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LSTA Virtual Reality Access & Exposure Grant

This spring the Utah State Library (USL) provided the VR Access and Exposure Grant through Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. It focuses on getting virtual and augmented reality technologies into rural communities.

This means you can now hold the solar system in the palm of your hand using the AR Merge Cube. Or use the Oculus Go to visit a coral reef. You can inspect the workings of a cell or experience how plants undergo photosynthesis.

VR Reality & Access Exposure Grant Winners:

San Juan County Library
Garland Public Library
Minersville Public Library
Ephraim Public Library
Tremonton City Library
Canyon View Middle School
Panguitch Elementary
Delta High School
Vista Charter School
Parowan High School



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Director Message

By Colleen Eggett, Director and State Librarian

With summer so fresh on our minds, it's a time for renewal, relaxation, and fun! Our customers may just be feeling the same way. How can we infuse those elements into our libraries?

Renewal. The [American Library Association](#) has released some top trends in their [State of America's Libraries 2019](#) report. It's all about strengthening communities. As we shore up our roles in our communities, it will renew our sense of purpose and value. It's all about the people.

Relaxation. Try putting in a [Relaxation Room](#), a [café](#), or a [family friendly study room](#). What about a [cozy fireplace](#) with a soft chair beside it? We often don't feel we have the room to relax. Could we rearrange or reprioritize to provide some space?

Fun. How about energizing our public in new and fun ways? Some things around Utah include [Escape Rooms](#), [Virtual Reality](#), [Augmented Reality](#), and [Makerspace](#) areas. For our outdoor spaces think of putting in [garden areas](#), [bike ramps](#), or building the new library [right next to a park](#).

Let's all find some rewarding ways to enjoy our summer and make some memories!



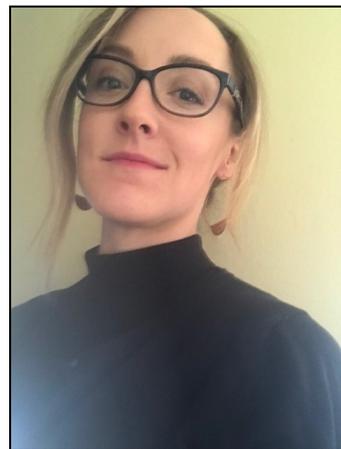
Meet the Staff:

Heidi Fendrick, Resource Acquisitions Technician

Heidi Fendrick joined the Resources Team a few months ago. We are very excited to have her working with us at the USL. Heidi is responsible for acquisitions to the printed collection, available in our [online catalog](#) as well as assuming responsibility for the [Book Buzz program](#).

How did you become interested in the library field?

I have always had a passion for reading and helping people. Libraries were the perfect way for me to combine both interests and spend my days doing what I love.



What is your favorite position you have had in the library field?

I loved my first circulation position at Weber County Library because I got to see what people were reading. I'm also loving my current position coordinating Book Buzz program and purchasing new books for the State Library.

How long have you been in the library field?

About four years! Three and a half years at Weber County, and approximately six months at the State Library.

Five favorite books & authors-

1. Anything David Sedaris has written.
2. Feminism without Borders by Chandra Talpade Mohanty.
3. World War Z by Max Brooks.
4. Les Misérables by Victor Hugo.
5. Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf.

Upcoming Trainings

Behavior Management for Children's Librarians

Tuesday, Jul. 16 - 10 AM to 11 AM, MDT

The librarian's response to difficult behavior is often the key to defusing it. This webinar will cover tips and tricks to assist librarians interactions' with patrons.

Presented by Jill Burket Ragase.

Communicate Smarter and Better

Thursday, Aug. 1 - 10 AM to 11 AM

Communication is one of the most important business skills, no matter the industry and especially if you work with customers. This session will give you some pointers on how to improve your communication skills and increase your chances for success.

Presented by Tonya Snider with TenBiz Inc.

Relationship Building = Repeat Business

Tuesday, Sept. 3 - 10 AM to 11 AM

The smartest companies of today continuously sharpen their focus on customer service by building relationships because good relationships create loyal customers, which in turn creates repeat business. Learn how to create stronger relationships with your customers.

Presented by Tonya Snider with TenBiz Inc.

To register for Workshops & Trainings:

library.utah.gov/workshops

To access live webinars:

stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/usltraining

To view archived webinars:

library.utah.gov/webinars

Online Book Discussion

Don't miss the Online Book Discussion, the book club sponsored by the USL, Program for the Blind and Disabled. Anyone can join in, just call in!

