

## **ST-11 Utah Report**

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### **MPLA Activities:**

- Attended the ULA Board Meeting, representing MPLA, on Friday, December 4
- During the ULA Board Meeting, reported on the discussions regarding the invitation that was extended to MPLA to come to Utah for a combined conference as soon as amenable, and the status of that decision, which is that the decision should be made after MPLA consults further with New Mexico Library Association. Also officially requested that whenever this combined conference occurs, that ULA ensure that the location be in the Salt Lake City area (to help facilitate travel for MPLA members that would be attending). ULA indicated that this would not be a problem.
- Also during the ULA Board Meeting, the request was made that ULA extend member rates for their conference to out-of-state MPLA members (per the discussion during the last MPLA Board Meeting). During the ensuing discussion, many on the ULA Board learned that ULA has actually been following this practice for years; albeit is not well or widely known. So it is the intent to make this information more prominent for future conference registration periods.
- Officially extended an invitation to Eric Stroshane, MPLA President, to attend the 2016 ULA Conference

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

- Registration is now open ([www.ula.org](http://www.ula.org)) for ULA's first-ever (and possibly the first-ever for libraries in the country) "failure conference, entitled "Strikethrough: The Utah Library Association Failure Conference." The idea behind the conference is to come and share and learn lessons learned from experiences of failure. The conference will be held at Salt Lake City Public Library from February 18-20, 2-016, and the keynote speaker will be Maureen Sullivan.
- Registration is also now open for the ULA's Annual Conference, from May 4-6, 2016, and will convene in Layton, Utah (about 30 minutes north of Salt Lake City).
- The State Library of Utah convened what is thought to be the first-ever "Public Library Directors Retreat" October 8-9, 2015. Almost every public library in the State was represented and the event received excellent reviews and evaluations from those that attended.