

GENERAL UPDATES

On March 1, in accordance with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) release of new mask guidance, the Summit County Health Department supported ending mask recommendations at public facilities. All mask signs were removed in Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC) facilities, including the Park City Library.

March 25-28, the Library sent a small contingency of librarians to attend this year's Public Library Association (PLA) Conference, which was held in Portland, Oregon. Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Services Manager, Kate Mapp, Adult Services Manager, and Chris Roh, IT & Circulation Manager, took part in the conference and attended learning sessions on the future of ebooks and library negotiations for better pricing, programming and outreach for older adults, first amendment audits and knowing what is legal and not legal, and a speaker presentation by Amy Schneider who holds the second longest winning streak on the gameshow Jeopardy. Many discussions surrounded patron privacy, first amendment issues, the future of digital materials, security in libraries, and diversity.

In March, the Library Leadership Team conducted a New Council Member Orientation with Ryan Dickey and Tana Toly, who toured the Library to learn about operations and services.

March episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Cataloging the Community* with James LaRue and *Library Ethics* with Gail Santy, Maribeth Shafer & Patty Collins. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found. Mid-April will see the release of the podcast's 100th Episode.

ADULT SERVICES

The Adult Services Department coordinated with the Christian Center of Park City (CCPS) to provide "Basic Bags" to the community. Often the Library is one of the first place someone may go who is without shelter, food, communication, etc. These Basic Bags act as a lifeline to those who may need help and include items such as deodorant, combs, feminine products, hand sanitizer, nonperishable food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and socks. These items were donated by the CCPC and assembled by Library staff members Erin Monez and Kelly Miller. They are in a discreet place where people can take them at any time and include an informative flyer designed by the CCPC to help connect those in need with additional resources. In March, fifteen "Basic Bags" were taken by the public.

In March, the Library streamed the 2022 Paralympics on the television on the First Floor, where the public could watch and learn about adaptive winter sports.

The Library received the much anticipated "phone booths" that allow patrons to have a quiet place to tuck-in for phone calls, video conferencing, and focused-time while in the Library. These were installed by the PCMC Building Maintenance Department and include electricity, ventilation, and electronic plugins. There are four located throughout the building, which are being used daily and help free up the demand for the study rooms. These were purchased with a grant from the Utah State Library.

Sustainability Action Bags for March included a bamboo toothbrush. These are given out every first Monday of the month.

The Seed Library and Tool Library are now available for the public. In March, over 122 seed packets were taken. Some comments from the public included: "I think this is a wonderful program and teaches children about growing their own food," "A lot of variety; very organized," and "Beautiful and generous." Cactus and Tropicals, a horticultural services business, installed a tree and several plants in the Sustainability Resource Center to make it more inviting. Details for the Sustainability Resource Center website were finalized, and this is now live. The Kids' Display changed to a sustainability resource theme and moved closer to the Sustainability Resource Center, to help children and adults learn about sustainability in a playful and imaginative way.

The Park City Library, in partnership with the Summit County Library, selected the One Book One Community author for the year - [Cold Millions](#) by Jess Walter. The One Book Author Event will take place August 25, 2022, and will be promoted throughout the summer. Cathy Lanigan, Friends of the Park City Library Board Member, reviewed this book on KPCW. The review can be found at: <https://www.kpcw.org/arts-culture/2021-03-15/march-book-review-the-cold-millions>.

Kelly Miller, Adult Services Library Assistant, did a display on National Sleep Awareness Month in the children's section for grownups of little ones. The Library gave away 25 books to patrons from a local sleep expert, Wendy Troxel "Sharing the Covers."

CATALOGING SERVICES

Ms. Dohanos trained Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Manager, to take on the role of cataloging new Spanish materials for the Library. In addition, she worked with two library vendors to delete withdrawn/weeded items and update databases to show correct collections holdings.

Ms. Dohanos attended a virtual Utah Library Association (ULA) discussion about the performative nature in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). This highlighted the importance of making strides against prejudice and racism inside an organization, not just for publicity's sake, noting that if organizations move away from performative EDI it allows for EDI work to be more genuine and to create progress.

