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Message from the President- Lorraine Wyness

The UELMA Board is excited for the upcoming 2019 annual UELMA conference on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City. This year's theme is based on the six "Shared Foundations" that anchor the AASL standards. Our conference presentations have been organized with these Shared foundations in mind. You will be able to find breakout sessions as well as Idea Lab presentations which correlate to the key entry points of the standards: *Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore and Engage*. We are confident there will be something to learn for everyone in attendance.

UELMA is thrilled to have a New York Times bestselling author, [Laurie Halse Anderson](#), as our keynote speaker. Her work has earned numerous ALA and state awards as well as two of her books, *Chains* and *Speak*, were finalists for the National Book Award. Her newest book, *SHOUT*, is scheduled to be released March 12. In addition to our fabulous keynote we have invited local Utah talents; middle grade author [Matt J. Kirby](#) and illustrator [Will Terry](#). Once again the Utah State Library has given their support to UELMA to bring such great authors to our conference. We are forever grateful for their continued support.

*"Without libraries what have we?
We have no past and no future."
-Ray Bradbury*

I would like to thank everyone who has submitted presentation proposals for the conference, you are at the heart of why we have the annual conference and we could not pull it off without you! New this year is our first platinum sponsor, Follett, and our silver sponsor, Perma-Bound Books. In addition, we are so appreciative of all the vendors willing to help contribute books for our service project, the Dixie Montessori Academy charter school library in Washington, UT. We truly appreciate your strong support of school libraries. The conference committee chair, Selena Campbell, and her team have done an amazing amount of work to make it all happen. Thank you Selena Campbell, Davina Sauthoff, Ann Riding, Mariah Gerlach, David Wirth, Cindy Mitchell and all the others who have been preparing behind the scenes for months and will continue to do so until March 8th. If you haven't already, make sure you [register for the conference](#). It is sure to be outstanding!

As my term as president nears its end, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to represent UELMA and its membership. It has been a profound and enlightening learning experience which has made me so appreciative of all of the dedication and volunteer work which UELMA members continue to contribute to the organization and its continued success.

I look forward to seeing you all next month!

Lorraine Wyness

Mark Your Calendars:

- UELMA Conference
March 8
- UCET Conference
March 5-6
- AASL Conference
November 14-16

Newsletter Submissions:

-Please send articles for publication to Lorraine Wyness at lwyness@graniteschools.org or Elisabeth Petty at elisabethpetty@outlook.com.

-Visit our website at <https://uelma.org/category/newsletter> for more newsletters.

SHARED FOUNDATIONS

UELMA CONFERENCE 2019

FRIDAY
March 8th



**Laurie Halse
Anderson**

KEY NOTE SPEAKER



**UTAH CULTURAL
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1355 W. 3100 S.
West Valley City,
UTAH



Conference Registration

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

The regular admission price is \$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.

Guest Speakers and Authors



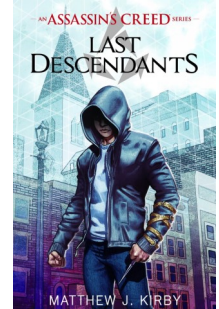
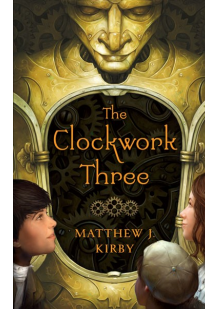
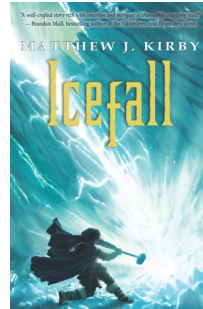
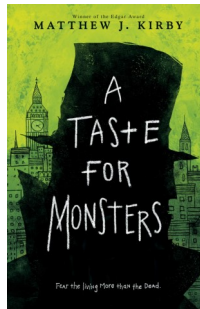
LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON is the *New York Times*-bestselling author who writes for kids of all ages. Known for tackling tough subjects with humor and sensitivity, her work has earned numerous international, national, and state awards. She has been nominated three times for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Two of her books, *Speak* and *Chains*, were National Book Award finalists, and *Chains* was also short-listed for the Carnegie medal.



Guest Speakers and Authors, cont...



