing time the last 5 years meeting so many of you throughout Utah. You are all truly inspiring. I am not only leaving the Board this spring but also retiring as a library technology teacher. This truly has been a dream career for me but it is time for me to let others have this much fun. Thank you, all of you, for your support, collaboration and friendship. You are wonderful.

Sarah G. Herron  
2018 UELMA Past President & Conference Chair



## New Executive Director

UELMA would like to thank Larry Jeppsen for all his hard work and dedication. And now looks forward to Davina Sauthoff as the new Executive Director.

Davina is the Library Media Technology Specialist at Wasatch Jr. High. Her previous experience in the education field was as a school technology specialist and a classroom elementary teacher. Prior to making the career shift into education, Davina spent over 10 years advising small businesses on best accounting practices and managing a general contracting and electrical contracting company.

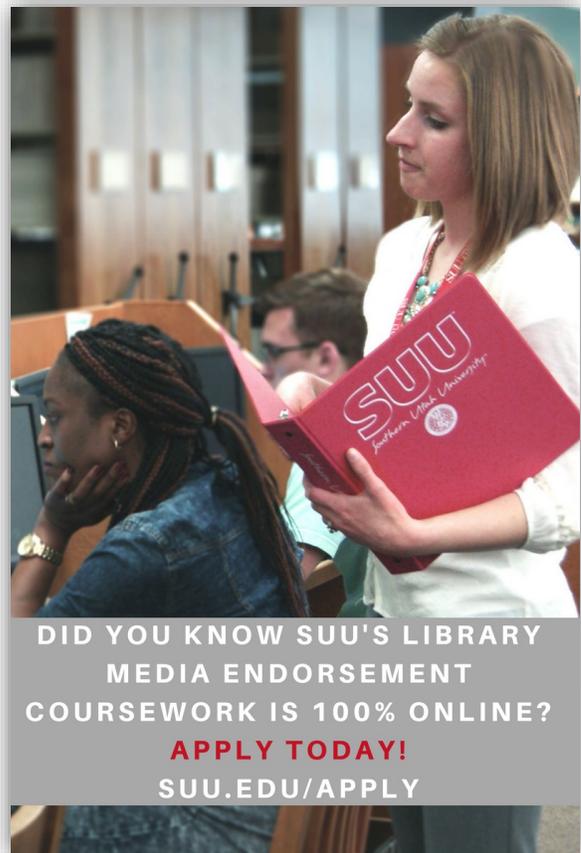
She holds a B.A. in Liberal Arts, a Master's in Business Administration and endorsements in ESL, Educational Technology, and Library Media. In addition to her passion for her students, teachers and her school community, Davina loves traveling and spending time hiking, biking and skiing with her family in the beautiful state of Utah.



## Thanks to the Utah State Library

We have been fortunate to have been the recipient once again of the Utah State Library's Uplift Grant that funded the keynotes of our 2018 UELMA Conference. We were fortunate to have Craig Seasholes, and Shannon Miller who spearhead the Future Ready Librarians initiative. We also enjoyed hearing from Pamela S. Turner who's book *Samurai Rising* won the award for the 2017 ALA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. We appreciate our positive collaboration with The Utah State Library and their generous support of UELMA!

# Thank You!



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## Board Member Spotlights

### Heather Price, Skyridge High School, Alpine School District, Board Member

Heather Price joined UELMA as a board member this year. She has been the teacher librarian at Skyridge High School since it opened two years ago and was previously at Canyon View Junior High School and Reagan Academy Charter School.



She became a librarian by accident, even though the career test she took in junior high told her to be one! Her supervisor for her student teaching in English became a librarian, and she told her being a librarian combined technology, reading, and teaching and that's what she really should be doing instead. She signed up for a library certification program immediately.

Lately she can be caught reading *Wires and Nerve*, the graphic novel continuation of the Lunar Chronicles series, or Harry Potter, which she is finally reading for the first time. Her students challenged her to read the series by graduation and she's halfway there! And now she finally gets all of the references and jokes that students kept throwing at her, like her favorite, "When in doubt, go to the library!"

Two of Heather's favorite technology tools are BreakoutEDU and NoodleTools. Having several BreakoutEDU kits has been a great way to get classes to come into the library! Her teachers have designed "escape rooms" based on everything from biology labs to the Salem witch trials. NoodleTools is her favorite online tool that she introduces students to during "Research Boot Camp"--a two week experience for all sophomores at Skyridge. She loves introducing students to such an easy way to collect and cite sources while during research projects.

