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- UELMA Conference  
March 8  
West Valley City
- UCET Conference  
March 5-6  
Provo City

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## Message from the President- Lorraine Wyness

When I first accepted the nomination to become President Elect of UELMA in 2017, I honestly did not have a deep understanding or appreciation of what the *Utah Educational Library Media Association* actually did as an organization to truly support school library professionals, other than put on a great annual Spring conference. This past October as President of UELMA, by default of my title as President, I became one of the many advocates who was behind the scenes to represent Utah's school librarians in the challenge against blocking access to the EBSCO databases for more than 800,000 K-12 students in Utah. This experience has made me fully realize what our association does for our school librarians across the state and how important it is for us to provide that advocacy and voice to school librarians who teach the skills necessary for students to effectively navigate reliable research sources.

I think many librarians and teachers did not really know what had happened to EBSCO in late September until on the day they had thoughtfully planned out lessons ready to teach research skills using EBSCO databases, they saw a message posted on the Utah Online Library page saying the databases were 'unavailable'.

From the day access was blocked on September 22, several local and national library organizations beyond UELMA were actively working on a campaign to open access to resources which affected our Utah K-12 students. Access through the public library portal and academic portal were unaffected. The Utah Library Association's advocacy chair, Peter Bromberg, was instrumental in his efforts to keep me involved and aware of what had happened and advised next steps we could take in a coordinated effort along with AASL, ALA and the Office of Intellectual Freedom. For the next several weeks, I made concerted efforts to reach out to our membership, teachers and fellow librarians to give background information on the issue and spread the word that we had a fight on our hands AND we needed to support each other to oppose this challenge at the next UETN Board meeting fast approaching on October 19.

Two days before the meeting, during the SUMS conference in Cedar City, Selena Campbell and I sat in a room to hammer out an official UELMA statement that needed to be submitted by 9am the next morning in order for it to be part of the documents presented at Friday's board meeting. As we fleshed out

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## President's Message, cont...

the main points we wanted to express, we gathered input from other conference attendees who helped us focus on why we were so adamantly against this form of censorship and how important the databases were in our teaching. That evening I finalized the official UELMA [statement](#) that was submitted to the UETN board. I had also been in contact with representatives from ALA and AASL who had crafted another [official statement](#) in support of our efforts that I put my signature to as UELMA president. It was clear that this challenge went beyond the borders of Utah and it had potential future implications that could affect all school libraries if we did not come together as library professionals in our respective organizations in defense of intellectual freedom.

It was heartening to have several other UELMA board members, teacher librarians and library advocates representing our collective goal by speaking at the board meeting on October 19. It was a powerful experience to be in a room with both sides supporting their case to the UETN board. We all quickly realized, the challenge to EBSCO was a concentrated effort in censorship by people outside of the school library and educational community and did not use sound research practices that we teach our students. Needless to say, the final decision of the board was to reinstate access to EBSCO with some caveats which UEN would have to follow up on with EBSCO.

This experience made me appreciate the power of professional organizations such as UELMA and what came with the title of *President*. If it was just individual librarians or teachers fighting for this cause in isolation, we probably would not have been using EBSCO today in our schools. We now need to continue using the powerful voice of our association to advocate for school librarians and library programs in order to teach students the research and information literacy skills necessary to be able to better navigate what information they may encounter online.

Now more than ever we need to use the strength of our association to continue dialog with decision makers in our schools, districts and legislature in support of school librarians and programs. Unfortunately I know this won't be the last challenge to accessing information we may see in our libraries, but fortunately I now understand that together as a professional association we are a force to be reckoned with and our voice indeed does matter.

Lorraine Wyness




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## Conference Registration is Open

Registration for the UELMA Conference on March 8, 2019, is now open. You can register online by [clicking here](#). Registration includes UELMA membership, Friday activities and lunch with options for vegetarian and gluten-free entrees.

Early bird registration through December 31 discounts the price to \$79. Starting January 1, 2019, the regular admission price will be \$89. On the day of the conference admission is \$99. Students who are in an accredited Library Media Program may register for \$39. If you are unable to attend the conference, you can sign up for a year membership in UELMA for \$25.

For those needing relicensure points, please have your cactus number ready when you register.

Come to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (1355 West 3100 S, West Valley City, UT) at 7:15 am on the day of the conference for breakfast and registration– picking up your materials. The opening session will begin at 8:00 am.

