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The 2011 ULA Annual Conference was held May 11-13, 2011 in Layton. The keynote speaker was Audra Caplan, current President of the Public Library Association. Luncheon speakers included "Gene Ambaum" and Bill Barnes, the authors of the Unshelved e-comic strip and Scott Douglas, co-author of the book *Quiet Please, Dispatches from a Public Librarian*. Other presenters included Adam Selzer, the author of *How to Get Suspended and Influence People* and other books and screenplays; Diane Tixier Herald, the director of the Center for Adolescent Reading and a popular readers' advisory speaker. Other authors included popular Utah teen author and newspaper columnist Ann Cannon, Emily Wing Smith, the author of *The Way he Lived*; Wendy Toliver, the author of *Lifted, the Secret Life of a Teenage Siren*. Popular storyteller and author Katy Rydell presented a pre-conference that was sponsored by a MPLA grant.

MPLA President Elect, Dana Braccia is attended the conference and assisted at the MPLA booth. She also spoke at the ULA business meeting. At the end of the conference, Dana drew names for free memberships for 10 people. When I contacted them all were delighted to have been selected.

Utah Library Association President Linda Tillson held the first Board meeting of the year, which included training for the new officers. Linda is the Director of the Park City Library. It was also announced that Adriane Juarez was elected to the office of Vice President/President Elect. Adriane is also assisting Dan Stanton with the MPLA Leadership Institute.

Planning is in full swing for the ULA 2012 conference, which will celebrate the centennial of the association. It will be held at Salt Lake convention center, which is called the Salt Palace. It should be a great conference.