

GENERAL UPDATES

Library Staff Members attended CPR Training led by City Staff at the MARC, which was a great benefit offered by Park City Municipal Corporation to prepare Library Staff for CPR and first aid emergencies that may take place in the building.

All Library Staff participated in Cyber Security training during October. The City IT Department facilitated this through KnowBe4 Trainings conducted weekly via email. Topics prepared staff to avoid cybercriminal and phishing attacks.

October episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Bridging the Gap Between Support Staff and Librarians* with Machel Keen and *Exploring Compassion Satisfaction* with Kay Coates. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

ADULT SERVICES

In October, the Library observed Banned Book Week by focusing Library display tables on various themes. For example, some tables focused on decade-specific book bans, books banned in prisons, banned classics, and banned picture books. This nationwide event takes place annually and is celebrated by libraries to bring awareness to banned and challenged books across the United States.

The Library participated in the Utah Humanities Book Festival, bringing in national and local authors to present lectures and writing workshops. The 6th Annual Wasatch Local Author program occurred on October 28 featuring four local authors whose work ranged from fiction to AI-cowriting to nonfiction.

The Next Chapter Book Club completed the book Who Was Anne Frank by Ann Abramson and watched a documentary about Anne Frank that tied directly back to the book. The club then discussed her life and legacy. The next title selected by the book club is I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic by Lauren Tarshis. Thank you to the Friends of the Park City Library for funding this program, which is impactful for the book club members who learn about and discuss historical and current events.

Kate Mapp, Adult Services Manager, attended a Utah State Library Division webinar about databases and possible upcoming changes offerings through the division. In addition, Ms. Mapp attended a webinar about the state-offered Beehive Consortium on the Libby app that focused on consortium agreements and collection development. Both webinars provided her with insight into how the State Library provides resources to libraries across the state. For her part, Ms. Mapp hosted a webinar and training on the Reference Solutions Database and invited the Park City Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau staff to attend, as they are co-sponsors of this resource.

Ms. Mapp worked with the Friends of the Park City Library to better communicate library funding requests by creating a form for librarians to fill out that explains funding needs. In addition, Ms. Mapp and Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Manager, worked on developing a portion of the Library's website to include a new "Support Us" link.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In October, Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, prepared promotions for winter events running from December through February. Ms. Lael prioritized content on the Library's blog to promote large events, book lists, and new amenities. Ms. Lael hosted an art reception for the Park City Artist Association Exhibit, which had a great turnout.

Ms. Lael worked with Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Manager, to finalize the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) resources for purchasing diverse titles that the librarians will use this year. Ms. Lael along with Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Services Manager, prepared certificates to acknowledge staff anniversaries at the upcoming Staff Development Day in November. Ms. Lael, along with Ms. Dohanos, finalized surveys for the Strategic Plan Subcommittee, which will go out in November.

IT, CIRCULATION, AND CATALOGING SERVICES

Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Services Manager, scheduled staff Back-2-Basics quarterly training for October. The staff brushed up on troubleshooting gaming consoles in the Teen and Youth areas and shelf reading protocols. This training was a good opportunity to review job duties that may not occur daily.

Ms. Dohanos gave a tour of the Park City Library to the Orem Public Library Leadership Team, including the building and operational practices. In addition, Ms. Dohanos and Ms. Herrick Juarez met with the Salt Lake County Library Technical Services Team. They were interested in our Technical Services Department, and discussing the challenges and opportunities faced in our field.

Members of the Cataloging Services Department attended a City training called, "We Can be Allies," put on by Equality Utah. It provided an opportunity to learn how to be an ally to everyone, both professionally and personally. Librarians work to be trusted professionals in our community, creating safe spaces for all.