Ms. Dohanos scheduled and planned 2 staff events in March including 1) Back-2-Basics Training, at which staff were given time to refresh their learning on several Library functions and 2) the March Staff Meeting that included the attendance of Mayor Worel who got to know Library Staff and answer their questions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In March, Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, hung the Spring Art Show and held an art reception that was well attended. Ms. Lael promoted the upcoming summer teen internship, which has received many applicants. Ms. Lael continued to support the Sustainability Center and created a press kit as Kate Mapp has many upcoming interviews. Ms. Lael worked with Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Manager, and Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Manager, to finalize and print the labels to distinguish DVDs with subtitles from those dubbed in Spanish. A white board was installed at the Information Desk to list upcoming events. Ms. Lael organized a Kulture City Open House event that will take place on May 26 from 10am-1pm. Ms. Lael continued in her role as Utah Library Association's Conference Chair. The upcoming conference is in mid-May. Jodie Peatross, Lead Reservation Coordinator, became busy with rentals as COVID restrictions lifted and people became more comfortable congregating.

IT & CIRCULATION SERVICES

On March 9, the Library launched the [Sustainability Resource Center](#) webpage, which was designed to compliment and feature the new Sustainability Resource Center inside the library. The page describes the Center, posts events and book clubs, features recommended reading, and introduces The Seed Library. In addition, Chris Roh, IT & Circulation Services Manager, added spring events to the [events page](#) on the website and updated the Book Rivers on the main page. Ms. Roh recapped recent Love Letter/Break Up Letter engagement-results with the Library Leadership Team (LLT); this activity was part of the Strategic Plan Goal of understanding and responding to User Experiences (UX) at the Library. The LLT discussed the feedback from the public to examine how to change or improve services. The rest of the Library Staff reviewed the results at the March Staff Meeting and were pleased to learn how well this project went with a preponderance of positive recognition.

Ms. Roh attended a webinar with the Utah State Library and the Utah Education Network that discussed the filter device currently used for the public network; this will be upgraded after July 1.

Members of the IT & Circulation Department created a staff training quiz on entering patron cards for the March Staff meeting, which was a great refresher for everyone. During a Back-2-Basics training on March 29, the department went over new features of patron cards after a recent software upgrade, including a feature that allows patrons who are signed up for email notifications to now receive check out slips by email, which saves on receipt paper.

SPANISH SERVICES

Cuentos y cantos was held twice a week: an in-person session on Fridays at 11am, and a virtual session on Tuesdays at 10am. A bilingual (English and Spanish) story time was also held every Tuesday at 11am.

The Library will offer take-home kits including a craft and a free bilingual picture book to celebrate *Día de los libros* (Day of the Book) in late April. Sixty kits will be assembled for this program. They will be made available to the public when the Library opens at 10am on Monday, April 25, while supplies last. This program is hosted in conjunction with the Children's Department.

Ms. Herrick Juarez, Library Executive Director, and Andrea Zavala of the Library Board represented the Library at the Solomon Fund Spring Registration Event on March 20 at the PC MARC. This event provided an opportunity for community organizations to interact face-to-face with members of the underserved Latinx population. The Library allowed qualifying community members to register for a library card on the spot and offered information about library services. There were about 80 new card registrations because of the event, and an estimated 100 individuals interacted with Library information.

Work is being done to include full-text Spanish translation in the instructions for interactive displays, take-home crafts, and other Library services. The instructions for the February, March, and April guessing jars were fully translated into Spanish. The display in the Spanish adult section of the library featured items from the Library's Spanish collections; the display for March was populated with works of fantasy and science fiction.

YOUTH SERVICES

In March, the Youth Services Department prepared for summer programming. The department saw an increase in the number of attendees at programs as COVID regulations became more flexible. Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Manager,

presented her last session of Small and Tall for the season; this is a storytime program in partnership with the Park City Ice Arena. Ms. Kmak purchased materials for new Storytime Kits that people will be able to check out starting in June.

A Teen Book Club started in March with 10 teens reading One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus. The Teen Area received an upgrade with the installation of a new restaurant-style booth for group seating, thanks to the Friends of the Library. This has created an increase in the number of teens enjoying the space. Two teens are consistently volunteering at the Library each week, one of whom helps during Minecraft Club on Thursdays. Minecraft Club is back with a strong following and all eight computers being used each week; this program is geared to engage participants in kid-friendly electronic game activities.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
03-10-22	Safety Trainings	Willa Fleming Harkness, Carolyn Clements, Kelly Miller	5
03-10-22	Kulture City Training	Katrina Kmak, Willa Fleming Harkness, Carolyn Clements, Angela Dohanos, Logan Baltzan, Anne Briscoe, Cindy Meyer	3.5
03-24-22	Burnout Webinar	Katrina Kmak	1
		Total	9.5