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**SHARED FOUNDATIONS**  
**UELMA CONFERENCE 2019**

**FRIDAY**  
**March 8th**

**Laurie Halse Anderson**  
 KEY NOTE SPEAKER

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Early Bird Registration ends Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>!  
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- Full registration includes UELMA membership!
- Registration options for library media students & vendors!
- Meals, snacks & beverages included!



**UELMA Service Project**

**Dixie Montessori Academy (K-7)**  
**Washington, Utah**

They need a library! Cash/Credit/Debit card donations will be accepted.



Keynote Laurie Halse Anderson is a *New York -Times* bestselling author who writes for kids of all ages. Known for tackling tough subjects with humor and sensitivity, her work has earned numerous international, national and state awards. Her newest book *Shout* will be released in March 2019!

UELMA is proud to host this nationally recognized author!

## Call for Awards and Proposals



Calling all librarians!

Please take a few minutes to consider nominating one of your professional colleagues for their dedication, service, innovation and support to school libraries or school librarianship. Winners of the nominations will be announced at the UELMA Conference in March. The categories for nomination are:

- UELMA Teacher Librarian of the Year (Certified)
- UELMA Library Paraprofessional of the Year (Non-Certified, Classified)
- UELMA Administrator of the Year (Principal or District Level Supervisor)

We look forward to recognizing those library heroes among us. You know who they are!

Nominations are due by January 31, 2019. [Click here to nominate someone.](#)

### Be a Presenter at UELMA 2019

## “Shared Foundations”

**Proposal Deadline**  
Friday  
January 4, 2019

**Please share:**

An idea, skill, professional development, lesson plan, technology, blended learning strategy, promotions, reading engagement ideas, book repair, collection development, collaboration and advocacy, library space, grant writing and other funding idea, research, data collection and more!

The options are endless. We need you!

Proposal Submission

Click Here!

**A Session**

**An Idea Lab**

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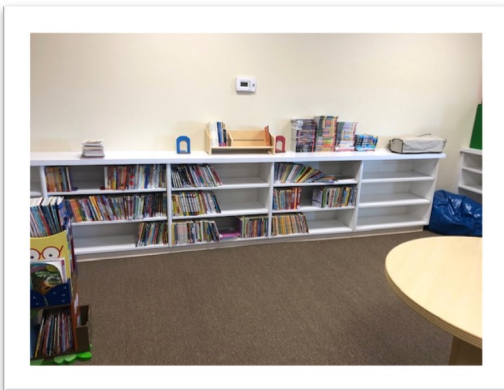
### Let's Build a Library!

Dixie Montessori Academy is a K-7 Charter School in Southwest Utah. They have been in operation for over six years without a library! They are also a "Turnaround School", which means they are currently one of the most underperforming schools in Utah.

With a new director, Julie Atwood, they are turning that around. Director Atwood has created a school improvement plan and part of that was building a library in the school. Kathy Thiriot was chosen to be the librarian and rose to the occasion! She has been purchasing books with a very tight budget, seeking donations, and working to make the library the heart of the school.

This library is in need of high quality books in all areas. In order to help the library save funds, the team at Southwest Educational Development Center have set up a KOHA library to check out books. The team recently spent a day at the school entering all the current books, many of which are gently used but very much appreciated.

While we were there, many students poked their head in and asked when they could check out books!



*Please help us by donating books or money at the UELMA Conference!*

## Technology Highlight

This month I want to highlight one of [AASL's 2018 Best Apps](#) for Teaching and Learning. AASL has structured their website and app awards to correlate to the shared foundations. [GooseChase](#) is a revolutionary scavenger hunt app. It's easy to use and plenty of fun! AASL connects it to these standards:



Engagement is high using this app. Students remain focused on the easy to understand tasks. It is easy to set up and use on the librarian's end as well. I used GooseChase this year on 5 iPads for a library orientation scavenger hunt for 9th grade teams. It worked well; I encourage you to try it and share your experience with UELMA and other librarians.

Mariah Gerlach

## 2018 Service Project Update

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.

Thanks to the generosity and giving spirit of all the UELMA members, \$767.20 was raised for the service project at Delta North Elementary! We so appreciate the camaraderie and support that is shown by all members!

Delna Bliss, principal of Delta North Elementary wrote in her 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."

