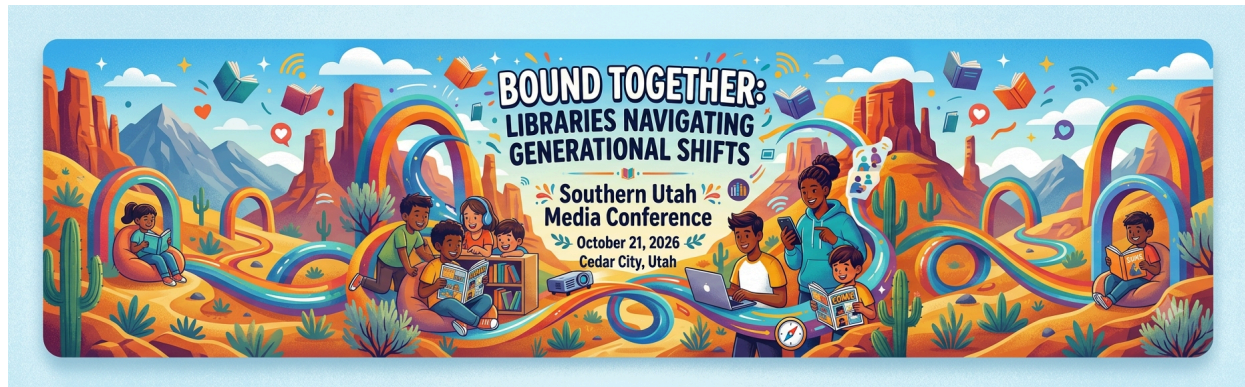




Room	Presenter	Session Title/Description	Time	Level
Great Hall	Joe B Wright	Light Breakfast and Check in	8:00	All
Great Hall	Eric Kirby	Keynote	9:00	All
Great Hall	Chris Haught	Housekeeping	10:00	All
		Session 1		
Shooting Star	Dana Hollander LEGO	LEGOS	10:15	All
Hunter	Jessica Nelson WCSD	Booked Solid: Reads you Need in 2026-Middle and High School	10:15	S
Yankee Meadows	Kami Olmer Ken Garff	Ken Garff For Good: Literacy Initiative One hour presentation on the Ken Garff For Good Literacy Initiative, followed with a Q&A.	10:15	E
Vermillion Cliffs	Rob Bentley UEN	New Tools in the Google Suite, Great for Libraries: Come participate in an engaging exploration of the latest Google Workspace tools. Discover how Google Vids brings book trailers to life and how Google Read Along supports young readers with interactive literacy practice. We'll also examine how to use Google's Gemini Gems to create your own digital library assistant. You will walk away with practical ideas to elevate literacy and engage your entire school community!	10:15	All
Whiting	Davina Sauthoff USBE	Curating your Collection: What to Keep, Toss, or Replace	10:15	All
		Session 2		
Shooting Star	Summer Cornelius WCSD	Media Literacy This session will demonstrate ideas and present resources for incorporating Media Literacy essentials into classrooms by collaborating with teachers.	11:20	S
Hunter	Gretchen Zaitzeff USLA	Once Upon a Media Message: Picture Books as a Portal to Media Literacy Showcases how media-literacy-themed picture books can be powerful tools for teaching essential media literacy dispositions, knowledge, and skills to learners of all ages. This session will guide educators in	11:20	All

