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The NEW Utah Government Digital Library!!

The Utah State Library is pleased to announce that after months of hard work, the [Utah Government Digital Library \(UGDL\)](#) has successfully migrated to a new platform!!



The Digital Library Services Team has been working closely with Progressive Technology Federal Systems (PTFS) to migrate over 94,000 records to their new platform, Knowvation 6 for a better user experience.

A digital library was created in 2006 by the State of Utah Legislature to aid with USL's state publication depository program, which ensures public access to state publications.

The collections consist of Utah state government publications, as defined by statute. We also collect different formats, which means you can watch public health addresses or listen to various sound recordings.

Anything can be found inside, from legislative records to public service announcements, reports to posters, state and national parks information, and so much more!

Check out the UGDL today at <https://digitallibrary.utah.gov>.

We appreciate all kinds of feedback! Since the platform is still so new, we are constantly finding little quirks. If you see something odd or have a suggestion, please email Char Newbold at cnewbold@utah.gov or the Digital Library Services team at statepubs@utah.gov.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the UGDL. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UGDL logo, a search bar, and a login link. The main header features the "UGDL" logo and the text "Utah Government Digital Library". Below the header, a search bar allows users to enter a search term or hit enter to see all results. A descriptive text block explains the purpose of the library: "The Utah Government Digital Library (UGDL) exists to provide easy to use and permanent access to born digital and digitized print publications created by State of Utah agencies, county and city governments." At the bottom of the page, there are four large colored boxes with text: "CORONAVIRUS (COVID19)" (blue), "LAWS OF UTAH" (orange), "ANNUAL REPORTS" (green), and "FIRE & DROUGHT" (red). A "NEW ADDITIONS" link is located in the bottom right corner of the main content area. The footer contains links for "Contact Us", "About", "Help", and "Copyright".

Database Spotlight

The State Library has recently added approximately 200 tutorials to our Professional Development Academy. Included is the full suite of tutorials and webinars from Andrew Sanderbeck's People Connect Institute (PCI) and Ryan Dowd's "Librarian's Guide to Homelessness."



The PCI webinars include a wealth of resources including topics dealing with customer service, leadership, management, safety and security, all with an emphasis on libraries.

Ryan Dowd's homelessness trainings includes 18+ hours of content dealing with all aspects of understanding and serving our homeless populations in our libraries.

To access these trainings, in addition to many others, create an account at my.nicheacademy.com/utah-libraries. You will be assigned to a team created just for your library.

Please contact Marie Erickson (merickson@utah.gov) with any questions.

An advertisement for Homelessness Training. It features a large photo of an elderly Black man with a beard. Text on the left says 'Homelessness Training' and 'Learn how to compassionately, confidently and effectively address problematic behavior from patrons experiencing homelessness, mental illness, addiction or trauma'. A box at the bottom left says 'Available through Niche Academy Provided by the Utah State Library'. Another box says 'For full access, create your account at: https://my.nicheacademy.com/utah-libraries'. The bottom right shows a book cover titled 'The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness' by Ryan Dowd.

Tech Moment

October 4-8 is Digital Inclusion Week!

One of our core values is inclusion, and that's just as important in the digital world as it is elsewhere. Everyone should have the opportunity to fully participate in the information age. Libraries act on digital inclusion when they provide new ways for their communities to interact with technology. Here are just a few of the tools and toys Utahns can explore at the public, academic, and school libraries who are making digital inclusion a priority:

Soldering Irons
Video Cameras
Photoshop
Telescopes
Sewing Machines
Linux Machines
Launchpads
3D Printers
Laser Cutters
AC Production
Tablets

Interested in learning more? Watch USL's 4 minute video: [Digital Inclusion: A Library Responsibility](#).