Librarian Betsy Lee wanted to thank everyone with her letter, "THEY CAME! No more carts used as bookshelves, and shelves are secured so they don't fall on the students. Thanks to all who donated for the cause at the 2018 UELMA Conference I was able to purchase two shelving units for those skinny paperback books that were originally in piles on carts. Thank you!"

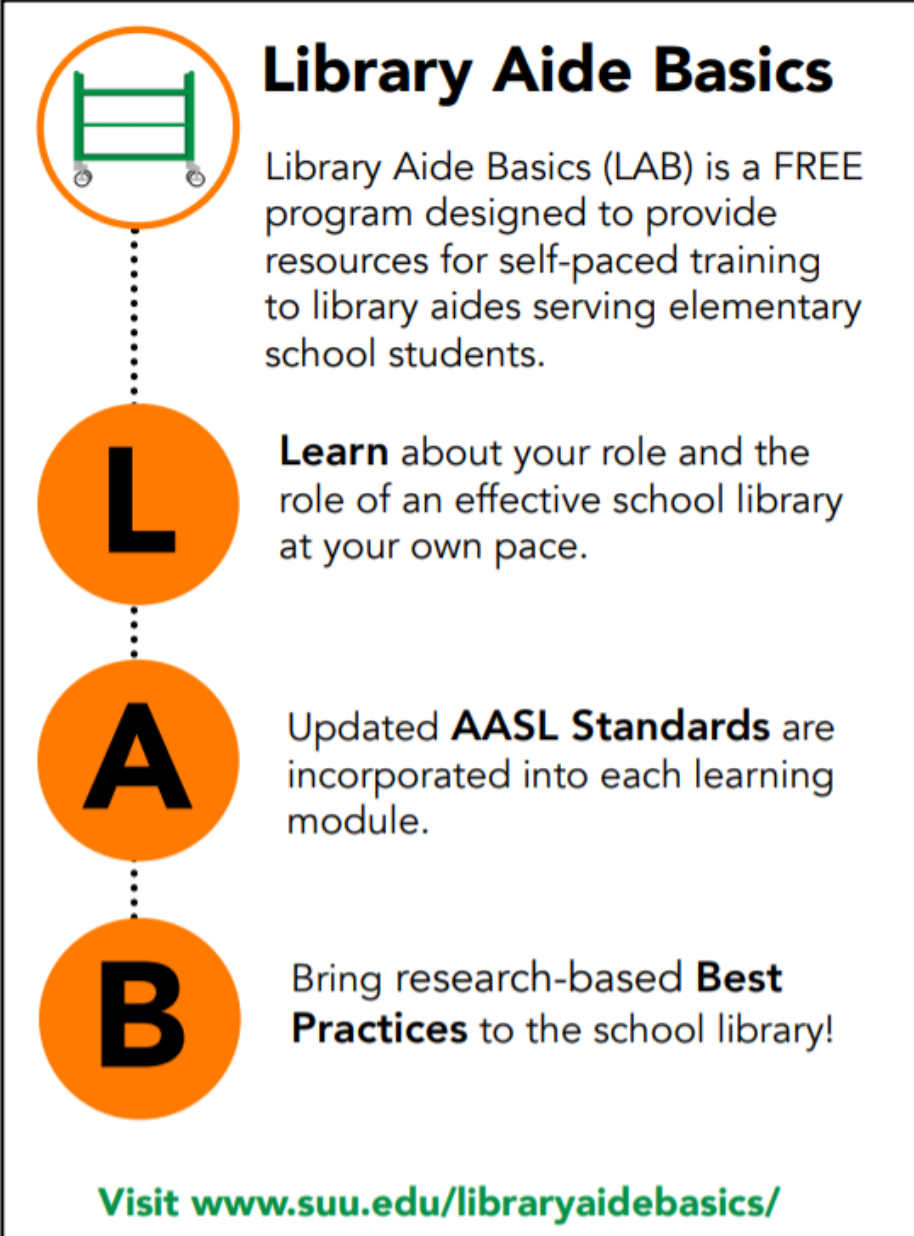


## Library Aide Basics Program

Library Aide Basics (LAB) is a FREE program designed to provide resources for self-paced training to library aides serving elementary school students.

- Learn about your role and the role of an effective school library at your own pace.
- Updated AASL Standards are incorporated into each learning module.
- Bring research-based Best Practices to the school library!

