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Report to MPLA from Utah Library Association

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Joint Conference of ULA and MPLA:

The Joint Conference of the Utah Library Association and MPLA will be held next week in Salt Lake City. The conference is shaping up to be a success, due to the hard work of the conference committee chair, Jeff Belliston, and the other committee members. It will be a memorable time!

New State Representative:

Dorothy Horan is the new Utah State Representative. Dorothy is currently employed as the Metadata Coordinator in the Cataloging Unit of the Family History Library. She ends her stint as Utah Library Association President with the close of the 2008 joint conference. Dorothy has 5 children and 5 grandchildren and has lived in Utah since her graduation from the University of Arizona Library School, in the good old days when Margaret Maxwell was the cataloging instructor.

New Head of Salt Lake Public Library:

Elizabeth Elder, planning director at the Denver Public Library, has been selected to replace retired Director Nancy Tessman. Elder beat out two other finalists: Britton Lund, acting library co-director at the Salt Lake City library, and Kathlin Ray, librarian at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

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University of Utah Library Renovation Scheduled to Finish in July:

Renovation of the Marriott Library is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, just in time for returning students and staff to take advantage of the new space starting Fall Semester.

Construction began in March 2005 when the library was declared seismically unsafe, and the Utah State Legislature funded the \$48 million necessary to start the updates. Since construction began, the collections and offices housed in the library have been moved throughout the building and across campus to accommodate the upgrades. All of the library's services will soon return to a central location, said Joyce Ogburn, director of the Marriott Library.

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