

GENERAL UPDATES

The Park City Library was proud to have received the 2022 Quality Library Award, one of only 9 libraries in the state to earn this honor. The Utah State Quality Library Designation recognizes libraries that meet at least 6 out of 10 quality criteria in areas of governance, administration, funding and finances, personnel, access and service, materials and resources, technology, and facilities.



Figure 1: Park City Library Receives Quality Library Award from the State of Utah

The Park City Library would like to thank the Park City Friends of the Library for an outstanding Author Luncheon at Deer Valley on October 19 featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Branch who spoke about his book Sidecountry: Tales of Death and Life from the Back Roads of Sports as well as for their generous sponsorship of 10 staff members to attend the luncheon. An additional 4 staff members were sponsored to attend by an anonymous donor. Appreciation to Angela Dohonos, Cataloging Manager, and Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Manager, who “held down the fort” at the Library so that other team members could attend. They will get a turn to go to the next luncheon.

October episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Managing Imposter Syndrome* with Erin Collier-Plummer and *So You Didn't Get the Job, Now What?* with Sarah O'Shea. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

ADULT SERVICES

The Adult Services Department had a good turnout for this year's Wasatch Back Local Author Event, now in its fourth year, with public comments indicating it was the best one yet. New programs this year, the Costume Swap and the Halloween Haunted House, were well-attended and fun for all. As part of the Local Speaker Series on October 11, Julie Wilde, a certified holistic health coach and founder of *Transform with Wellness*, talked about her mission to empower people to live better lives by taking control of their health and well-being. For seniors, programming got underway that included classes on the Ancestry.com genealogy database as well as digitization; in addition, the large print collection was increased.

Kate Mapp, Adult Services Manager, served as a judge for the National Outdoor Book Award for the eighth year in a row. Winners will be announced mid-November at <http://www.noba-web.org/>.

In partnership with The Christian Center of Park City (CCPC), Kelly Miller, Adult Services Assistant, took over as the coordinator for the Basic Bag Program, which provides essential supplies for people who may need them with the current focus being more winter items to help during the colder months.

Eats PC - a local non-profit dedicated to growing healthy communities with fun, food, and nutrition advocacy – donated another *Lettuce Grow Tower* to the Library. A new harvest of greens is currently growing in the Sustainability Center. To facilitate this, the tower underwent annual maintenance that required replacement parts.

In the Park City Room, a stand for the newly donated bound Park Record newspapers was delivered. It is a great addition to the room and functions to hold the print newspapers in a way that allows them to be easily opened and read. The stand was designed and built by a local wood worker who operates a company called Nomad Designs.

CATALOGING SERVICES

Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Services Manager, trained new volunteers to assist with shelving library materials and trained staff on straightening shelves at the October Back-to-Basics Training. In addition, she prepared data along with Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Services Manager, to inform upcoming recommendations on changes to Library Hours in cooperation with the Library Board's Service Hours Subcommittee.

Ms. Dohanos worked with Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Manager, to add Spanish Streaming Apps to all the new Roku streaming sticks. She also led the Staff Development Day Planning Committee to develop a day of learning and team-building for the staff on November 11.

Ms. Dohanos, Ms. Roh, and Kate Black, Circulation Team Leader, planned a Halloween Luncheon for the staff of the Library that was celebrated with the City's and Recreation and Ice Departments. Ms. Dohanos also helped set-up this year's Halloween Haunted House for the public and prepared a November display in the Children's Department, which announced the lighthearted mock-election results in which the public voted to make Baby Yoda the ruler of the universe, beating out Jabba the Hut and the Ewoks. The public also voted on a Lego display theme for November and December, which will be Harry Potter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In October, Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, prepared publicity for upcoming winter events and promoted October's events. Ms. Lael and Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Manager, vetted and secured funding for diversity audit software and convened meetings of the Library Board's Diversity and Accessibility Subcommittee to prepare a plan of action to meet this year's goal of conducting a diversity and accessibility audit as part of the strategic plan. Ms. Lael and Jodie Peatross, Room Reservation Lead, prepared to host the annual November Food Drive benefiting the Christian Center of Park City's (CCPC) Food Pantry.

IT & CIRCULATION SERVICES

The IT & Circulation Services Department restarted inventory after some down time that resulted from an inventory wand malfunction. Now back in full swing, most of the materials on main level of the Library have been completed. Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Services Manager, along with Ms. Dohanos, prepared reports of patron counts by hour and day for the Library Board's Service Hours Subcommittee; they also met with the subcommittee to discuss findings and recommendations.

Ms. Roh along with Kate Black, Circulation Team Leader, took part in the Staff Development Day Planning Committee. And Ms. Black participated in the development of the Halloween Haunted House, designing and setting up the Community Room for the event.

Ms. Roh worked with the Utah Telehealth and Education Network (UTEN), the Library's internet filter provider, to solve a problem with Youtube not working on the public computers. UTEN was able to determine the issue was with a Youtube update that required a change to the iBoss filter settings.

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 Spanish Services Department hosted a community *ofrenda* for Día de los Muertos in October and November. Several community members shared memories and drawings to honor loved ones who have passed away.

The department is looking forward to fun, new programs this winter, including a New Year's Eve party (12/31 from 10am to 12 noon) and a monthly Lotería night (Mexican bingo, first Wednesday of each month starting 12/7 at 6-8pm). More information will be forthcoming on these events in future reports.

Chess Club was reimagined to become a program of Strategy Games, a chance for patrons to play several games with friends and family, such as chess, Chinese checkers, go, mancala, Battleship, backgammon, reversi, and more. Patrons will be encouraged to learn a new game or play a favorite. This program will provide an opportunity for intergenerational interaction. Including a variety of games in this program will appeal to a wider audience than chess alone; this change is scheduled to begin December 1.

In December, *Cuentos y cantos virtuales* (Virtual Spanish Storytime) will become a biweekly event, hosted every other Tuesday starting 12/6.

The Spanish Services Department hired Bryanda Velazquez to be a part-time library assistant to help the Library better-serve the Latinx population of Park City.

The display in the Adult Spanish Section of the Library features items from the Library's adult Spanish collections; the display for Hispanic Heritage Month featured fiction written by Latinx authors and focused on Latinx experiences.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Library started off the month with an intergenerational costume swap program with about 200 attendees for the children's costumes. The Youth Services Department offered a program called *Mindfulness Mondays*, an easy and engaging class for children to learn mindful activities that can be used every day; this was taught by Carrie Kirschner and sponsored by the Friends of the Library (FOL). The end of the month saw the Halloween Haunted House with 330 attendees on Tuesday, the portion of the program intended for younger patrons; thank you to the many staff and volunteers who helped to make this possible.

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Manager, conducted storytimes for the PC Cooperative Preschool, PC Tots, as well as the preschool at McPolin Elementary during October to share with them information about Library offerings; she also signed up teachers for library cards.

Ms. Kmak attended the American Library Services for Children Conference in Kansas City, MO at the beginning of the month; she found it to be wonderful experience and hopes to bring something she learned about to the Park City Library called Anji Play, an innovative early childhood play model.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
10-10-22	Brainier Trainings	Kate Black	2
		Total	2