

## **ST-11**

Utah report – Feb 2015

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### **MPLA Activities:**

- Read all state and MPLA board reports
- Submitted UT news to MPLA newsletter
- Professional Development Committee meetings: Dec 3, Feb 4
- MPLA Board Meetings (via phone): Dec 3, Dec 9, Jan 5

### **Utah Library Association (ULA) News:**

- ULA Board meeting held Dec 5 ( I was on vacation, but sent Dorothy Horan to report on the joint AzLA/MPLA Conference (Nov 2014) she attended on my behalf)
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> -- The Salt Lake City Library held a Library Bill of Rights and ALA Code of Ethics training for all interested Utah librarians
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Special reception held for “Alabama Story” play performed that week. Based on the children’s picture book “Rabbit’s Wedding” that was banned in Alabama in the 1950s, and successfully defended by a librarian. These events were co-sponsored by ULA and the Intellectual Freedom Committee
- ILEAD: 5 teams beginning program on March 23rd – projects involve outreach, youth services, reader’s advisory, and open education resources
- Utah State Library news: Positions Open - Department of Heritage and Arts has three positions open: Assistant Director/Program Manager for Library Development, Librarian III/Training Coordinator, Director of Multistate Center West
- Rural Libraries and ULA : ULA is planning direct initiatives to support this group, with a focus on help with attendance at conferences (PLA in 2016 and ARSL in 2017)
- Next ULA Board meeting: Fri Mar 6