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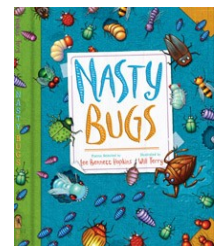
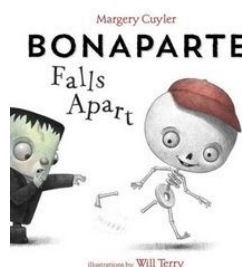


Matthew J. Kirby is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of the middle grade novels *The Clockwork Three*, *Icefall*, *The Lost Kingdom*, *Infinity Ring Book 5: Cave of Wonders*, and *The Quantum League* series, the *Dark Gravity Sequence*, and the *Assassin's Creed* series, *Last Descendants*. He was named a Publishers Weekly Flying Start, he has won the Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery, the PEN Center USA award for Children's Literature, and the Judy Lopez Memorial Award, and has been named to the New York Public Library's 100 Books for Reading and Sharing, and the ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults lists. He is also a school psychologist, and currently lives in Utah with his wife and three step-kids. *A Taste for Monsters* is currently a Beehive Book Nominee in 2018.

Will Terry has been a freelance illustrator for 23 years. He was horrible at math, English, and science... luckily he found art. After finishing his BFA project at BYU he began working for magazines and newspapers not far from where he grew up in Washington D.C. His early clients include publications such as Time, Money, Wall Street Journal and ads for Sprint, Pizza Hut, M&M Mars, Fed Ex, and MasterCard. He has illustrated about 30 children's books for Random House, Simon Schuster, Scholastic, Penguin, Klutz, and Albert Whitman. He has created several indie ebooks that have sold tens of thousands of copies and has started a story app series with Rick Walton beginning with Gary's Place. He also co-owns www.svslearn.com - online illustration classes for children's book illustrators selling in over 100 countries.









Provided by: Will Terry



Conference Schedule Preview

We are excited about these conference sessions that correlate directly to the AASL Shared Foundations!

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Pass Activities 2.0 • Makerspace in the Library • Using Digital Displays Effectively 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging Your School to Read Diverse Books • Using Support Animals in the Library • YALSA Award-Winning • Summer Reading Program 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Trailers • Lessons with Destiny Collections • The 21st Century School Library
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beehive Book Buzz • Getting Started with New eMedia • 40 Diverse Books in 40 Minutes • Just Weed It! 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM in the Library • Building A Reading Culture • School Library of the Future • Library APPs 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabulous Forms • Online Training for School Paraprofessionals • Creating Digital Signage

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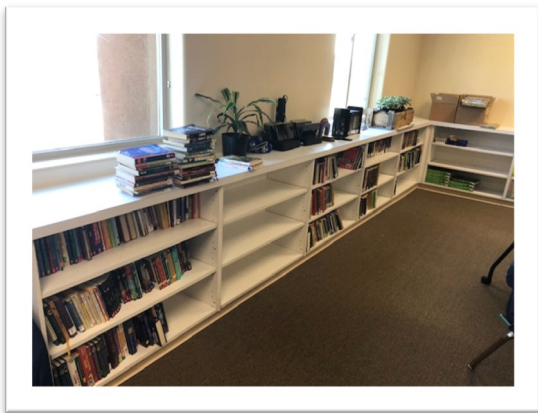
UPLIFT GRANT funding supports the Utah Cultural Celebration Center as our venue!

Service Project

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!

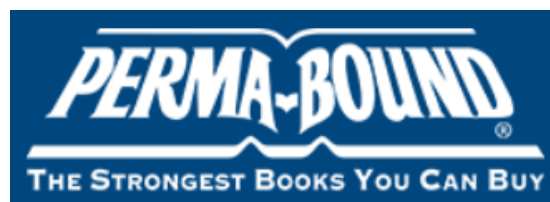
There will be opportunities to donate books at the conference, feel free to bring a book, especially non-fiction, it would be most appreciated!

Platinum and Silver Sponsors

We would like to give special thanks to **Follett** for being a Platinum Sponsor– contact David Brown at dbrown@follett.com. Make sure to stop by their table at the conference!



Also thanks to **Perma-Bound Books** for being a Silver Sponsor– contact David Wirth at davidwirth@perma-bound.com. Make sure to stop by their table at the conference!