Visit [www.suu.edu/libraryaidebasics](http://www.suu.edu/libraryaidebasics)



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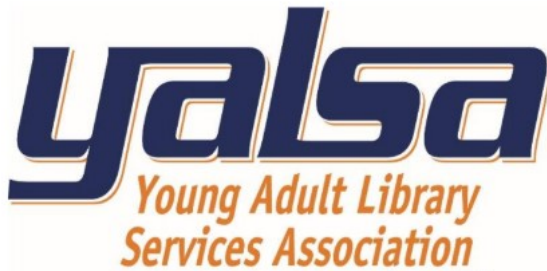
## SUMS and YALSA Conference Recaps

### *Southern Utah Media Specialists Conference 2018*

Our SUMS Conference was held in October at Southern Utah University. We had almost 100% attendance from the Southwest Educational Development Center (SEDC) region, as well as several attendees from other areas, including members of the UELMA Board.

Attendees learned how to create with Adobe Spark, investigate with Utah's Online Library, stay safe with Passwords, and much more. A big thanks to our presenters and supporters! UEN is a great partner providing presenters and swag, as well as UELMA!

If you could not make it, but want to see the presentations, check out the [SEDC website](#) and peek in the shared Google Folder! [Check out our pictures of the event.](#)



[www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa)

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Salt Lake City was chosen to host the 2018 **Young Adult Library Services Association Symposium** in November. This three-day conference was attended by public, school and other librarians from across the nation. Attendees attended sessions that included but were not limited to:

- Engaging teen voices
- Representing all teens
- Teen Non-Fiction That Matters
- Creating a Culture Shift in Your Library

Participating authors included Leigh Bardugo, Roshani Chokshi, Brandon Sanderson, Sabaa Tahir and more. Many authors presented sessions and were available for free book signings! Yes, lots of free books! A few school librarians, including members of the UELMA board were fortunate to attend a national conference right here in Utah!

YALSA is a division of the America Library Association that specializes in Young Adult library services and according to their mission statement to "support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in

putting all teens-especially those with the greatest needs- on the path to successful and fulfilling lives."

The [YALSA Teen Book Finder App](#) is a great free resource to include in all secondary school libraries.

Use the QR code to download the App! (App Store or Google Play)



Utah School Librarians with author Brandon Sanderson



Author panel with Brandon Sanderson, Sabaa Tahir, Leigh Bardugo, Tochi Onyebuchi, and Roshani Chokshi



## Board Member Spotlights

### Marcia Ingram

*-Library Media Educational Technology Specialist at Eisenhower Jr. High in Granite School District -UELMA Secretary*



Marcia joined UELMA this year as our new secretary. She's been in education for 20 years, starting out in P.E., health, and business before her current position. She's also been a massage therapist for 20 years and loves helping people!

When asked how she became a librarian, she says, "I always loved books, and the library. I grew up down the street from the public library and spent most days there, much to the chagrin of the librarians."

Her favorite thing about being a librarian? "There is nothing greater than helping a student find a book they might enjoy and seeing their face light up when I describe one I think will be a great fit for them."

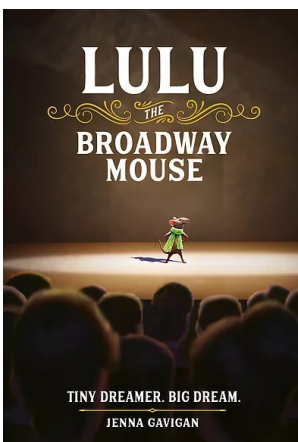
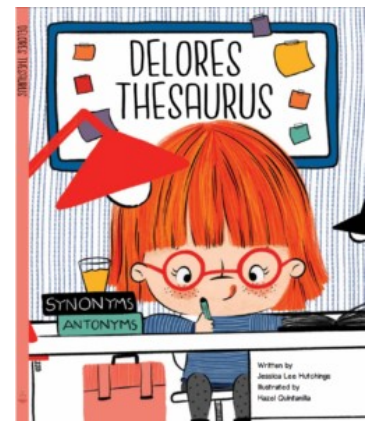
When asked for a favorite read, she said, "This is hard, I love every book that I get to read!" A few recent books she enjoyed were *Zero Day* by Jan Gangsei and *Open* by Andre Agassi. She also likes the Manga Classics graphic novels series and is excited at the prospect of using them to teach classics like *Romeo and Juliet* and *Les Miserables*.