		selecting and using picture books that spark inquiry, promote critical thinking, and encourage curiosity about how media shapes our understanding of the world. Participants will explore how themes such as triggers, news, misinformation, and representation are made accessible through engaging stories and illustrations. Strategies for adapting these books to different grade levels and collaborating with classroom teachers will be shared. Attendees will leave with practical ideas and resources to support students in becoming reflective, responsible, and media-savvy learners across the K–12 spectrum.		
Yankee Meadows	Kayla Towner UEN	Utah's Online School Library -Tired of students typing a question into Google and choosing the first result they find? It is time to build strong research habits early. This session introduces Utah's Online School Library essentials and practical, age-appropriate strategies to help elementary students search safely, explore reliable sources, and ask thoughtful questions. Give your students the tools they need to become curious, confident researchers who build their learning on facts—not just clicks.	11:20	E
Vermillion Cliffs	Rob Bentley UEN	Canva for Promoting Your Library: Join UEN's Rob Bentley to explore how Canva for Education can transform the way you promote your media center. Learn simple, effective ways to design eye-catching event flyers, custom book recommendations, and engaging reading challenges that capture student interest. You will leave with practical design tricks, ready-to-use template ideas, and fresh inspiration to showcase your library's resources!	11:20	All
Whiting	Davina Sauthoff USBE	Navigating Sensitive Materials	11:20	All
Great Hall	Lunch	Prizes and Partners	12:30	All
		Session 3		
Shooting Star	Melinda Overson Garfield	Dear Dewey, it's not me, it's you! Still on the fence about ditching Dewey? Learn why libraries are taking the plunge and how one library has successfully implemented the change. This workshop covers why it's time to make the switch, how it can be done, and the outcome for students and circulation.	1:15	All
Hunter	Jessica Nelson WCSD	Fresh Reads for 2026-Elementary and Intermediate	1:15	E
Yankee Meadows	Kayla Towner UEN	Utah's Online School Library - Tired of "Source: Google" being the foundation of every bibliography? It is time to break the cycle of surface-level searching. This session equips you with Utah's Online School Library essentials to help students dig deeper, evaluate sources, and think critically. Move beyond the "I found it on the internet" mindset and strengthen the research habits students need for academic success in an age of information overload.	1:15	S
Vermillion Cliffs	Rob Bentley UEN	Using Gemini Notebook for Research and More: Come explore how Google's Gemini Notebook can serve as your personal AI research assistant and creative partner. You'll learn how to ground AI in your own trusted sources—from PDFs and Google Docs to web links and media. You'll discover how to instantly	1:15	All

		transform those materials into dynamic book talks, differentiated summaries, and engaging student activities. Rob will also share practical prompt strategies to help you shave hours off your workflow while enriching your literacy and content instruction. Step into the future of learning design and leave empowered with actionable, time-saving tools you can use immediately!		
Whiting	Pauline Bringham WCSD	A year in the library: Activities, lessons, and contests galore! Take a trip through a full school year of activity ideas, engaging lessons, and thrilling contests.	1:15	All
		Session 4		
Shooting Star	Clint Stephens SEDC	Dewey to Digital Assistants: AI Basics & EduGems for Media Specialists: Media specialists are education's ultimate information curators—and AI is your newest assistant. Join us for a beginner-friendly overview of AI basics, custom instructions, and the ready-to-use prompts featured on EduGems.ai . Discover how to turn AI from an intimidating buzzword into a practical daily co-pilot for your media center .	2:20	All
Hunter	Angie Campbell ICSD	Battle Ready: Hosting a Self-Sufficient Book Competition in Your Library Are you interested in kicking off a Battle of the Books program at your school but your scheduled hours are already packed and you don't have any extra after-school time to donate? Or are you hesitant because you don't have PTA members or teachers available to help you? In this session we'll talk about ways to make a Battle of the Books program successful and self-contained during your actual scheduled library class periods. No helpers? No problem! You really can do this on your own!	2:20	E
Yankee Meadows	Kayla Towner UEN	Why Scribe? Best Practices For Classroom Research - Why Scribe? 🗒️ Discover how Scribe, an advanced research and writing platform, can transform the way students approach their assignments. Available to all K-12 students in Utah, Scribe allows users to seamlessly curate research, annotate sources, and generate citations—all within a single platform. In this session, you'll learn best practices for integrating Scribe into your library, empowering your students to enhance their research and writing skills. Join us to explore practical tips and strategies for making the most of this innovative tool.	2:20	S
Vermillion Cliffs	Chris Haught SEDC	Reading Engagement Discover innovative, cost-effective strategies to motivate readers. This breakout session highlights statewide reading initiatives and programs	2:20	E
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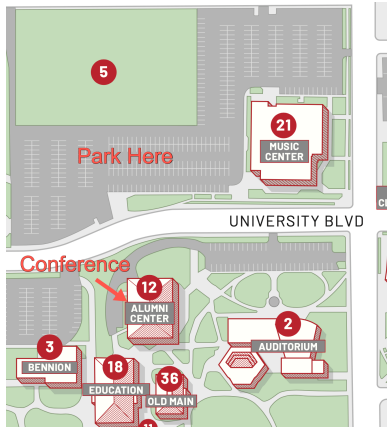
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12:30-Great Hall-Lunch at 12:30, Jimmy John's Box Lunch and water (no sodas)
1:15-Session 3
2:20-Session 4
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