

SECONDARY ELA NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week and the final month of the school year!

If it was within my power, I'd send you all a big chunk of money and a large, uninterrupted block of time for self-care and fun. Instead, you're receiving my monthly newsletter.

As we wind down for the school year, I do hope you set aside some time to reflect on and celebrate your successes. You did it!

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I'M CURRENTLY ENJOYING:

- *You are Here: Poetry in the Natural World* by Ada Limón
- Hacks on Max



UEN SECONDARY ELA MEDIA HUB

UEN is working on curating a hub for secondary ELA resources. Phase 1 is now live, and we will be continuing to evaluate and add resources. If you have quality online resources that you frequently use, feel free to send them my way so we can get them on the hub.



P-12 ELA STANDARDS RESOURCES

[Link to resource folder](#) which includes:

- [Secondary ELA Webinars](#) - **UPDATED!**
- [Best Practices in Secondary ELA](#) - **UPDATED!**
- [FAQs](#)
- [Reading Strand Standards Breakdown](#)
- [Speech Progression Chart](#)
- [Slides](#) from summer 2023 professional learning
- Resources shared by other districts (e.g., vertical alignment)
- [ACT Crosswalk](#) - **NEW!**
- [Grades 6 - 12 Core Guides](#) - **NEW!**



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ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

- [Smithsonian Museum](#)
- ["We are Not a Stereotype" video series](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [16 Ways to Celebrate in Your Classroom from Newsela](#)
- [Resources from NCTE](#)
- [Utah Asian Festival, June 8th](#)

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SCRIBLE IS RENEWED!

[Scribe](#) is an advanced platform ever built to support students, teachers and librarians through the research and writing process. The Utah State Board of Education provides Scribe Edu Pro for all Utah K-12 public and charter schools.

- [A brief overview of Scribe](#)
- [Self-paced course from UEN, "Research Ready with Scribe"](#)
- [Recent Webinar Recording](#)
 - [Slide Presentation](#)

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UPDATES TO UTAH'S ONLINE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are excited to announce significant enhancements to Utah's Online School Library! Following an extensive review process, the Utah's Online Library RFP committee has selected several new resources to enhance the educational resources available to Utah students and educators. These databases will be accessible starting July 1, 2024.

New additions to the library include National Geographic Kids, Sora eBooks, Global Newspapers and others. Familiar favorites like Gale, Culturegrams and World Book Online will continue to be available. [Click here](#) for a complete list of resources.

Beginning July 1, EBSCO databases will no longer be available in the library. To assist educators in navigating this change, we've created an [EBSCO to Gale crosswalk](#) to assist in discovering suitable alternatives within the library.

We are confident that these additions, alongside our existing offerings, will further solidify Utah's Online School Library as an indispensable resource hub for educators and students throughout the state.

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SENSITIVE MATERIALS UPDATES

On Thursday, May 2 & Friday May 3, the Utah State Board of Education met and discussed Sensitive Materials legislation & Board Rule R277-628: School Libraries. No Action was taken, except to move the item to the June 6th board meeting.

You can view the recordings on the [USBE YouTube Channel](#) and the proposed drafts on [Civic Clerk](#).

[May 2 Recording, Proposed Drafts ~9:05:55](#)

[May 3 Recording, Proposed Drafts ~19:00](#)

We will be working on guidance documents for implementation of HB29. See also [this FAQ Document re: sensitive materials legislation](#).



Multicultural Youth
LEADERSHIP DAY



2024 MULTICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY

EMPOWERING THE LEADER WITHIN

Youth and young adults between the ages of 16-20 are invited to register for an interactive day of professional development that builds their capacity to lead in their communities. Lunch and fun incentives will be provided.

MAY 25 AND JUNE 1, 2024 | 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

REGISTER NOW



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AMERICA'S FIELD TRIP



In 2026, the United States will mark our Semiquincentennial: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Today's young people are the leaders, innovators, and thinkers who will shape the next 250 years — and it's important their voices are heard as we commemorate this historic milestone.

America's Field Trip is a new contest that invites students across the country in grades 3–12 to be part of America's 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them — and earning the opportunity to participate in unforgettable field trip experiences at some of the nation's most iconic historic and cultural landmarks.

Students may submit artwork, videos, or essays in response to the contest's prompt: "What does America mean to you?"

Twenty-five first-place awardees from each grade level category will receive free travel and lodging for a 3-day, 2-night trip to a select historical or cultural site. Second-place awardees will receive a \$500 cash award. The teacher associated with the top scoring student submissions in each grade level category will receive a \$1,000 cash award.



[LEARN MORE](#)



MAY 17 DEADLINE!