Conference Vendors

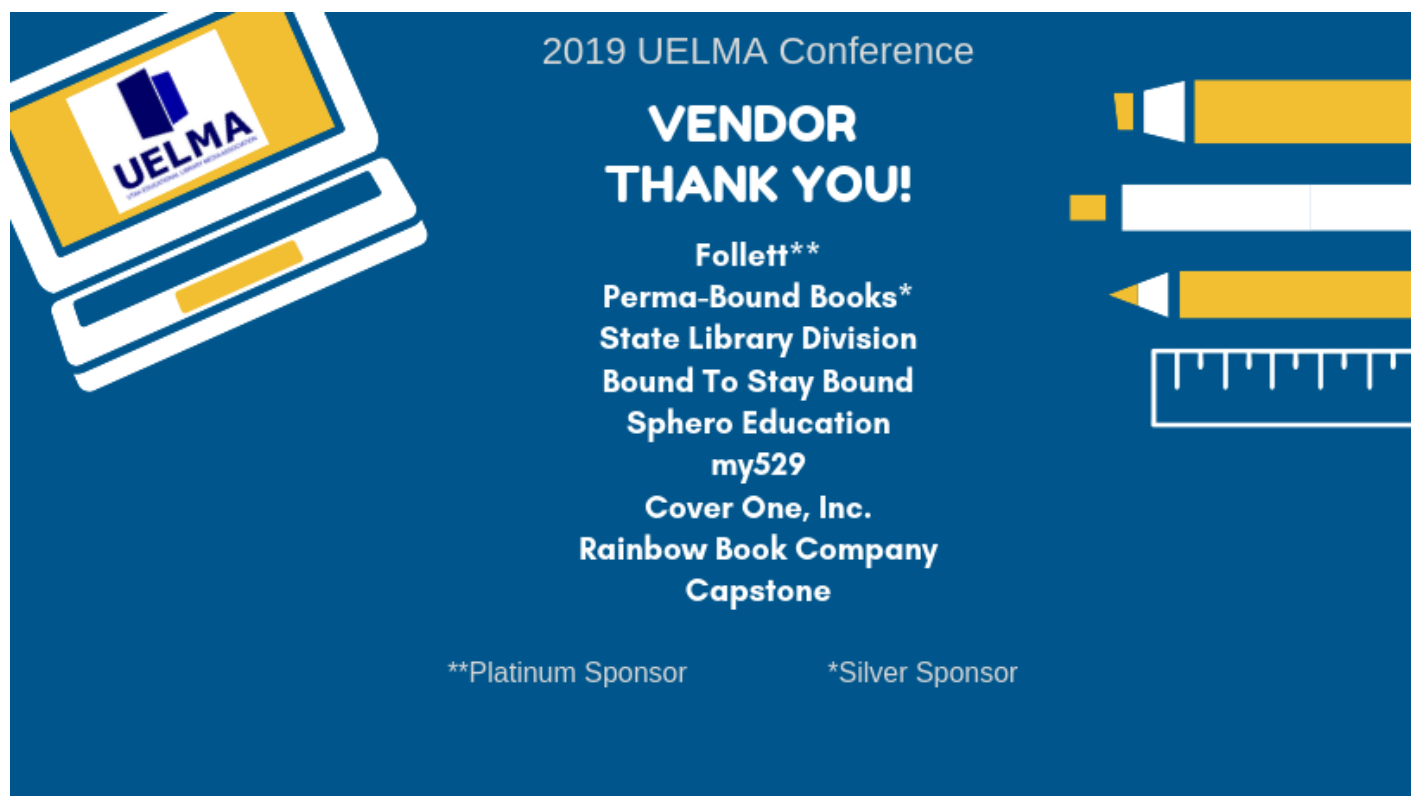
Librarians, please register for this year's conference, Shared Foundations, with keynote speaker Laurie Halse Anderson. There are several changes to this year's conference for vendors. Due to feedback from past conferences, we will be moving the vendors up to the main level for the conference. This will allow attendees more space to meet with vendors and create a better flow to the vendor booth area. Make sure to visit with all the vendors to learn more of what they have to offer your libraries!

In addition, the UELMA board has voted to approve a new vendor sponsorship policy. The board recognizes the opportunity to further partner with vendors to provide valuable financial support while allowing the vendors to educate attendees on the products and services that can help support the library's mission.

