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The 2011 ULA Annual Conference will be held May 11-13, 2011 in Layton. The keynote speaker will be Audra Caplan, current President of the Public Library Association. Luncheon speakers include "Gene Ambaum" and Bill Barnes, the authors of the Unshelved e-comic strip and Scott Douglas, co-author of the book *Quiet Please, Dispatches from a Public Librarian*. Other presenters include Adam Selzer, the author of *How to Get Suspended and Influence People* and other books and screenplays; Diane Tixier Herald, the director of the Center for Adolescent Reading and a popular readers' advisory speaker. Other authors include popular Utah teen author and newspaper columnist Ann Cannon, Emily Wing Smith, the author of *The Way he Lived*; Wendy Toliver, the author of *Lifted, the Secret Life of a Teenage Siren*. Popular storyteller and author Katy Rydell is presenting a pre-conference that is sponsored by a MPLA grant.

MPLA President Elect, Dana Braccia is scheduled to attend the conference and will assist at the MPLA booth. I can still use help at the booth, if any of you are attending the ULA conference.

At the end of the conference Vice President/President Elect Linda Tillson, who is the Director of the Park City Library, will take over as ULA President. Newly elected officers will be presented at the conference and awards will be given for the following: Distinguished Service Award, Librarian of the Year Award, Special Services to Libraries Award, and the Special Recognition Award.

The ULA 2012 conference will celebrate the centennial of the association, as it was created in 1912. It will be held in Salt Lake and should be a great conference.

The ULA Continuing Education Committee held a successful Fall Workshop at the Brigham City Library on Sept. 24 of last year. Topics included NetLibrary, the Utah Educational Network, family history, service during disasters, library volunteers, local history and teen and children programming.

The ULA Children's Services and Young Adult Round Tables held a Fall Workshop at the Park City Library October 1. Speakers included author and workshop leader on YA literature Dr. Joni Richards Bodart and Author James Dasher.

The Great Issues Forum, sponsored by the ULA Intellectual Freedom Committee, was held January 13 at the Salt Lake City Main Library. Panelists discussed school libraries and access to information, especially during this trying economic period. Attendees included Representative Carol Spackman Moss, Utah State House of Representatives; Georgia Loutenstock of the Utah State Office of Education; Cindy Mitchell of South Jordan Middle School; Cindy Dunn, Granite School District; LuCinda Gustavson from the Salt Lake County Library System; and Donnae Tidwell also of Salt Lake County Library.

Three Utah librarians were able to attend the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute last year. I am excited that we will be able to nominate attendees for this popular program in the near future. The attendees were:

Donaldson, Christy - Media Librarian, Utah Valley University  
Eye, John - Interim Dean of Library Services, Southern Utah University Sherratt Library  
Hebron, Tiffany - Assistant Manager, Salt Lake City Public Library  
The Institute will be held April 25-30 in Estes Park, Colorado.

