

**Utah State Representative Report**  
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The Utah Library Association has begun the year with new officers, and held their first meeting of the year. President Ruby Cheesman held a training session as part of the first Board of the year. Currently, operational budgets are being collected and bylaws are being reviewed and hopefully approved by the membership via survey e-mails. A new Multicultural services Round Table Group replaced the ULA chapter of Reforma. The new Round Table will plan programs to serve all cultures. Members have been elected for that Round Table in the first meeting.

Planning has begun for the Spring conference which will take place in St. George. Greg Hatch is serving as Conference Committee Chair, working with a Conference Planner.

The Continuing Education Committee is planning a Fall Conference in Fillmore on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Various Round Tables, Sections and Committees will offer programs.

The Orem Public Library is sponsoring a Storytelling Workshop on June 15 featuring popular storytellers and programs about storytelling.

The results for the Hennen's American Public Library Ratings listed three Utah libraries as top libraries. The Mt. Pleasant Public Library was ranked among the top ten small libraries, and the Salt Lake County Library System and Salt Lake City Public Libraries placed in the top ten list of larger library systems.

The new Church History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints opened up for business July 22, 2009. The new library is located at the corner of North Temple and Main Streets in downtown Salt Lake City. Open houses were held prior to the opening for the public. The Library encompasses 230,000 square feet has received multiple awards for utilizing solar power and other energy saving devices to be a green building. It is also being lauded for its advanced preservation methods. The library is open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9-5, Thursday from 9 to 9 and Saturday from 9 to 2.

Many libraries in Utah have been hard hit by the recession, struggling with hiring freezes and finding creating ways to serve the public.

