

ST-11 Utah Report

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March 2016

MPLA Activities:

- Attended the ULA Board Meeting, representing MPLA, on Friday, March 4
- During the ULA Board Meeting, gave an update report regarding the status of MPLA combining with the New Mexico Library Association Conference (pending) and how that decision will impact when (which year) MPLA could combine with the Utah Library Association Conference
- Also during the ULA Board Meeting, reported on the librarians from Utah that will be attending the MPLA Leadership Institute (in alphabetical order): Jason Cornelius, Logan Public Library; Kara Pearson, Salt Lake County Library; Emily Swanson, Westminster College Giovale Library; Becky Thoms, Utah State University Merrill-Cazier Library
- Also during the ULA Board Meeting, announced that MPLA President, Eric Stroshane will be attending the annual conference in May – which is being looked forward to!

Utah Library Association (ULA) News

- ULA's "failure conference," entitled *Strikethrough* was held in the Salt Lake City Library from February 18-20. Keynoted by Maureen Sullivan and featuring presenters from the medical profession, the performing arts and higher education as well as librarianship, lessons learned from failure were shared and discussed in vibrant and enthusiastically received sessions. About 150 attendees were there and its positive results are still being discussed broadly and even duplicated in smaller regions and communities of libraries in the State
- Registration is open for the ULA's Annual Conference, from May 4-6, 2016, which will convene in Layton, Utah (about 30 minutes north of Salt Lake City).