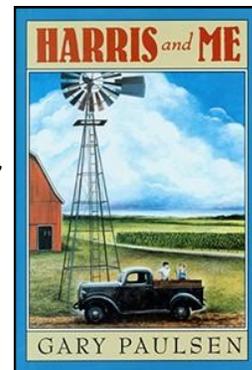
Tuesday, July 9, 2 PM to 3 PM (MDT)

Discussion led by Paula Stuart

Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered

By Gary Paulsen

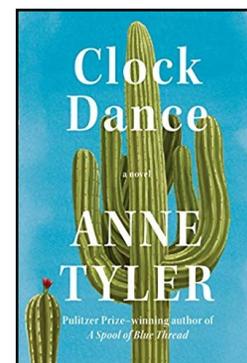
A 1950s summer adventure told by a boy who's parents "drink a lot." Having only lived in the city, he's city sent to live on his aunt and uncle's farm. While there, he befriends his daredevil of a cousin and learns how to enjoy life by fighting a demonic cow, battling a manic rooster, wrestling pigs, riding monster horses, engaging in a bout with a lynx and embracing childhood.



Clock Dance

By Anne Tyler

Sixty year old Willa Drake has lived a life fairly predictable over the years with few defining moments. Then, in her later years, she one day receives a phone call from a stranger. Then she flies across the county to look after a complete stranger, her nine year old daughter, and their family dog. There she learns hope and undergoes a transformation while surrounded by eccentric neighbors who are closer than family.



To Join the Online Book Discussion:

stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/bookgroup

Speak by phone:

1-877-820-7831, passcode 331626

Utah Government Digital Library

The USL is the central depository of all official state digital and print publications. This means that if a state agency creates reports, videos, posters, fact sheets, manuals, etc.- the USL is required to house those publications for accessibility for Utah citizens.

The USL is responsible for the permanent access, distribution and exchange of printed state agency publications as part of the larger [State Publications Depository System](#). The collection of State Publications is built from regular submissions from contributory agencies under the Utah Code Annotated 9-7-201 to 9-7-209.



The [Utah Government Digital Library](#) (UGDL) was created to provide the public permanent access to Utah government publications that exist in digital formats. Digitization is also performed in-house to increase access to this unique collection.

The UGDL branches out a bit beyond the USL State Publication Collection and also collects some publications created by counties and cities for improved and wider-spread access. The digital collection contains things from city water reports to newsletters to local tax information.

So, if there is a question a patron asks about a particular state government agency or function, come check out the UGDL!



ULA Takeaway

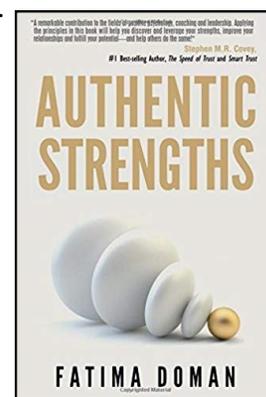
If you attended the Utah Library Association (ULA) Conference this year, you likely heard Fatima Doman's keynote. Fatima is an author, speaker and executive coach and spoke to conference attendees about identifying their "authentic strengths" and how to use them to their personal and professional benefit. She spoke briefly about how leaders who are aware of the different strengths of their staff can help them develop in ways that will increase and improve team dynamics and productivity. Fatima shared tools from Positive Psychology that help individuals and groups to bring out the best in themselves and in those they influence.

In response, the USL has added a set of her book "Authentic Strengths" to our Book Buzz set. If your library is interested in checking out the set for the use of your staff, please contact us at bookbuzz@utah.gov

Summary:

Drawing on the best from the science of positive psychology and from her two decades of experience coaching and training executives around the world, Fatima Doman has created a three step coaching process that can transform a dedicated learner into a star performer. Whether coaching yourself or others, *Authentic Strengths* enables sustainable, transformational change. You will learn the tools designed to explore, empower and engage your strengths—all while honoring the strengths in others.

No one reaches the top without being led or carried part of the way. *Authentic Strengths* will help carry you to your highest peaks—your best self. This book will bring out the best in you and in those you seek to positively influence.



New Books in Our Collection

Book Buzz Collection

Johnson, Denis. *The Largesse of the Sea Maiden : Stories*. Random House, 2018.

Monson, Marianne. *Frontier Grit: The Unlikely True Stories of Daring Pioneer Women*.

Shadow Mountain, 2016.

Professional Development Collection

Augmented and Virtual Reality in Libraries. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

Beyond Reality : Augmented, Virtual, and Mixed Reality in the Library. ALA Editions, 2019.

Music Preservation and Archiving Today. Rowan & Littlefield, 2018.

