



Utah State Library

Division





Mission

The Utah State Library develops, leads, and delivers exceptional library services, while optimizing Utah's investment in libraries.

Vision

The Utah State Library is the primary leadership resource for librarians, while providing equal access to information and enduring services for citizens.

Services to the Blind and Disabled

blindlibrary.utah.gov

The Utah State Library (USL) circulates audiobooks, braille, large print books, and magazines to eligible residents in Utah, Alaska, and Wyoming. USL provides braille materials to blind and disabled residents in 19 states. Volunteers record books by local authors or of local interest as part of the Reading for the Blind program at USL and at the Utah Department of Corrections.

Utah's Online Library

onlinelibrary.utah.gov

Utah's Online Library provides downloadable and streaming audiobooks, eBooks, magazines, and videos. Premium research resources include genealogy, newspapers, magazines, test preparation, learning centers, reading recommendations, biographies, and much more.

Bookmobile Service to Rural Utah

bookmobiles.utah.gov

Eight Bookmobiles provide full library service to residents in 13 Utah counties at regularly scheduled stops. Collectively travelling approximately 100,000 miles annually, each Bookmobile carries about 5,000 items.

Utah Government Digital Library

digitallibrary.utah.gov

The Digital Library provides free and permanent access to publications produced by federal, state, and local government agencies from 1851 to the present. Download a wide variety of statistics, reports, newsletters, maps, videos, and audio files.

State Agencies Partnerships

USL collaborates with the State Law Library, State Archives, State History, and the Utah Geological Survey to provide online library catalogs.



USL Bookmobile Patrons



USL Braille Library

Training

library.utah.gov/training

USL offers a variety of training opportunities in person and online for Utah library staff and trustees. The Utah Public Library Institute for Training (UPLIFT) certification program includes continuing education in core areas of library service, enabling Utah's library staff and public library trustees to provide dynamic professional library service.

Grants and Funding

library.utah.gov/library-grants

USL administers library funds through the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), state Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF), and Continuing Education grants.

Consulting Services

library.utah.gov/library-services

USL provides expert consulting for public library directors, staff, and boards statewide in technology and innovation, grants and funding, library law, collection development, governance, leadership, cooperation, and many other topics.

Youth Services

library.utah.gov/youth-services

USL leads the early literacy initiative Utah Kids Ready to Read and facilitates the summer reading program for public libraries and bookmobiles. USL partners with the Governor's Office and other agencies to promote literacy and summer reading statewide.

Interlibrary Loan

library.utah.gov/ill

The State Library maintains a collection of general materials available through interlibrary loan (ILL). ILL is available to all Utahns to supplement materials available at their local library.

Book Buzz for Book Groups

library.utah.gov/book-buzz

Book Buzz lends book sets to book clubs, book groups, libraries, organizations, schools, and community centers throughout Utah.

Outreach

USL staff members present information about services at community and professional events and provide technical assistance to library staff, the public, government agencies, and municipalities throughout the state.



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Adam Bateman sculpture in Delta City Library

Highlights of Service: Utah Public Libraries

- Utah public libraries rank **1st** in the nation in the number of children's materials borrowed per capita.*
- From 2013 to 2015 circulation of downloadable materials (eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, and streaming videos) in Utah libraries has **DOUBLED**.*
- Utah ranks **3rd** in the nation for materials borrowed from public libraries per capita.*
- Nearly **2 MILLION** Utahns have library cards.*

* *Highlights of Service: Utah Public Libraries, FY2015.*
<http://library.utah.gov/utah-public-library-statistics>

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