Upcoming Trainings

Year of Learning

This year Utah State Library is partnering with the Utah Library Association (ULA) to provide a Year of Learning on ULA's 2022 theme: United in Diversity. Once a month, a knowledgeable moderator will guide a Zoom Meetup for Utah librarians and library staff on the current month's topic. Resources will be forthcoming. To learn more about this initiative visit our website: <https://library.utah.gov/equity/learning>

Auditing Your Collection, Discussion

Thursday, Oct. 28 - 12 PM, MDT

During our discussion we'll talk about what we've learned about conducting collection audits and brainstorm ideas on how to fill any gaps in services. We can also chat about any issues you've encountered or details you've learned or anything you'd like to share about diversifying your collection.

Identify Your Community with Data, Discussion

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - 10 AM, MDT

Thursday, Nov. 18 - 12 PM, MDT

Join Heidi Fendrick, the State Data Coordinator, on Nov. 9 to take a closer look at Utah's communities. Utah is growing and is more diverse than ever before. Then, on Nov. 18, we'll talk about what we've learned about our communities and brainstorm ideas on how to fill any gaps in services. We can also chat about any issues you've encountered exploring your community data, details you've learned or anything you'd like to try to improve services.

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

USL Training Coordinator:

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Online Book Discussion

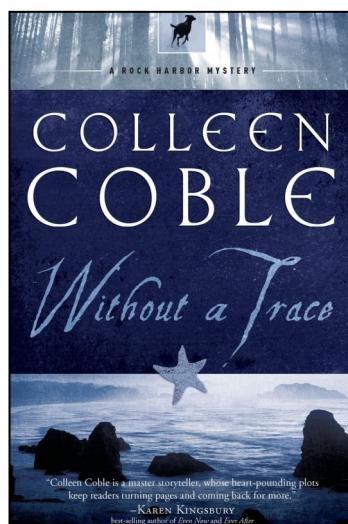
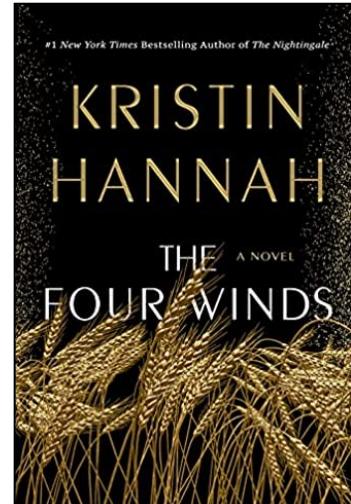
Don't miss the Online Book Discussion, the book club sponsored by the USL, Program for the Blind and Disabled. Anyone can join in, just call in!

Tuesday, November 9, 2 PM to 3 PM (MST)
Discussion led by Paula Stuart

Two books this time!

The Four Winds

by Kristin Hannah



Without a Trace:

A Rock Harbor Mystery
by Colleen Coble

To Join the Online Book Discussion:

stateofutah.adobeconnect.com/bookgroup

Participate by phone:

1-877-820-7831, passcode 331626

Mental Health and Wellness

By Chaundra Johnson, Director and State Librarian

Greetings Library Friends,

Fall is always a busy time with so many things pulling us in so many directions. Just like last year COVID continues to add a whole other layer to our already busy minds, bodies, and emotions. Libraries have been, and continue to be, front line support for the communities they serve, supporting, listening, and adapting every day, often multiple times a day!

We have all heard how vital taking care of our mental health and well being is, but I will admit I am not great at it and have to continually work at learning and adding tools that can help me. The past year and a half has taken a toll on everyone and we all need to make sure we are putting our own mental health and wellness at the top of the priority list.

As someone who has struggles with anxiety I have appreciated all the resources available that are specifically for those in the library profession. I have been so grateful to have these resources that I can go to when I am feeling overwhelmed and need some support and new tools, or a reminder about tools I have but need to utilize.

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In the months ahead please take time for yourself and your mental health!

Below are some resources I have used that have been extremely helpful to me.

If I can ever be of help or support please reach out to me.

Best Library Wishes,

Chaundra Johnson

Resources:

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USL Webinars:

<https://library.utah.gov/webinars>

Webjunction:

<https://learn.webjunction.org/course/search>

Niche Academy:

<https://my.nicheacademy.com/utah-libraries>



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