SUMMER READING BINGO

Get a bingo horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or go for a full black out. A title can be used only once.

A book that was adapted into a movie or TV show	A short story collection	A book with a one-word title	A novel in verse	A book by a debut author
A book published before you were born	A translated book	A play	A book from the 2024 Beehive Book Award Nominees list	A nonfiction book about history
A book told by an unreliable narrator	An award-winning book	An audio book	A biography, autobiography, or memoir	A book set in Utah
A graphic novel	A professional learning book about teaching ELA	A book published since you were born	A book by a Utah author	A poetry collection
A nonfiction book about one of your hobbies	A book set outside the U.S.	A book with multiple narrators	A picture book	A young adult fiction book

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“100 YEARS OF UTAH FILM & TELEVISION”

2024 is an exciting year for the history of filmmaking in Utah! It marks 100 years since the first movie filmed in Utah premiered. Since then thousands of films and television shows have been shot here. We want students and educators to be involved in celebrating and learning about this unique part of Utah’s history. The hope is that students, from elementary age to high schoolers, will learn about this history and want to come to view the full exhibit. The “100 Years of Utah Film & Television” exhibit will be located on the 4th floor of the Utah State Capitol Building from January 12, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

To prepare students and teachers for a more enriching experience during their visit, the Utah Film Commission has created a short overview [presentation](#). Included in the overview presentation is a very brief history of filmmaking in Utah and three choices of classroom activities. The presentation and activities are meant to be adaptable to individual classroom needs. You can download the presentation and change them as necessary to fit the UT State Core Standards that fit your class. Please review the speaker notes at the bottom of each slide to see additional information and videos linked inside.

We have also created an [exhibition guide](#) to help you navigate the exhibit during your visit to the Utah State Capitol. There is funding available for busing to the Capitol through the Capitol Preservation Board. You can visit utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/field-trips for more information. If students and teachers are unable to attend the exhibit at the Capitol, there will also be a traveling exhibit available throughout the State. Visit film.utah.gov/100years for more details and locations.



The Grand Theatre

Free Youth Tickets

FATE? A new musical

February 8 – March 2, 2024
Drama
Backstage | Thursday – Saturday



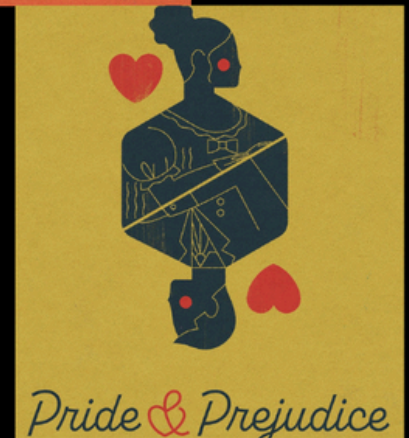
Arsenic and Old Lace

March 21 – April 6, 2024
American Classic Series
Mainstage | Thursday – Saturday



Pride and Prejudice

May 16– June 8, 2024
Romantic Comedy
Mainstage | Thursday – Saturday



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The Grand Theatre is eager to bring theatre to each new generation, so we offer free tickets to 7th-12 grade students, in addition to up to 3 half-price tickets to each student per show. Don't miss the (free!) opportunity to see local theatre by local artists! Contact our box office to learn more.

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EVIDENCE-BASED SECONDARY LITERACY PRACTICES

These 3 reports from the What Works Clearinghouse outline and detail recommendations based on empirical evidence, so yes, we do have a "Science of Reading" in the secondary space:

- [Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom & Intervention Practices](#)
- [Providing Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4-9](#)
- [Teaching Secondary Students to Write Effectively](#)
- [Guides & Checklist for a School Leader's Walkthrough During Literacy Instruction in Grades 4-12](#)



RESOURCES OF INTEREST

- Joan Sedita's chapter, "[Adolescent Literacy: Addressing the Needs of Students in Grades 4-12](#)"
- "[The Instructional Level Concept Revisited: Teaching with Complex Text](#)" by Tim Shanahan
- "[What Would Other Swifties Think?': Multimodal Composing with Communities in Mind](#)" from *English Journal*
- "[Lots of Ways to Be Brave': A Teacher's Guide to Facing Censorship](#)" from *English Journal*



BOOK LOVE
F O U N D A T I O N

The [Book Love Foundation](#) seeks teachers who demonstrate a passion for promoting a hunger for books. These teachers recognize the diversity of every class of readers, and they challenge each student to build an independent reading life of increasing depth and joy. Teachers who apply for a Book Love Foundation grant must demonstrate that they are already committed to the support of readers through current classroom practices such as maintaining access to a range of books, conferring regularly and purposefully to understand and support students' changing needs, and sharing their own contagious passion for reading inside and outside of their classroom. Read about the [requirements](#) for a grant, and then apply for either a classroom library or book clubs.