This year for the UELMA Conference service project, the vendors decided to donate 100 books to Dixie Montessori Academy. This is a charter school library in Washington, UT. The librarian there created a list which will be divided among vendor sponsors to augment their library with the best in new titles.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month at the conference. Be well!

David Wirth



2019 UELMA Conference

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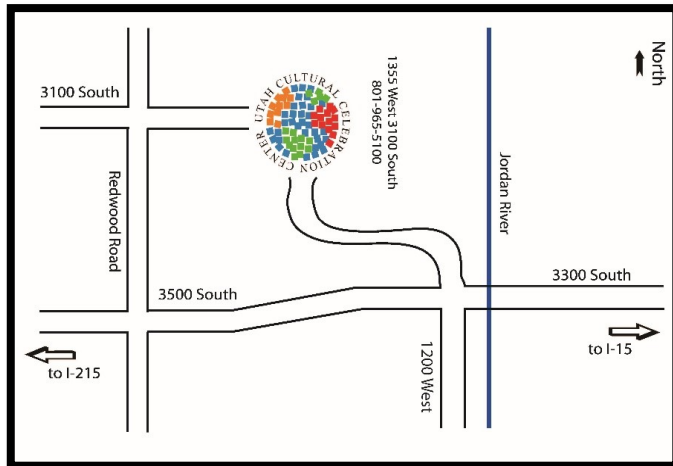
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The graphic features a blue background with white and yellow accents. On the left, there is an illustration of a tablet displaying the UELMA logo. On the right, there are illustrations of a yellow pencil, a white eraser, and a white ruler with yellow markings.

Conference Venue

Utah Cultural Celebration Center

1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, Utah 84119



Map & Driving Directions

From Downtown Salt Lake City:

At 500 South/Cesar E. Chavez Blvd head West

- Merge onto I-15 S/I-80 E via the ramp to Las Vegas/Cheyenne
- Continue to follow I-15 South
- Take Exit 303 West for 3300 South
- Continue West on 3300 South (road will change to 3500 South)
- Turn right onto 1300 West (Cultural Center Drive)

Continue on road, destination is on the right

From Provo:

Head west on Center Street towards University Avenue

- Take the ramp onto I-15 North
- Take exit 303 for Utah 171/3300 South
- Keep left at the fork, follow signs for West Valley City
- turn left onto 3300 South
- Turn right onto 1300 West (Cultural Center Drive)

Destination is on the right

Special thanks to [King's English Bookshop](#) for being our book seller at the conference!



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Conference Hotel Lodging

UELMA conference attendees can get a special rate at Crystal Inn Hotel and Suites in West Valley by [clicking here](#). Or contact the hotel and use the promo code UEL319.








2019 UELMA CONFERENCE

West Valley City, Utah

\$95 + Tax Conference Rate
 Thursday March 7th
 Friday, March 8th
 Saturday, March 9th

- Shuttle to/from the Utah Cultural Celebration's Center
- Continental Breakfast
- <https://www.crystalinnwestvalley.com/>

2254 West City Center Ct.
 West Valley City, UT 84119
 1-888-977-9400

Conference Committee

Special thanks to the conference committee for their hard work!

Our 2019 UELMA conference committee has worked diligently since last year to bring you the best conference experience in 2019! These volunteers contributed their time and skills to an event that is challenging and time consuming. They have served with positivity and confidence in doing a job well done. I cannot express enough my deepest gratitude to these fine professionals.

As a committee we strive to learn from past conferences in order to evolve and elevate our conference to be professional, relevant and fun. Passion for what we do and service are core values for librarians and they have exemplified these values in many ways. The following have served as chairs over the various conference committees. If you know them or see them during our conference, please extend a well deserved *thank you!*

Selena Campbell
Past-president, 2019 Conference Chair

Mariah Gerlach- Program Booklet
Michele Edgley- Food
Shanna Lewis & Cymberly Erni- Presenter/Facilitator
volunteers
Cheryl Murdock- Awards
Ann Riding- Election Slate, Proposals
Shannon Johns-Proposals
Tina Johnson- Idea Lab
David Wirth- Vendors, Service Project
Cindy Mitchell- Authors
Chris Haught-Service Project
Emilee McCoy- Logo & Signage
Lorraine Wyness- Venue & Technology
Davina Sauthoff- Finance



