Utah State Representative Report Dorothy Horan

The new Utah Valley University Digital Learning Center opened July 1 st. It has been lauded as a green library. Opening a new library was part of the celebration as Utah Valley State College became a University. Utah Governor toured the library and seemed pleased to view the energy-efficient features it incorporates.

Some public libraries located in Utah County are working together to allow patrons to borrow materials from neighboring city libraries. Libraries located in Lehi, Pleasant Grove, American Fork and Eagle Mountain have formed the North County Library Cooperative which enables residents of one city to travel to one of the others and borrow materials from that city. There is no Utah County library system.

Steve Decker, The Utah Library Association President has hired a conference planner to handle exhibit and venue issues. Pia Jones is known to several ULA Board members for past planning efforts on behalf of the CODI conferences.

The Utah State Library is sponsoring 9th House management training for several Utah librarians. This leadership program is both online and in person. Participants learn from top U.S. business gurus like Tom Peters and Peter Senge about business management practices on their own time, and then get together in person to hear from a top Utah library leader on the topic and discuss it as a group.

The Utah Library Association was represented at the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day, May 13-14 in Washington D.C. by Utah State Library Director Donna Jones Morris and ULA President-Elect Ruby Cheesman. Angelica Moyes also attended as a representative of the Center for the Book. During their trip they met with representatives or assistants of Utah's Congressmen and Senators. Donna and Ruby reported Utah library expenditures of federal dollars through the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) and informed Utah's Congressional delegation about library issues.