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### Utah Representative Report

### October 2010

The Salt Lake City Library hosted a teen job fair in April at the Main Branch in downtown Salt Lake City. Over 300 teens and adults attended the fair. The program was organized with the assistance of the Youth City Employment, Salt Lake County Youth EmployAbility Serves and the Utah Department of Workforce Services. Attendees learned how to write cover letters, resumes and better fill out job applications, and giveaways included books, movie tickets, t-shirts and hoodies. A second teen job fair is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. It will have a Halloween Theme.

The Provo Public Library is sponsoring a Teen Book Fest in partnership with the Utah Humanities Book Festival featuring bestselling Author Scott Westerfield and 20 Utah authors on October 30. Tickets were sold out by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Utah authors who will be in attendance include Brandon Sanderson, J. Scott Savage, Jessica Day George, Nathan Hale, Brandon Mull and Lisa Mangum.

The Utah Library Association held a Fall Workshop Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> in at the Brigham City Public Library from 9 am to 4 pm. Session discussions included NetLibrary, family history for youth and children, service during disasters and teen and children programming. Local historical Kathleen Bradford spoke to attendees.

The Grand County Public Library sponsored a cardboard boat race which drew 60 spectators and three boats. The Viking crew won first place, which remained afloat because of 2,000 feet of duct tape. The activity was part of the Summer Reading Program and was open to all members of the community.

The Utah Library Association joined with the Utah State Library at Library Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. June 29 and 30. State Librarian Donna Morris, ULA President Andy Spackman, ULA Board members Michael Whitchurch, Jeff Belliston, and Barbara Hopkins split up to meet with Congressmen Bishop and Matheson. They also met with representatives of Congressman Chaffez and Senators Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett.

The Utah Library Association website had been re-designed by the ULA Executive Director. It is found at: <http://www.ula.org/>. The site has a new look and feel to it. ULA officers are creating material to add to their sections of the site. Part of the re-work involved using a content management system that allows groups to manage their content.

The ULA Children's and Young Adult Round Tables sponsored a fall conference October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Park City Library. The keynote speaker was Dr. Joni Bodart who talked about the importance of young adult materials and interesting teens in reading by offering them "radical reads". James Dasher, author of the YA series *Maze Runner* and *13th Reality* told the audience stories about writing and his life. James signed books afterwards, including copies of the *Maze Runner* which had been distributed to the audience. Other programs included programs dealing with handling teens, collaboration between school and public libraries, a method of making images from patterns and zines.

Conference program proposals are being compiled for the ULA 2011 Conference which will be held May 11-13, 2011 in Layton. Proposals will be accepted online until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

