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Utah State Representative Report
April 2009 Board Meeting
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The Utah Library Association has been busy since my last report under the direction of President Ruby Cheesman. Some of the Utah Library Association actions and activities that have taken place were:

The ULA 2010 Conference Committee has been busy planning the conference. It will take place May 12-14, 2010 at the Dixie Center in St. George, Utah. The theme is "Come together... for Utah Libraries". The conference hotel has been sold out and additional nearby hotels are offering discounts to attendees. Pre-conferences will be offered on Wednesday, with two full days of programs on Thursday and Friday. If you're planning to attend, I could use help at the MPLA booth.

The Program Board has selected programs for pre-conferences, speakers, presentations, and poster sessions. The keynote speaker will be ALA president, Camila Alire, who will also be presenting a pre-conference workshop about bilingual services. The film "Hollywood Librarian", which was shown at ALA a few years ago will be shown as part of this year's Presidents' Reception. Mystery author Rosemary Harris will speak at one of the luncheons.

Registration for conference has begun. Meals will be included with registration for the conference. The website has been updated with program details, registration fees, and hotel rates and details. It is accessible through the ULA website: www.ula.org.

An election was held and new officers were elected. Newly elected Utah Library Association officers are:
Vice President/President Elect: Linda Tillson, Director of the Park City Library
Members-at-Large: Michael Freeman and Suzanne Julian
Public Library Section Chair: Xaolian Deng
School Library Section Chair: Barbara Hopkins
Vice Chair: Elaine Sherbourne

All Round Table Officers were approved as they appeared on the ballot. These officers' terms begin with the end of the 2010 ULA Conference.

ULA President-Elect Andy Spackman wrote an opinion column that appears in American Libraries entitled "Our Conservative Ideals". Andy is the Business and Economics Librarian at Brigham Young University and the current Utah Library Association President-Elect. A link to the online version of his article is: <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/columns/my-mind/our-conservative-ideals>.

Additional ULA happenings can be found at the most recent edition of the ULA Newsletter: <http://www.ula.org/newsletter/mar10.pdf>

Utah libraries and librarians have also been in the news:

The BYU Howard W. Hunter Law Library has been ranked no. 25 by National Jurist Magazine.

The Special Collections division of the Merrill-Cazier Library is creating a collection entitled The Latino/a Voices Project, has gathered oral histories to preserve the Latino history and heritage of Logan. The project received a Human Ties Award in 2009. To Spanish-language interviews will be translated into English.

Conservative radio host Sean Hannity made the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival which is held annually in Orem, Utah number 5 on his list entitled: The 102 worst ways the government is spending your tax dollars. There was a considerable backlash in the press.

A victim of the economy is the radio service for the blind that has been offered by the Utah State Library and radio station KCPW.