



Educational Technology / Library Media

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# Books and Bytes

## News from the Educational Technology Department



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## Teacher Web Pages!

Teachers in Salt Lake City School District have their own webpages. Visit [UEN's web site](#). Use the educator search at the bottom right and find your teacher. All teachers in the state of Utah have this opportunity to have their own website.



UTAH EDUCATION NETWORK  
[WWW.UEN.ORG](http://WWW.UEN.ORG)

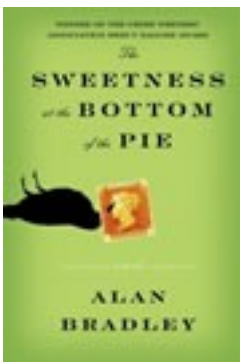
Teachers use these web pages to provide information, links, surveys, calendars, assignments, etc. to their parents and students.

UEN operates and maintains the infrastructure and provides services that keep Utah's education network secure and reliable. UEN provides an array of Utah technology tools and services to help Utah learners get the most value from the network. UEN provides ongoing support to optimize the educational potential of the network and to keep it affordable for public institutions. Watch this [UEN In A Nutshell Video](#) to learn more.



### Have you logged onto goodreads.com. ?

Goodreads is an excellent online data base to keep track of what you have read, what you want to read, and to find out what your friends are reading and what they thought of it. Don't let the description, "largest social network for readers in the world", turn you off. It's a great way to remember that reading is fun and worthwhile!



"As I stood outside in Cow Lane, it occurred to me that Heaven must be a place where the library is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. No ... eight days a week."

— Alan Bradley, for Flavia de Luce, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*



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<http://pioneer.utah.gov/>

For home access use the following:



Username: **pioneer**  
Password: **friend**

<http://preschool.uen.org/>

For home access for Pioneer Pre-school use

Username: **Premedia**  
Password: **learn**



## Buzz about Books

**From Linda Mosbacker** — I'm reading [Divergent](#) by Veronica Roth. It's a YA dystopian novel that takes place in a world where everyone is categorized into 1 of 5 factions based on their personality. Everyone belongs to one of these groups: Abnegation (the selfless), Candor (the honest), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent).

Another YA dystopian novel is [Delirium](#) by Lauren Oliver. In this world, love is a disease. All members of society are "cured" of this disease by undergoing a surgical procedure on their brains when they turn 18. Of course, there are dissenters who escape and live in the wilderness and who happily succumb to the disease.

**From Marilyn Walker** — I recently read a new (to me) series by Brandon Sanderson called [Mist Born](#). If you like fantasy or science fiction you will like this series. It is an alternate universe with magic, intrigue, love and politics. I couldn't put it down and read all three books in December. I highly recommend these books.

**From Tagen Baker** — "[We Others](#)" is a collection of short stories that are considered Modern American Fiction. The author is Steven Millhauser and he is a Pulitzer Prize winner. One of the stories in the collection is called "Eisenheim the Illusionist" upon which the movie "The Illusionist" is based. I highly recommend this collection of short stories.

"[Don Quixote](#)" is another (somewhat long) book I am reading right now. This book might seem archaic to some but it is a very funny book and the language is surprisingly accessible for a modern reader.

**From Lonnie Jordan**— [Chasing Fire](#) by Nora Roberts. Rowan is a Montana wildfire fighter. When her jump partner is killed in a jump, someone blames Rowan and seeks revenge.

**From Leslie Lewis**— Worthy Websites— [Little Bird Tales](#) , [Storybird.com](#) , [Kizoa.com](#)

## UCET

[Utah Coalition of Educational Technology Conference](#)

**March 2nd and 3rd**

**Jordan High School**



**YouTube**

**YouTube / Social Networking Training Dates -**

- 1/20/12—3:00 P.M.
- 2/27/12—3:30 P.M.
- 3/26/12—4:00 P.M.
- 5/11/12—3:00 P.M.

**"Seek Answers Through Active Exploration!"**

[Read the blog.](#)

**Key Note Speaker— Dr. William Sederburg— Commissioner of Higher Education**  
**Authors include**  
**Brandon Mull, Carolyn & Mark Buenher, Amber Argyle, Katy Rydell and others.**

**UELMA**  
**Utah Educational Library Media Association**  
**Spring Conference**  
**March 15, 2012**  
**Weber State University Campus**  
**Registration 7:00 - 8:00 A.M.**

Peggy Sharp held a workshop in Salt Lake on January 9th. Library Technology Teachers enjoyed Peggy's Picks. This is her annual list of books published during 2011 that Peggy recommends as well-written, popular with kids, and unique. For Peggy's list visit her website at [Peggy Sharp.com](#).

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