In October, Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Services Manager, attended the Internet Librarian Virtual Conference, an international offering held annually. This year's sessions covered AI search engines and Chatbots, and how to navigate these as library professionals. One session, entitled "Bot or Not," featured information to prepare librarians to determine if Internet content was computer or human-generated, providing an eye-opening illustration of what can be encountered in the digital world. Ms. Roh also attended a Web Junction Webinar entitled "Revitalizing Morale: Cultivating a Supportive Library Culture."

SPANISH SERVICES

In October, regularly scheduled Spanish and bilingual storytimes were held: *Bebé bilingüe* on Tuesdays at 10am, *Bilingual Storytime* on Tuesdays at 11am, *Mi bebé y yo* on Fridays at 10am, and *Cuentos y cantos* on Fridays at 11am. *Lotería* was held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Hispanic Heritage Month ended on October 15, and with it our enlightening display near the information desk at which patrons were invited to lift flaps to learn more about Latinx culture and history. The flaps changed weekly and featured flags from across Latin America and Spain, words and phrases in Spanish, famous Latinx individuals who made a lasting contribution to history, and landmarks from across Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean. In collaboration with the Youth Services Department, the crafternoon kits during Hispanic Heritage Month were themed to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture.

The popular *ofrenda de muertos* returned to the front entryway of the Library near the Information Desk for Día de los Muertos. From September 29 to November 3, members of the public were invited to share a memory (in word or drawing) to honor a loved one who has passed on.

In partnership with Park City Film, the Library presented the first installation of a new bimonthly program that will take place on Saturday afternoons throughout the school year called *Cine en español*. This program screens films and shorts that focus on Spanish language and culture, and it is aimed at families with children ages 8-15 that are either native Spanish-speakers or in Spanish dual immersion. When possible, the films are shown in Spanish with English subtitles. As part of this series, the Library screened *In the Heights* on October 14, and will be screening the following:

- The collection *¡Hola Cine!* (comprised of shorts from the New York International Children’s Film Festival) on December 9
- *Soñar robots/We Dream of Robots* on February 10
- A final screening in April (to be determined)

The Spanish Services Department researched the possibility of implementing partnerships next spring with Utah State University (USU) and the Park City Community Foundation for Spanish financial literacy programs and a new book club series.

YOUTH SERVICES

In October the Youth Services Department partnered with the Utah Humanities Book Festival to bring the author Heather Mateus Sappenfield, winner of the Nautilus Book Award and the Reading the West Award. Ms. Sappenfield taught a writer’s workshop and did a presentation on her latest young adult novel, The River Between Hearts.

The department continued a partnership with BalletNEXT, bringing two community performances in October: Swan Lake and Mixed Repertory, a debut of new works choreographed by Michelle Wiles and Brian Reeder. The end of the month brought Halloween celebrations, with the department spearheading a family-friendly Haunted House and a movie screening of the film, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

The teens enjoyed getting together at this month’s Teen Group and discussed school happenings as their quarter came to an end. Several of the teens watched the BalletNEXT Swan Lake performance and volunteered during the pre-performance craft program. Teen volunteer hours are ticking up; four teens helped set up the Haunted House and ran “spooky tours” during the event.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
10/2023	City Cybersecurity Training	Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black, Kate McConnell, Katrina Kmak, Brittnie Hecht, Anne Briscoe, Joe Oshnack, Kelly Miller, Bry Velazquez, Mark	12

		Gustafson, Daniel Thurston, Mara Selznick, Jodie Peatross, Chris Roh, Kate Mapp, Becca Lael, Angela Dohanos, Stephanie Maser, Amie Roberts, Rylee Broach, Kate McConnell, Kathy Fahey, Kathy Collins-Turner	
10/2023	CPR and First Aid Training	Katrina Kmak, Brittnie Hecht, Kate Black, Chris Roh, Angela Dohanos, Kelly Miller, Anne Briscoe, Bry Velazquez, Willa Flemming Harkness, Becca Lael, Kate Mapp, Stefanie Maser, Kate McConnell, Rylee Broach, Mara Selznick, Daniel Thurston, Jodie Peatross	85
		Total	97