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ULA Report to MPLA

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Utah State Librarian, Donna Jones Morris, reported to the Utah Library Association Board (Dec 8, 2012) that \$565,007 in Community Library Enhancement Funds (CLEF) was distributed to 56 public libraries. The majority of the monies were spent on Collection Development projects and Public Access Technology projects. USL is also excited to announce 10 new strategic partners who helped sponsor and present at library events throughout 2012; some of these events included Utah Education Association, Utah Library Association, Senior Expo, Disney Days, KSL Family Book Festival, Festival Latino Americano, and the Native American Summit.

The Special Libraries section of ULA toured Utah State Library on November 8th. They toured the services for the Blind and Disabled, Library Resources, and Library Development. They were able to view the largest collection of Braille in the world, a Mobile Library (Bookmobile) and much more.

Trish Hull, President-elect, reported that ULA's fee structure is not in alignment with other state chapters. To secure financial planning going forward her budget committee is looking at a tier-based fee structure. A survey will be sent to all ULA members in 2013 to receive feedback.

The ILEAD program is accepting applications through January 14th. This is a great opportunity for networking and Continuing Education for librarians.

ULA's Nominating Committee now has a full slate and ballots will be sent via email in January:

President – Pamela Martin (Utah State University) and Debbie Ehrman (Salt Lake City Public Library)

Members at Large (2 will be selected) – Robert Shupe (Logan Public Library); Jami Carter (Tooele Public Library); Christopher Dasanjh (Westminster College) and Sarah Sorenson (LDS Business College)

Academic Section – Chair: Diane Hirning (Dixie State College); Vice Chair (1 will be selected): Michael Goates (BYU); Scott Lanning (Southern Utah University) and Lynn Anderson (Snow College)

Special Section –Chair: Dorothy Horan (LDS Family History Library); Vice-Chair: Marie Erickson (LDS Church History Library)

All 17 **round tables** have nominated at least a chair and most have vice-chair and secretary to be approved on the ballot.

ULA has joined 57 other state and regional chapters and endorsed the statement that we are opposed to practices surrounding unfair pricing of eBooks.

Utah is proud to have **4 Library Journal “Star Libraries”**, each receiving 4 or 5 stars: Salt Lake City Public Library (\$10 – 29.9 million); Grand County Library (\$400K – 999.9K); Mt Pleasant Public Library (\$100K – 199.9K); and Lewiston Public Library (\$10K - \$49.9K)