

GENERAL UPDATES

January saw another successful Sundance Film Festival. As a screening venue, the Library hosted a large number of visitors during the festival. Thank you to Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, and Jodie Peatross, Event Space and Tenant Coordinator, who served as the Sundance Liaison to the City. They facilitated many functions prior to and throughout the event.

Tax receipts were sent out to those who donated to the Photo Mural wall in 2023. Thank you to Margie Schloesser, Volunteer Tile Wall Coordinator, for all her work to continue the momentum of filling the wall with names and recognitions.

The Library, in cooperation with Park City Municipal Corporation, prepared for the opening of a new year-round child-care facility, PC Tots. The daycare group will provide services for twenty 3 and 4 year old children from space on the 3rd floor of the building.

Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, attended the LibLearnX Conference in Baltimore, Maryland January 19 - 22. LibLearnX stands for Library Learning Experience, which was presented by the American Library Association. This was a great opportunity to take part in innovative sessions that provided ideas and learning related to libraries.

January episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Helping Homeschoolers* with Elizabeth Stinnette and *Rooting Out Dysfunction and Creating Successful Teams* with Amanda Johnson & Lauren Clossey. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

ADULT SERVICES

The Park City Library started a new "Memory Care Collection," inspired by a Library Board member looking for resources for a family member. This collection is designed to provide reading resources for individuals experiencing dementia, Alzheimer's, or other cognitive conditions. The "Memory Care Collection" is located on the 2nd Floor of the Library next to the "New Large Print" area. It is a multiformat collection that features: Launchpads (easy-to-use tablets) for brain games, Wonderbooks (read-along books with audio), fiction titles with large print and illustrations, nonfiction books with themed photos, and reminiscence kits created to help those with dementia by activating special memories of life experiences - provided by MAG Aging and Family Services. Caretakers may also be interested in the Library's Playaways (preloaded audiobooks) and some of the items in the new board game collection.

Newly added Playaways have received positive reviews thus far as they provide access to audiobooks on small devices that require no internet connection. As many vehicles no longer have CD players, Playaways provide a listening option with no required hardware. Kate Mapp, Adult Services Librarian, set up a collection plan with the Playaway company to bring in new titles each month. In addition, she added items to the Unique Item collection: binoculars, a pack n' play portable playpen, a convection stove (sponsored by the Park City Sustainability Department), and headphones. The Book Club Collection has been rebranded as the "Popular Reads Collection," which allows patrons to see what is popular in our community whether or not they are part of any book club, with plenty of items for personal or group reading. The department also updated in-library access to the Salt Lake Tribune.

Ms. Mapp assisted several patrons in January with tech questions and training on some of the Unique Items in our collection, as well as the Adobe software on the Mac computers. She gave training during the monthly staff meeting about the unique offerings in our library databases, which focused on lesser-known resources like Reference Solutions, Ancestry.com, and digital newspapers.

January offered a month-long puzzle swap for all ages. Due to popular demand, after January the puzzle swap will remain throughout the year on the 2nd Floor next to the community puzzle.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In January Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, and Jodie Peatross, Event Space and Tenant Coordinator, supported Sundance Film Festival needs before, during, and after the festival. Ms. Lael and Ms. Peatross worked to approve Park City Film's dates for the 2024-2025 movie season. Ms. Peatross assisted the City with preparing for the PC Tots childcare center to open on the 3rd Floor of the Library. Ms. Peatross ordered a new air hood appliance for Lucky Ones Coffee to use to reduce the smell of cooking fumes. Ms. Lael, along with Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Manager, prepared a draft of the 2025-7 Strategic Plan for the Library's Leadership Team and Board subcommittee to review based on committee suggestions, library staff suggestions, and feedback from public surveys. Ms. Lael began preparing promotions for the upcoming spring season during March, April, and May.

IT, CIRCULATION, AND CATALOGING SERVICES

In January Chris Roh, IT & Circulation Librarian, reached out to the Park City School District to discuss continuing the Student Card Registration Program. The district confirmed its support of the program and renewed this process for a second year. The Student Card Registration Program allows parents to sign up their children for library cards online as part of their school registration. The department prepared to process cards during school registration that begins in early March. Last year the Library provided almost 100 cards to Park City School District students.

In January a [Support Us](#) page was launched on the Library website that is featured on the main page under the "About" menu. Thank you to Ms. Mapp and Ms. Lael for their collaboration on this new website feature.

Kate Black, Circulation Team Lead, reviewed new City-approved safety procedures during the January staff meeting; the Library will be doing quarterly fire drills as part of this.

SPANISH SERVICES

In January regularly scheduled Spanish and bilingual Storytimes were held: Bebé bilingüe on Tuesdays at 10am, Cuentos bilingües 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, and Club de conversación español-inglés was held on the second Monday. The Spanish Services Department worked to prepare additional bilingual evening and weekend Storytimes, potentially starting as early as this spring.

In partnership with Park City Film, the department continued the bimonthly program throughout the school year called Cine en español on Saturday afternoons. 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 department will be screening:

Soñar robots/We Dream of Robots (a documentary about a group of rural Uruguayan children who find a fascination with designing and programming robots) on February 10.

Radical (a Mexican comedy-drama starring Eugenio Derbez as a teacher in a Mexican border town who tries a radical new approach to aid student performance amid a world of violence and hardship) on April 13.

YOUTH SERVICES

In January the Youth Services Department utilized a week-long programming break for planning and preparing for future programs. The department also prepared for the implementation of a new program that will begin in March called Sages and Seekers, which brings teens (Seekers) and older adults (Sages) together to share their unique gifts through authentic conversation. Park City Film partnered with the department to provide the Family Film Fest movie screening of *Phantom Boy*.

Teen Volunteer interest grew due to a connection made between Katrina Kmak, Brittanie Hecht, and the local National Honor Society Chapter. Through this connection, two new teen volunteers started in January. The Library's long-time teen volunteer, Ryan, graduated from high school early and will be starting college in the fall with the intent to earn a major in English and a minor in Writing and Information Sciences – a librarian in the making.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
01/08/24	Back to Basics training	Bryanda Velazquez, Katrina Kmak, Kate Black, Daniel Thurston, Chris Roh, Brittanie Hecht, Mara Selznick, Kate Mapp, Jodie Peatross, Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kristy Kennedy	11
January 19 – 22	LibLearnX Conference	Adriane Herrick Juarez	30
01/30/24	Database Training Quiz	All staff	5
01/30/24	Fire Safety Annual Training	Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black, Daniel Thurston, Mara Selznick, Kate Mapp, Kate McConnell, Rylee Broach, Brittanie Hecht, Vanessa Azzetti, Susan Valentine, Becca Lael, Chris Roh, Jodie Peatross, Stefanie Maser, Katrina Kmak	3
01/30/24	January 2024 All Staff Meeting	Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black, Daniel Thurston, Mara Selznick, Kate Mapp, Kate McConnell, Rylee Broach, Brittanie Hecht, Vanessa Azzetti, Susan Valentine, Becca Lael, Chris Roh, Jodie Peatross, Stefanie Maser, Katrina Kmak	30
		Total	79