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The Davis County South Branch Library was featured in the Standard-Examiner January 8th. Services provided by the library, which is located in Bountiful, were highlighted, including programs for children and young adults, making available books, videos and dvds. Davis County libraries director Chris Sanford was interviewed for the article. Chris mentioned that the library was being utilized by patrons to help them create gifts and to find budgeting and home decoration information. Several patrons were interviewed about their visit to the library, including one patron headed home to watch a video on golf, in preparation for an upcoming golfing trip to warmer climates.

Several other Utah libraries have been spotlighted by the media recently.

The Utah Library Association is busily planning the 2009 ULA Conference which will be held April 22-24 at the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy, Utah. The theme for the Conference is "Utah Libraries: Turn Up the Volume". The conference will focus on ways to handle the challenges faced today and prepare to face the future. Registration has begun for the conference and is available at the ULA website: <http://www.ula.org/>. Early Bird registration closed March 17. The keynote speaker will be the New Jersey State Librarian, Norma Blake. Norma was named the Library Journal 2008 Librarian of the Year and will discuss how libraries can survive our tough economy. Luncheon speakers will be Amanda Dickson, a popular local radio talk show host, law professor and book reviewer, and Utah Poet Laureate Katharine Coles. Others presenting at the conference include noted readers advisor and author Joyce Saricks, who will present pre-conference sessions; Celia Ross of Stratham Research, who will discuss business reference; illustrator Nathan Hale; Library law blogger and author Mary Minow who will discuss "Law and the Library"; and Librarian-Genealogist Grace Mary Gouveia. The Utah Center for the Book will present several awards authors to Newbery winning author Shannon Hale, Frederick H. Swanson, Kenneth W. Brewer and Christine Allen-Yazzie, who will read from their work and share some of their writing experiences. Other scheduled programs include "Accessing the Resources of the LDS Family History Library", which will be presented twice at the Family History Library in downtown Salt Lake City; "Bilingual Story time for Gringos", "Dealing with Budget Cuts in a Bad Economy", "Pioneer Library – Benefiting All of Utah Citizens", "You Do Not Have the Right to Remain Silent", "Success With Library Surveys", "Show Me! Online Library Tutorials", "Making Sense of Business Reference" a panel composed of Utah teen authors Mette Ivy Harrison, Sara Zarr and Ann Dee Ellis and the LDS fiction extravaganza and book signing. The President's Reception will be held Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Utah Library Association is currently accepting ballots for their elections. The new officers will be announced at the Conference. ULA is also presenting a set of bylaws revision to the members for acceptance. The Certificate of Achievement, a program that allows library employees who do not have library science degrees to obtain a certificate representing education and other achievements indicating a high level of training and ability, has been re-tooled and will

be processing applications for the program. A presentation at the conference will explain the newly designed program.

The February edition of the ULA newsletter, Utah Libraries News reports that the University of Texas College of Information, Library Science and Technologies-Department of Library and Information Sciences program begins a new Nevada Cohort Program in September, with on-site portions of the program taking place at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. They will be held September 4-7 2009 and January 15-18 2010. In the past Utah students traveled to Las Vegas for classes. The remainder of the program is offered through online participation. The program is accredited by the American Library Association. The program website is:
<http://www.unt.edu/slis/>.