



# Utah State Library Executive Summary



<http://library.utah.gov>

**Mission: Develop, Promote and Advance Library Services and Access to Information**

## Services to the Blind and Disabled <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov>



These services are available to Utah residents of all ages who are blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, or learning disabled. Materials are available free in Braille, on audio books, and in large-type books. The Utah State Library (USL) contracts with 20 states to provide Braille materials, and with the Library of Congress' National Library Service to provide Braille and audio materials to 24 western states. USL received \$1,025,546 from these contracts in FY2009. Over 28,162 volunteer hours (valued at \$577,321) play a major role in making these services work.

Circulation of books and magazines to patrons in all 29 Utah counties in FY 2009 = 266,862.

## Bookmobile Service to Rural Utah <http://bookmobiles.utah.gov/>

USL provided quality library service to Utahns in 14 counties through 9 Bookmobiles that traveled over 150,000 miles, stopped in 230 communities and 78 schools. Counties partner with USL to provide library service to Utah residents not served by fixed-site libraries. Bookmobiles provide Internet wireless access, Inter-Library Loan, and access to the Public Pioneer's online resources. Bookmobiles also add essential support for school libraries and serve small rural communities such as Teasdale, Eureka, Bicknell, Vernon, East Carbon, Enoch, Benjamin, Grantsville. More than 200,000 Utah patrons use services including downloadable e-books, e-audios and e-videos through the State Library and Bookmobiles.



## Support for Utah's Public Libraries

Utah's public libraries located in rural areas struggle to meet demands imposed by their growing communities and the availability to offer services patrons find in more urban libraries. Utah State Library (USL) provides help in meeting those demands. Material Request (Inter-Library Loan) gives library patrons access to a wide variety of materials not available at their local library. Cataloging Assistance is available through our CatExpress project and allows all libraries statewide to catalog quality materials. Training is provided on all these services. Summer Reading Programs are coordinated by USL to provide public libraries with a valuable tool to encourage improved literacy among students. The Spanish Language Outreach Project provides training and funding for library services to Spanish-speaking communities.

FY2009	
Material Requests Filled	16,258
Records Cataloged via CatExpress	57,016
Summer Reading Program participants	121,865



St. George Library



Centerville Branch



West Valley Branch

## State Publications & Government Information <http://publications.utah.gov>

USL is required by statute to collect, preserve and disseminate government information and manage the state's Depository Library System. Traditionally, this has meant print publications, but increasingly these publications take the form of electronic documents. USL has developed a Digital Library for providing permanent online access to state publications. USL trains state agencies to make their online data more retrievable using search engines, and to submit publications electronically.

FY2009—State Publications Electronically Available - 11,600 June 2009—nearly 20,000 January 2010



## Online Information Resources <http://pioneer.utah.gov>



USL is the home for Public PIONEER Utah's Online Library, a resource for all of Utah's citizens, providing information not available on the "free" Internet. Full-text magazines, newspapers, downloadable audio books, business resources, genealogy information, even auto repair, and other resources are available. USL partners with the Utah Education Network and Utah's Academic Libraries to provide additional resources statewide. Training is provided for library staff members and government entities including the Utah Legislature in the use of these databases.

Items retrieved from Public Pioneer: 876,118  
Visitors to Public Pioneer Website: 604,972  
Page Views: 1,015,583  
Cost per search: 34 cents



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## Library Services for State Agency and other Government Libraries

USL's online catalog facilities are primarily used to provide materials to smaller public libraries but are also shared with other agencies, to provide their libraries with an online interface and easily accessible and retrievable materials. This service, provided at cost to the agencies, provides efficiencies of scale and increases access to their materials. USL currently has cooperation agreements with the State Law Library, State Archives, the Department of Transportation, State History, and Administrative Rules.

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## Training <http://library.utah.gov/workshops>

USL provides a slate of training opportunities ranging from computer applications to instruction on the PIONEER databases, from how to work with Utah's Spanish speaking community to grant writing. Utah Public Library Institute for Training (UPLIFT) Workshops provide professional library development training to help staff and directors at smaller libraries maintain and upgrade their library skills. Library Board Workshops provide instruction on being an effective board member. New Director Orientation provides new library directors and the Utah library community an opportunity to learn about USL services.



FY2009

Training Provided: 5503 contact hours

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## Grants and Funding <http://library.utah.gov/grants>

The Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) a competitive grant program supports technology infrastructure, digitization of unique Utah materials, and services for underserved populations with federal dollars granted from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Utah State Library (USL) is one of several state library agencies that offers this program to all types of libraries based on the goals included in a Five Year Plan submitted to the IMLS. In 2009, Library Science and Technology Act funds totaled \$1,852,457.00; funded 30 grants, goods and services to Utah Residents. LSTA also provides funding for statewide services such as Public PIONEER, statewide summer reading program, bookmobiles, and training for library staff and trustees. In addition, USL provides Community Library Enhancement Funds (CLEF) which are state funds given to fully and provisionally certified public libraries to enhance services in their respective communities.

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## Consulting Services

USL provides advice and assistance for public library directors, staff, and boards across the state in the following areas: technology development, grants and funding (including E-Rate, the federal program to provide discounts for Internet services), library legal issues, collection development, library governance, training, and other issues. USL's Certification Program provides a set of benchmarks of library standards of service for those libraries that wish to receive state and federal grants. USL annually collects and disseminates library management data for 69 local governments, equipping librarians, library board members, and local officials to effectively plan and evaluate their library services.