Her favorite part of being a librarian is creating special events for her students, especially if it gives her an excuse to dress up in costume. When *The Last Jedi* came out, students signed up for a week of Force training, having to pass off tasks with their teachers who volunteered to be Sith or Jedi masters for the week. Her students spent this past May the 4th playing BB-8 mini golf in the library!

Heather also loves to write, sew, work on her shop's laser cutter or CNC machine, and travel.

### Tina Johnson, Kays Creek Elementary, Davis School District, Paraprofessional Liaison



Tina Johnson is the teacher librarian at Kays Creek Elementary and joins the UELMA board this year as our paraprofessional liaison.

When asked why she wanted to become a librarian, Tina said, "Books are my life. I love to read. I love to talk books. I can't

think of anything better than being around books all day and helping kids find great books. I also really love teaching. I love teaching kids. I love coming up with fun lessons and helping kids learn." Two librarians she considers mentors are Ann Riding and Selena Campbell, fellow UELMA board members. She considers them conference buddies and says, "They both are amazing people and librarians. They have encouraged me to stretch and try new things."

A recent favorite fiction book she has read is *The Incredible Magic of Being* by Kathryn Erskine. The book was actually a suggestion from a student, which she loves. She says, "I want them to trust my suggestions to them, so I feel like I need to read their suggestions to me as much as possible." A favorite non-fiction book she recently read was *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, and *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier is one of her favorite graphic novels.

Tina's fifth graders use Du Ink for green screen work when making book commercials for the whole school to view, and Adobe Spark is another favorite for allowing students to create their own content. When reading books in class, she uses Flipgrid for a way for students to express their opinions and ideas.

She also loves Twitter as a way to connect with authors, and learn from other librarians. What is the most important quality a librarian can have, in Tina's opinion? "I think librarians need to love kids first and then love books."

When not in the library she says, "Spending time with my family takes top priority. My kids are older and I love when they all come home with their spouses or significant others. My daughters are my best friends. I love to read in my spare time and to do creative things like bullet journaling, quilting, card making and Macramé."

## UELMA Summer Bootcamp



## YALSA Symposium

YALSA is coming to Salt Lake November 2-4, 2018

YA Librarians! The Young Adult Library Services Association is having their 2018 Young Adult Services Symposium in Salt Lake City. The theme is Zeroing In: Focusing In on Teen Needs. This is a great opportunity to go to a national conference held right here in Utah. Sometimes we need to get ideas from outside our library, district or even state. Just think what you could bring back!

Attending a national conference gives school librarians the opportunity to attend workshops with national presenters, and meet cool authors - confirmed authors for the 2018 symposium include Roshani Chokski (The Star Touched Queen), Tomi Adeyemi (Children of Blood and Bone), Jesse Andrews (Me and Earl and the Dying Girl), and Brendan Kiely (All American Boys). At the symposium they will address how libraries can help teens build emotional and social skills. Sessions include building collections, developing programs and services, and prioritizing funding.

Attending the YALSA conference is a great way to go national without the travel expense. Think about it and start planning to attend in November. There's a discount for UELMA members, and you don't have to be a member of YALSA. For more information <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium>.

## Charter Schools

### Lonely Librarian Part II

A big thanks to all the charter school librarians who came to our break out session at UELMA. It was nice to talk as a group about the excitements and also the concerns of being a charter school librarian. We find ourselves in a unique situation wishing there was more ways to collaborate and talk with other librarians. For starters we have a group email going where we can talk to each other and ask questions. If you would like to be included in this group email please email [emccoy@paradigmhigh.org](mailto:emccoy@paradigmhigh.org). We hope to start meeting quarterly to collaborate and hope to look at other methods to reach out. In the meantime if you feel like you need more support, charter school librarian or not, reach out, we've got your back.

Emilee McCoy

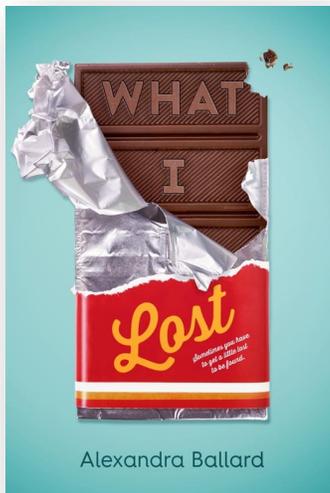
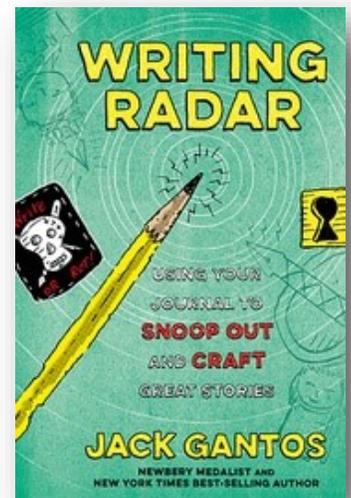
## Book Reviews

### Writing Radar by Jack Gantos

Language G (no swears); Mature Content: G; Violence: G. EL, MS, HS.