Banks, Carrie Scott. *Libraries and Gardens : Growing Together*. ALA Editions, 2019.

Bennett-Kapusniak, Renee K. *Public Library Programs and Services for Midlife and Beyond : Expanding Opportunities for a Growing Population*. Libraries Unlimited, 2018.

Bruno, Tom. *Gaming Programs for all Ages at the Library : A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

Cassell, Kay Ann. *Reference and Information Services : An Introduction*. ALA Neal-Schuman, 2018.

Cowick, Carmen. *Crash Course in Disaster Preparedness*. Libraries Unlimited, 2018.

Diamant-Cohen, Betsy. *Mother Goose on the Loose : Here, There, and Everywhere*. ALA, 2019.

Evans, Nancy. *Cultivating Strong Girls : Library Programming that Builds Self-Esteem and Challenges Inequality*. Libraries Unlimited, 2018.

Fitzgerald, Katie. *Successful Summer Reading Programs for All Ages : A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

BOOK BUZZ

FOR BOOK GROUPS

library.utah.gov/book-buzz

Harlan, Mary Ann. *The Girl-Positive Library : Inspiring Confidence, Creativity, and Curiosity in Young Women*. Libraries Unlimited, 2019.

Harrop, Wendy. *Coding for Children and Young Adults in Libraries : A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

Henry, Jo. *The Dysfunctional Library : Challenges and Solutions to Workplace Relationships*. ALA Editions, 2018.

Moore, David R., II. *Planning Optimal Library Spaces : Principles, Processes, and Practices*. Libraries Unlimited, 2018.

Moran, Barbara B. *Library and Information Center Management*. Libraries Unlimited, 2018.

Pard, Chantale. *STEM Programming for All Ages : A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

Ross, Catherine Sheldrick. *Conducting the Reference Interview : A How-to-do-it Manual for Librarians*. ALA Neal-Schuman, 2019.

Takahashi, Deborah K. *Serving Teens with Mental Illness in the Library : A Practical Guide*. ABC-CLIO, 2019.

Newly Arrived 2019 Fiction

Brennert, Alan. *Daughter of Moloka'i*. St. Martin's Press, 2019.

Foley, Lucy. *The Hunting Party*. William Morrow, 2019.

Garber, Stephanie. *Finale : A Caraval Novel*. Flatiron Books, 2019.

Hadley, Tessa. *Late in the Day : A Novel*. Harper, 2019.

Kemmerer, Brigid. *A Curse so Dark and Lonely*. Bloomsbury, 2019.

Porter, Max. *Lenny : A Novel*. Greywolf Press, 2019.

Verble, Margaret. *Cherokee America*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019.

Weber, David. *Through Fiery Trials*. TOR, 2019.

If you would like to request a book or have any questions, you may contact:

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Staff Reading Picks

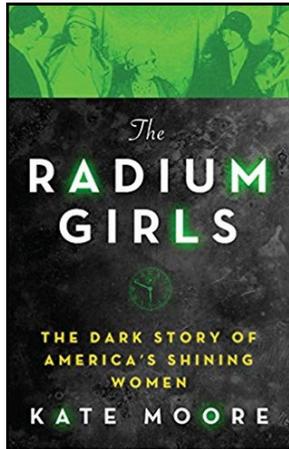
The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women

By Kate Moore

Staff Pick by Char Newbold

"This book just *haunts* me. These women fought a battle they knew they'd never see the end of because they knew they were dying from industrial poisoning. This is more than a fight for industrial safety or feminist rights, this is a tragic tale that just leaves you feeling haunted and somewhat afraid of modern industrial practices. Thanks to these women, there are now safety standards, but its still terrifying.

You just feel for these women, and how they continued to fight the battle even though they knew they were dying. They lost limbs, organs, health and their very lives, but they struggled to fight and bring justice to future generations of workers even as they knew they would never see it themselves."



Available in Utah's Online Library Overdrive:

<https://bit.ly/2ITkWVl>

Synopsis:

The Radium Girls

Discovered in 1898 by Marie and Pierre Curie, Radium is quickly heralded as the latest wonder element, used in everything from health supplies to beauty supplies. The popular new element shines bright in the darkest of circumstances, the First World War. Hundreds of girls are hired to paint with the glowing dust to create glowing radium-dials for watches, clocks and other instruments used during the First World War. The "Shining Girls" were considered the luckiest girls alive for their health and positions, until suddenly they weren't.



With the factories disclaiming involvement in all of the gruesome side effects and the women dying, the Shining Girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, fighting a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights that echo today.

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