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Report to MPLA from Utah Library Association  
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#### Planning for MPLA/ULA Joint Conference

Planning for the Joint Conference of the Utah Library Association and MPLA is on track. The conference will be held April 29-May 2 in Salt Lake City. The conference committee has approved the proposals for conference sessions, and has secured the venues needed for the conference, which will include pre-conferences and events at the Hilton, the Salt Lake Public Library, and even the Family History Library.

MPLA members should plan to attend, and plan on attending the MPLA Birthday Bash on Wednesday night, April 30th. MPLA is celebrating its 50th anniversary!

#### Former Davis County Library Director Jeanne Layton Passes Away

Jeanne Layton, retired Director of Davis County Library (1970 - 1990), passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2008. Jeanne enjoyed numerous successes as Library Director; however, she achieved national prominence in 1979 - 1980 for her courageous stand in defence of intellectual freedom. She was duly honored by the Utah Library Association, the Mountain Plains Library Association and the American Library Association. She was enshrined in the Freedom to Read Foundation's Roll of Honor in 1989. A memorial service will be held for Jeanne Layton at Lindquist Mortuary, 400 North Main Street, Kaysville, on Friday, January 25th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Friends and colleagues may call Thursday evening from 6 - 8 p.m, and Friday from 9:45 - 10:45. For additional information, contact Pete Giacomini at 451-2322.

#### Food for Fines at USU Library

"Got fines? Give food!" Utah State University Merrill-Cazier Library instituted a "Food for Fines" program over the holidays. For fines accrued before November 19th, donations of non-perishable goods for the Utah Food Bank waived the fines. Two donated items waived \$5 in fines, with a maximum of \$20.

[http://library.usu.edu/main/misc/food\\_for\\_fines.pdf](http://library.usu.edu/main/misc/food_for_fines.pdf)

#### Orem Public Library Receives Valuable Gift

The Orem Public Library has received a gift of a painting, commissioned by a family who wished to pay tribute to their mother's love of libraries and literacy. The painting, titled "Toward Mt. Pleasant" by painter J. Kirk Richards, was donated by the family of LaRue Roberts Stevens. "She's described as the quintessential library patron," says associate librarian Virginia Carlston. "She just really believes in the causes of libraries."

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