One of her favorite tech tools is Powtoon, and a skill she thinks is necessary for any librarian is to be "fun and yet firm." Students should know you mean business, yet you should be able to connect with any of them! In her spare time she enjoys reading, hiking, camping, and biking.

## Book Reviews

*Delores Thesaurus* by Jessica Lee Hutchings

Flowerpot Delores collects big words in a notebook and makes special journeys to be around adults so that she can hear the words they use. The only problem is that she doesn't always know what the words mean. Fun to read aloud with its rhyme and rhythm.

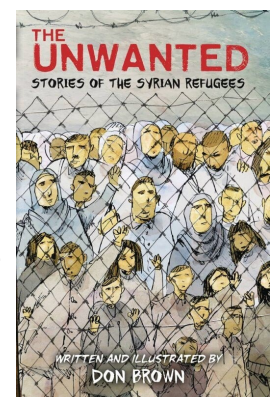


*Lulu the Broadway Mouse* by Jenna Gavigan,

Theater geeks will love and identify with the dressing room chatter, pre-show routines, kid wrangling, theater jobs, and superstitions. The novice will appreciate the theater terms quickly defined (parenthetically) and Lulu's great descriptions of the spaces, people and events.

*The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees* by Don Brown

The plight of the Syrian refugees is chronicled in this well researched, age appropriate graphic novel. Don Brown is a master at taking something super complicated and paring it down to the essentials without losing the impact of the message.



## UELMA Show and Tell

You know that UELMA post-conference feeling, when your batteries are recharged, you're brimming with new ideas from other librarians, and just can't wait to implement them in your own space?

Wouldn't it be nice if you could have that little kick start of creativity every day? How would you like to take a virtual field trip to libraries across the state, so you could see the innovative and creative things your fellow librarians are doing?

It's possible! Just follow the hashtag [#UELMAshowandtell](#) to see a variety of ideas from our fantastic UELMA members!

*This will only work if you are willing to share the great things happening in your library space.* Did you just create a display that you're really proud of? Did your last book club meeting knock it out of the park? Do you have an innovative idea for collaborating with your faculty? Share it on Instagram or Twitter with our hashtag so your fellow librarians can find it!

We'll also keep an eye out and repost things on our UELMA

Instagram, so if you don't already follow us, please do so [@uelma\\_librarians](#).

To give you an idea of where to start, we'll be choosing a theme for each month. This month's theme is displays. It could be book genres, how you show what your teachers are reading to create a reading community, or anything you do to liven up your space! So snap a quick picture of something in your library right now, and share it with our hashtag. Let's get this virtual show and tell started!

[Check out this library!](#)



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5 DAYS AGO



## UELMA Membership

UELMA is only as strong as its members, and we want all Utah school libraries to be involved. Please help us help you. If you know of anyone affiliated with Utah's school libraries who would benefit from UELMA, please send us their name, school, and contact information.

We especially need contact information for librarians serving in the charter schools. We will reach out to them and let them know how UELMA can benefit them and their libraries. Please send this information to our board member Emilee McCoy at [emccoy@paradigmhigh.org](mailto:emccoy@paradigmhigh.org).

## Utah Library Media Supervisors

Many Utah school library employees are not aware of a group that is working to benefit our school libraries. Utah Library Media Supervisors (ULMS) is largely comprised of district library supervisors who meet regularly to receive training and discuss topics that help their public school libraries.

Most recently, ULMS authored and sponsored the "Utah Effective Teaching Standards and Continuum of Practice for Library Media Teachers" document that is accessible through the [UELMA website](#). This document is currently being vetted through districts in the state and is being reviewed and considered for adoption by USBE. The existing USBE classroom teacher evaluation rubric is problematic for teacher librarians since the two teacher groups' duties differ dramatically. The continuum follows the organization and categories outlined in the USBE classroom teacher evaluation rubric, but demonstrates how the state teaching standards are utilized within teacher librarian job descriptions and duties.

ULMS provides a community for the supervisors that provides interaction and training to help them be more effective leaders in their districts. If your district is not currently represented or you would like more information about ULMS, please contact UELMA Board member and ULMS President Melia Fidel at [mfidel@murrayschools.org](mailto:mfidel@murrayschools.org).

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**#uelmareads** **#uelmalibrarians**  
**#uelmashowandtell**

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!

[Click here to join the UELMA Facebook Group.](#)



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