

## 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

- 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.