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Utah Report

The Utah Legislature is currently in session and there are two very important pieces of legislation going through

- HB 41 would mandate that the Utah State Library “preserve, conserve, catalog and make available all Utah government documents in a digital format ...”
- HB 251 would provide an increase for on-going support to public libraries in the form of library development grants

Both pieces of legislation enjoy strong support in both houses by both parties.

Utah Valley State College is continuing to lobby for funds for a new library; however this funding is much less certain due to political pressures.

Shannon Hale, a resident of Salt Lake City Utah and recent graduate of the University of Utah was awarded Newberry Honor award which will be presented to her at the ALA annual conference in New Orleans this summer. Ms. Hale is tentatively scheduled to appear at the Utah Library Association’s annual conference in May 2006 in St. George, Utah.

Donna Morris, Utah State Librarian, was honored by MPLA with the Distinguished Award, presented at the association’s joint conference in Jackson Hole, WY in October 2005

Utah’s online library, Pioneer is currently celebrating its tenth birthday.