



2017 Annual Report

MISSION:

"TO DEVELOP, ADVANCE, AND PROMOTE LIBRARY SERVICES AND EQUAL ACCESS TO RESOURCES"



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The Utah State Library provides funding, training, professional expertise and technical advice to library directors, library staff, and trustees across Utah. Through the Interlibrary Loan program, Bookmobiles, and Utah's Online Library, the division ensures access to library materials and state publications for all Utahns. In FY17, the embrace of reading by Utah residents maintained the state's top-ranking for the number of children's books checked out per capita. Digital readership also thrived, as the state had more than 1.5 million downloads of electronic books.



The Mt. Pleasant Carnegie Library celebrated 100 years in June 2017. Painting by Ken Baxter.

STATE LIBRARY DIVISION

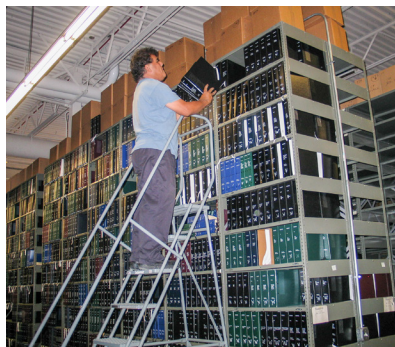


Utah libraries held the top spot in the nation for most children's materials borrowed for the second year in a row. In FY17, Utah children checked out more than 16 million children's books.

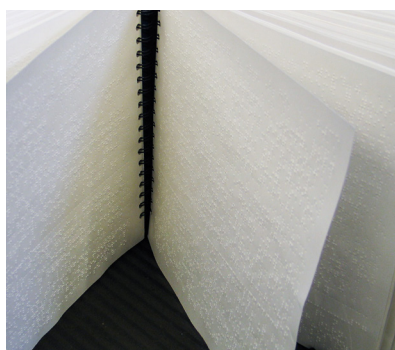
PICTURED: READING IN THE UTAH & JUAB COUNTY

BOOKMOBILE. PHOTO COURTESY *THE DAILY HERALD*.

Key Accomplishments



The Library for the Blind & Disabled ships more than two tons of materials each day.



The braille printer embosses on both sides of the paper, maintaining clarity and efficiency.



The Sanpete/South Juab County Bookmobile operating on a winter day.

Expanding Braille Library Distribution

In FY17, the Utah State Library's Program for the Blind and Disabled circulated 311,851 items to qualifying patrons. The Utah State Library maintains contracts to provide full library services to Wyoming and Alaska patrons and circulate braille materials to 19 additional states. Utah State Library has the world's largest braille collection, according to the Library of Congress National Library Service.

New Materials for Blind Patrons

State Library continually produces new materials for blind patrons. In FY17 volunteers at the State Library headquarters and the Reading for the Blind facility at the Department of Corrections recorded 265 new book titles and duplicated 7,408 copies of digital books. The braille team produced 28,734 pages of braille material, including books, library publications, and informational items for state agencies. State Library also partnered with the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide Newsline, an accessible newspaper resource for 1,516 blind, visually disabled people in Utah.

Serving Rural Communities

The Utah State Library contracted with 13 counties for Bookmobile service. This past year, county commissioners in Carbon, Cache, Millard, Sanpete, and Utah counties all reviewed services to ensure they are good stewards of the taxpayer dollars and constituents have adequate service. Only Cache County decided against continuing the service, although that also meant the end of service for Rich County. In FY17, State Library provided Bookmobile services, including wireless Internet access, to over 31,000 patrons in rural areas. The Bookmobiles circulated 420,824 items and traveled more than 100,000 miles.

Supporting Local Libraries

Community Library Enhancement Funds help certified public libraries expand technology, outreach, and collection resources. Distribution of funds in FY17 was \$565,000 to 59 libraries, and those grant recipients leveraged local funds for a total of \$2.1 million. The funds paid for audiobook collections, 3D printers, upgraded computers, and even materials for a book club in the Weber County Library.

Library Services & Opportunities

- Utah's Online Library users viewed 482,995 articles, a 16 percent increase over FY16.
- Utah State Library provided 21,488 books and materials through Interlibrary Loan to Utah libraries.
- For FY17, State Library circulated 1,597,751 titles in OverDrive and oneClick (now RBDigital) combined. That is a 30 percent increase in downloads over FY16 even after one county left the consortium.
- Utah Government Digital Library provides access to state government publications and archived government websites.
- Total attendance for in-person and online trainings went from 6,046 for FY15 to 9,630 for FY16. Total contact hours this year reached 10,648, of which 63 percent were web-based training.
- The Multistate Center West provides playback equipment, supplies, and materials in accessible formats to libraries located west of the Mississippi River.
- The Multistate Center West interlibrary loaned 30,222 books and provided 8,042 permanent copy digital books to network libraries. The center sent 272,108 catalogs, posters, application forms, and similar supply items to network libraries.



“Would you like to sign to save the Carbon County Bookmobile?” Ten-year-old October Hamilton started a petition drive to save the Bookmobile because, “There’s no library in East Carbon and the Bookmobile will help kids to read during the summer.”

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