IN PERSON AND ONLINE

APPLYING THE SCIENCE OF READING IN THE CLASSROOM

WASATCH READING SUMMIT

OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2024

SLCC MILLER CAMPUS

2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



NANCY MATHER, PH.D

TEN THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DYSLEXIA (AND A FEW OTHER THINGS)

AND UNDERSTANDING ORTHOGRAPHY: READING AND SPELLING DO INVOLVE THE EYES!



CAROLEE DEAN

THE GOLDILOCKS EFFECT: FINDING THE "JUST RIGHT" BOOKS FOR STRUGGLING READERS

AND MASTER MINDS: THE IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS ON READING AND WRITING



MICHELLE ELIA

REVEALING THE READING BRAIN

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INTERMOUNTAIN

AP Summer Institute | Davis School District, Utah

TUESDAY-FRIDAY
JULY 9 - JULY 12, 2024
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SESSIONS

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language and Culture
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- Human Geography
- Physics 1
- Precalculus
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- US History
- World History

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
548 W GLOVERS LANE
FARMINGTON, UT 84025

WEBSITE

REGISTRATION & DETAILS

tinyurl.com/intermountain-apsi-2024



Tuition

All Sessions.....\$750.00

Art and Design Materials Fee.....\$50.00

Science Courses Lab Fee.....\$50.00

Includes: Materials, Breakfast, Snacks, and Lunch Daily

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CREDIT

2 semester hours Master's
credit through Weber State
University, \$30



2 hours of USBE credit, no cost

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- Art History
- Calculus AB
- Comparative Government (June 11-14)
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature
- German Language and Culture
- Human Geography
- US Government (June 11-14)
- US History
- Music Theory
- World History - Modern

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READY TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

Master's of Education (M.Ed) in Literacy Education AND Secondary Literacy Interventionist Endorsement

Literacy Education at the University of Utah develops literacy professionals and leaders in a variety of educational settings

Contact Us:
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Program Overview

Our program provides research-based professional education, dedicated to develop exemplary practitioners and leaders in the field of literacy. We are committed to support research-informed teaching practices to ensure literacy learning for all students.

Students can take individual endorsement courses, which can count toward a master's degree in literacy education (33 credits).



Secondary Literacy Interventionist Endorsement

We offer USBE approved courses to fulfill all ten competency areas for Secondary Literacy Interventionist Endorsement.

- (Area 1) EDPS 6711-030 Foundations of Literacy
- (Area 2) EDPS 6631-030 Assessment and Intervention
- (Area 3) EDPS 6126-030 Content Area Literacy Instruction
- (Areas 4,5,6) EDPS 6713-030 Literacy Acquisition
- (Area 7) EDPS 6840-030 Vocabulary
- (Area 8) EDPS 6714-030 Comprehension
- (Area 9) EDPS 6130-030 Writing
- (Area 10) EDPS 6124-030 Children & Adolescent Literature in the School

A Different Kind of Program

Our courses are fully online with summer and evening classes to accommodate a working schedule of professionals, including:

- PreK-12 educators
- Literacy specialists
- Reading coaches
- School media/library specialists
- Special education teachers
- School administrators

Our core courses are offered at a significantly reduced rate for educators. Merit-based scholarships are available for master's students.

With rolling admission, you can start your study during any semester.





Earn your Secondary Literacy Interventionist endorsement

The School of Teacher Education and Leadership is now offering 5 courses that will count towards a Secondary Literacy Interventionist endorsement through the Utah State Board of Education. Join us and finish your endorsement in just 3 semesters! This sequence of endorsement courses can be started during any semester and will be offered yearly. For more information on literacy courses at USU, contact Dr. Marla Robertson: marla.robertson@usu.edu.

All courses will be offered either online or through synchronous broadcast over Zoom. Students are not required to attend through a USU campus.

Courses (3 credits each):

- TEAL 5380 Effective Writing Instruction
- TEAL 5320 Foundations of Literacy*
- TEAL 6350 Literacy Assessment and Intervention
- TEAL 6340 Adolescent Literacy Development and Engagement
- TEAL 6310 Multi-Component Literacy Instruction and Interventions

**If you have completed LETRS training, you can be exempt from taking TEAL 5320.*

These courses can also count towards a Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction at USU. To learn more about graduate programs visit cehs.usu.edu/teal/graduate/master-of-ed or contact Dr. Max Longhurst: max.longhurst@usu.edu.

To view the Secondary Literacy Interventionist endorsement application scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SIL-endorsementapplication



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