

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Diana Suddreth
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INFORMATION: Library Media Standards Implementation Update

Background:

In February, the Board requested an update on the implementation of the library media standards and information on library practices and resources in the state. The Secondary Library Media Standards (6-12) were formally approved by the Board in February 2015 with pilot implementation of the standards expected during the 2015-16 school year and full implementation in 2016-17. The Elementary Library Media Standards (K-5) were formally approved in September 2015. Pilot implementation will begin during the SY 2016-17 school year with full implementation in SY 2017-18.

Staff will share information about communication regarding the standards, professional learning, and current library practices and resources.

Board Strategic Plan:

This item supports the Educational Equity and Quality Learning Imperatives and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan by providing high quality standards for library practices and resources for each student in the state.

Anticipated Action:

The Board will receive the requested information.

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Library Media Supports and Standards Update



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The school library program is critical to student academic and personal success. The necessary skills for college and career ready students include literacy in a wide range of digital, visual, and textual formats. Effective school library media programs enable students to develop critical thinking skills to access, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information, to make informed decisions, build a knowledge base, and value reading.

The Utah Standards for Library Media were created by certified teacher librarians and paraprofessionals to support the integration of information literacy and media skills across the curriculum. They are intended to be taught, not in isolation, but in collaboration with classroom teachers. This collaboration will deepen student learning, foster independent reading, develop reading stamina, build task resiliency, strengthen text-dependent writing, and increase the students' information literacy.

The library services across Utah are as varied as the personnel that serve in them. Our elementary libraries are generally staffed by paraprofessionals. Our secondary school libraries are staffed by licensed teachers and often a couple paraprofessionals, depending on the size of the school. In our rural communities, the school library may be the only local source library source.

There is an annual library allocation of \$750,000 that is dispersed on a per pupil basis to each LEA. These funds are used to expand collections, both print and electronic. Additional school dollars are often supplemented to provide more resources. Also, Hattie Munk funds are used to provide reference materials and other digital resources for students, teachers, and librarians to access Statewide. Currently, with these funds we provide a number of collections from Cengage Learning and also Noodle Tools.

Library Media Standards Adoption, Awareness, and Steps towards Implementation Timeline

Date	Task	Audience
February 2015	Secondary Library Media Standards approved	Utah Board of Education
March 2015	Secondary Library Media Standards presented at Utah Educational Library Media Association (UELMA) Elementary Library Media Standards draft presented for feedback at UELMA	Teacher librarians, paraprofessional, district personnel, higher education faculty, and other library related personnel
September 2015	Elementary Library Media Standards approved	Utah Board of Education
	Elementary Library Media Standards presented and reviewed	Statewide Library Media Supervisors

October 2015	Elementary Library Media Standards released on USOE and UEN websites	Library Media Specialists, LEA personnel
	Elementary Library Standards committee finalizes sample scope and sequence and shared via UEN website	Teacher librarians, paraprofessional, district personnel, higher education faculty, and other library related personnel
November 2015	Elementary Library Media Standards released via email to library list serv	Statewide Library Media List Serv
December 2015	K-12 Library Media Standards shared with Governor's Utah Library Board	Governor's appointed members of the State Library Board
February 2016	Dialogued with leaders (including the Utah Library Media Supervisors) around what types of supports are needed for implementation of the standards	Statewide Library media Supervisors
	Survey requesting suggestions on what kinds of professional learning they need—a needs assessment	Statewide Library Media List Serv
March 2016	Developing a strategic implementation plan for professional learning opportunities for supporting library teachers, paraprofessionals, and classroom teachers;	Secondary and Elementary Library Standards professional learning subcommittee
	Presentation to the Southern Utah Media Specialists conference participants. Facilitating and participating in professional development for implementation of the new standards, communication with teachers, and planning for the changing role of media supervisors.	Southern Utah Media Specialists
Summer 2016	Facilitating different professional learning opportunities to help librarians understand the standards and how to best implement them in practice	Teacher librarians, paraprofessional, district personnel, and other library related personnel

