

STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 4, 2025

State Library Board Attendees:

Josh Johnson, Chair; Marguerite Mower; Dan Mauchley; Diane Wanamaker; Megan Mullins; Steve Winn; Davina Sauthoff; Marissa Bischoff

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Cara Rothman, State Librarian/Division Director; Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Merrily Cannon, Library Development Program Manager; Marie Erickson, Library Resources Program Manager; Jami Carter, Rural Services Manager; Amanda Rock, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Katherine Potter, Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Deputy Director; Elliot Clark, Assistant Attorney General

Welcome and roll call:

Josh welcomed the group and performed the roll call.

Board meeting minutes for June:

Diane motioned to approve the minutes as written; Daniel seconded the motion. All board members voted in the affirmative.

Welcome Marissa Bischoff to the Board:

Cara welcomed Marissa to the board.

Open and Public Meetings Act Training:

Elliot gave the annual training to the board.

USL update:

Cara shared the following updates:

- She attended the COSLA Western Council meeting in Missouri.
- USL is participating in America250 with Read250, a campaign that offers no-wait times on select titles about American history in Libby.
- Program Managers participated in an off-site retreat to review progress from January's retreat, identify opportunities, challenges, and hurdles.

They identified FY26 focus areas and priorities and created contingency plan for potential loss of federal funds.

- USL hosted the National Library Service directors conference as well as a virtual visit from the Institute of Museum & Library Services.

Dept. of Cultural & Community Engagement updates:

Katherine shared the following updates:

- The campaign for America250 Utah is underway. Watch for programs over the next year celebrating America's Semiquincentennial.
- The governor's office is planning for a fiscally lean year.
- She stated the importance of sister divisions collaborating in the field and with programming.

Blind & Disabled Program Update:

Lisa shared the following updates:

- The program added the state of Idaho for service.
- There will be an open house, hosted by the Division of Blind and Visually Impaired, on October 2.

Library Resources Program Update:

Marie gave the following updates:

- The book locker sites have been prepared in Indianola and Spring City.
- Migration of the ILS is underway and should go live on September 29. Twenty-nine libraries have expressed an interest in migrating to Koha/Aspen with USL.

Library Development Program Update:

Merrily gave the following updates:

- Grants opened:
 - Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums conference Grant
 - Borrower and Lender Support Grant
 - Association for Rural and Small Libraries Grant
 - UPLIFT Professional Development Grant
 - Library Technology Grant
 - Library Services and Technology Act Grant

Unapproved minutes

- She invited board members to serve on a review panel for this grant.
- Karen Liu, Youth Services Coordinator, partnered with the Division of Indian Affairs to host Randy L'Teton, an Indigenous author, to address youth literacy at their annual Native American Summit.

Bookmobile update:

Jami gave the following update:

- Three new staff members joined the team:
 - Laurel Grant, headquarters librarian for Iron County Bookmobile
 - Olivia Gagon, headquarters librarian for the Utah County Bookmobile
 - Amy Banks, who previously worked as a cataloguer for the Library Resources Program, moved to the bookmobile program. Her new title is, "Rural Collections & Cataloguing Librarian."

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.