**2019
UELMA
Conference
Committee**

2019-2020 UELMA Board Slate

	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily DeJong (Salt Lake School District)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President Elect (Executive Board)</p>	<p>Emily DeJong received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University. She received her master's degree from the University of Texas in Information Studies with a focus on school librarianship. She has worked for 9 years as a school librarian-3 years in middle school and 6 years in elementary. She has also taught the School Library Management class to the Salt Lake/ Davis/ Granite cohort of teachers getting their school librarian certification.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Keith Smedberg (Granite School District)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Large Board Member (Voting)</p>	<p>Keith Smedberg has taught in Granite School District for 25 years. Before settling in as the librarian at Olympus High School, he taught AP, ESL, and regular science in junior high and then, after receiving a master's degree from USU, moved to elementary as a school technology specialist. As a Library Media Educational Technology Specialist, Keith has worked to help design a brand-new high school building, its technology and the library facilities; prepared teachers to use current and required technologies; encouraged staff and students to use the library and its services, as well as increased the circulation of the vast library collection. Keith and his wife Anne live in Murray, Utah, with their three children. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, camping, and exploring this beautiful world.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tina Johnson (Davis School District)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Large Board Member (Voting)</p>	<p>Tina Johnson has been a Teacher Librarian for four years. The library has always been her happy place since she was a child. Tina loves books, learning, and kids so being a teacher librarian is her dream job. She is married to her best friend and has five children. When she's not at the library or reading she loves to spend time with her family and to travel.</p>

[Confirm the Slate Here](#) by **March 1, 2019**

2019-2020 UELMA Non-Voting Board Members



Stephanie MacKay
(Davis School District)

**UELMA Secretary
(Non-voting)**

Stephanie MacKay is the Teacher Librarian at Centennial Junior High School. She has a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Spanish, and a master's degree in Education. She made the switch from English teacher to Librarian three years ago and now her life is perfect! She has loved building a Makerspace, engaging with students through numerous book clubs and collaborating with the outstanding faculty at CJH. Since becoming a Teacher Librarian, she has served as the Davis Teacher Librarian Association (DTLA) Junior High Representative, Chairman of the Steering Committee, DTLA President-Elect, and now as UELMA Secretary. She firmly believes that "the only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library!" (Albert Einstein)

Library Research

Moving our Field Forward

UELMA is cooperating with key school library researchers, Keith Curry Lance and Debra Kachel, in their quest for data about school libraries. Keith and Debra are working closely with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to fund an upcoming study on the loss, or evolving position, of the school librarian. Their primary research question is *"if school librarianship is evolving and not just disappearing, to what extent is that happening, how and where, and what are the prevailing directions in which the evolution of the job is moving?"*

At this time, Keith and Debra have endorsements from over two dozen states to participate in their research- now including Utah. Keith said, "we are very excited that UELMA is supporting our efforts." To read more about their research endeavors, check out the School Library Journal article "[School Librarian, Where Art Thou?](#)" UELMA will keep our membership updated on the role we can all play in building a body of meaningful data for continued advocacy for strong school libraries.



Library Aide Basics Program


Join our collaborative community of librarians and learn!

Join us in the Library Aide Basics class created by UELMA Board Member Caitlin Gerrity and her staff at Southern Utah University with support from USBE and an LSTA Grant.

“Library Aide Basics (LAB) is a free program designed to provide self-paced training to library media aides or paraprofessionals serving elementary school students. Our goal is to assist aides in learning basic skills and practices that can improve their library services. Each of the seven learning modules includes up-to-date instruction based on proven best practices, current research, and the new standards recently released by the American Association of School Libraries (AASL) in 2018.”

Source-<https://www.suu.edu/libraryaidebasics>

The course is now open, it is hosted by Southwest Educational Development Center in Canvas, you can enroll here-<https://sedc.instructure.com/enroll/LHGTAY> or contact Chris Haught (chris@sedck12.org)



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L Learn about your role and the role of an effective school library at your own pace.

A Updated **AASL Standards** are incorporated into each learning module.

B Bring research-based **Best Practices** to the school library!

Visit www.suu.edu/libraryaidebasics/

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!



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skyridgelibrary Fairy tale frenzy! Check out the display by the circulation desk this week for some fun reads based on fairy tales! #skyridgelibrary #uelmashowandtell

rdbillings1975 I've read Fairest, and I loved it!

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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.

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.

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Use hashtags **#uelmatips**
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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!

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



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