Perhaps you imagine writing advice from a Newbery award winner for young adult writers might be a dull read. Well you would imagine wrong! Jack Gantos has crafted an easily accessible and entertaining read, probably based off his many writing presentations for youth. This book is a must read for anyone aspiring to write stories. There are line drawings and highlighted writing tips for easy reference. Interspersed throughout are Gantos' unique life stories, which are highly entertaining. Gantos' mother should be awarded some kind of medal, since it's a wonder they both survived his formative years.

This book makes me want to go out and buy a writer's journal, start snooping on my neighbors, and begin documenting any body scars. Teachers of writing should also grab a copy of this book.



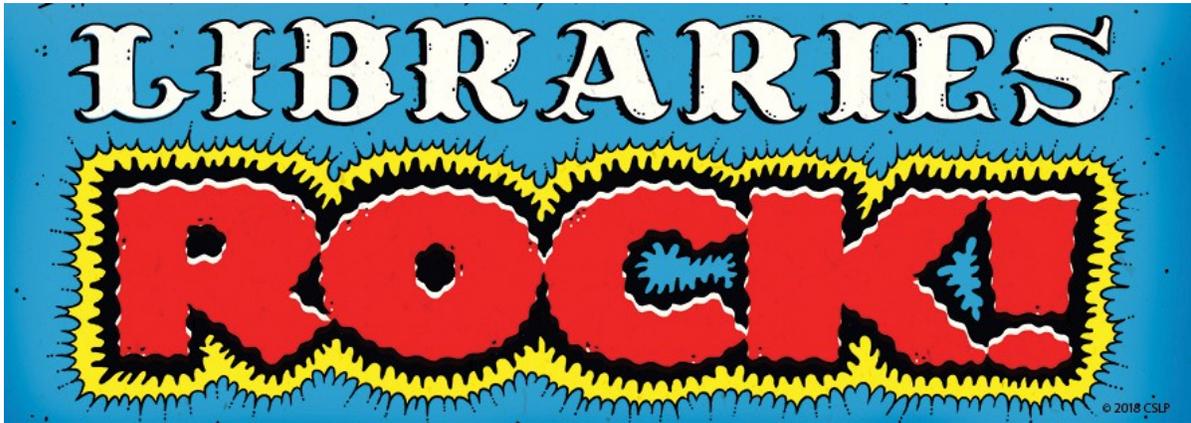
### What I Lost by Alexandra Ballard

Language: PG-13 (34 swears); Mature Content: PG-13; Violence: G. MS, HS.

Elizabeth is a sixteen year old anorexic and her parents have put her into a treatment center to help her heal. While there, Elizabeth meets other girls who have her same disease and she also reflects on how she came to have the ideas she does about her body. Elizabeth also gets packages from a secret admirer and piece together the clues to who it might be. With the help of friends, counselors and family she starts to see her strengths not just her weaknesses.

I couldn't put this book down. I wanted Elizabeth to succeed and I think the issues of body shaming and bullying were well handled. The discussion of anorexia was well done including the fact that it can permanently damage a body and can be genetic. The mature content is anorexia and bulimia, bullying and talk of sex.

## Utah State Library



Every summer, libraries all across Utah participate in the Summer Reading Program. **Libraries Rock!** is the 2018 theme for all ages.

In addition, Utah State Library and my529 (formerly Utah Educational Savings Plan) 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 my529 scholarship. "Book Your Summer" runs from May 15 - August 15. Go to [bookyour-summer.com](http://bookyour-summer.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.

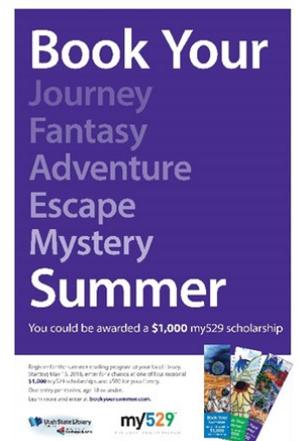
Student participation in the summer reading program can prevent summer reading loss and offers advantages for struggling and/or reluctant readers.

- 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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## Utah State Library Announcements

### UPLIFT Professional Excellence Grant

The Utah State Library 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: May 15, August 15, September 15

For more information [click here](#), or contact Jessica Whetman at 801-715-6762 or email at [jwhetman@utah.gov](mailto: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.

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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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