

GENERAL UPDATES

In February, the Library Board approved the FY25 – FY27 Park City Library 3-Year Strategic Plan, which will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

In February Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, spoke at the PC Tots Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening welcoming the new year-round childcare facility into our building.

Ms. Herrick Juarez worked with Utah Humanities, the Wasatch County Library, and the Summit County Library to establish a schedule for the Utah Book Festival to take place in October 2024. Events will take place along the Wasatch Back with support and funding from Utah Humanities. Thank you to the Library Board Book Festival Sub-Committee for their work and engagement on this project.

The public art in the coffee shop was damaged due to a water leak. One panel was removed, and this was reported to Jenny Diersen, Park City Special Events Manager, who oversees the Park City Public Art Advisory Board. She will contact the artist about possible repairs.

February episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Leading from a "Good Inside" Perspective* with Rebekah Cummings and *Libraries Working with State Humanities Councils* with Kase Johnstun. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

ADULT SERVICES

Winterfest 2024 was a success. It included a Green Reads book discussion on Last Winter by Porter Fox with Kate Mapp, Adult Services Librarian, and Andy Hecht from the Park City Foundation Climate Fund. Throughout February, the Library hosted a mug swap with over 36 patrons going home with something new for their wintertime sips. The Swaner Nature Preserve hosted an interactive display that incorporated their seasonal education exhibit on snow. Mara Selznick, Library Assistant, taught a plein air art class as part of the Winterfest offerings and focused on winter landscapes. Thank you to the Friends of the Park City Library for holding a winter book sale during the activities.

The Adult Services Department collaborated with Deer Valley Ski Resort to host the film *Paradise Paradox* followed by questions and answers from a panel that included 10 organizations that focused on community resources and health with 230 people in attendance.

In partnership with Utah State University's Finance Extension, the Library hosted its first class as part of a financial literacy series. Registration was filled within the first week indicating a strong interest in programs of this type.

The Next Chapter Book Club finished reading Solar System: Our Place in Space by Rosemary Mosco. They celebrated finishing this book with an activity that included a solar system craft, coloring pages, space music, food, and games.

Park City School District Learning Center Students volunteered each Tuesday at the Library and brought a mentor with them to help with duties around the building to help build the students' life skills and job skills while enhancing their social interactions in the community.

Kate Mapp, Adult Services Librarian, visited the Senior Center in February to share information about the new Sages and Seekers Program, the Library's new PlayAways, and the new Memory Care Collection. The Senior Center will share this in their newsletter with over 300 members. During February, the Kimball Art Center offered their Senior Center class using the Library's YouCreate Lab Adobe Software.

Sharon Hanson, Library Board Member and Volunteer, helped to implement a plan to include more plants throughout the Library.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

The Community Engagement Department began promotions for March, April, and May by creating print calendars; they also worked with Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Librarian, to update the online calendar. The department created blog posts for new amenities such as the Memory Care Collection, the Game Collection, Playaways, and adult events. These blog posts were featured under the “Latest at the Library” section on the website. In addition, social media reels highlighted programs such as BalletNext, the Guitar Class, the Map Collection, the Local Speaker Series, and the Art Reception. In addition, the department began organizing the Library’s historic papers and photos.

Jodie Peatross, Library Event Space and Tenant Coordinator, assisted the City and PC Tots for their opening day ribbon cutting ceremony, and support of our new tenant as they began using the day-care space. Thank you to the Library Board members and staff who assisted with the ceremony. The department met with building tenant, Park City Film, to discuss and approve their 2024-2025 dates for screenings and refreshments on the 3rd Floor. In addition, they worked with building tenant, Lucky Ones Coffee, on space improvements. Ms. Peatross received a high volume of room rental requests in February.

Becca Lael, Community Engagement Librarian, presented to Park City Municipal Corporation’s Social Equity Committee on KultureCity, an organization through which the Library is certified to provide support for people with invisible disabilities. The purpose was to introduce the concept in an effort to interest other City departments in becoming certified as well.

IT, CIRCULATION, AND CATALOGING SERVICES

The Circulation Department implemented a “Love Your Library” display that encouraged visitors to provide feedback about Library services. Ninety-three people provided feedback. This was overwhelmingly positive with a few suggestions that included: more biking and skiing movies, more free movies for kids, and quicker turnaround times for new books. These items are being addressed by the Library Leadership Team.

The Library held a quarterly fire drill on February 13, the first with Park City Tots in the building. This went well. Active shooter training took place in the February Staff meeting.

In February, Kate Black attended the required records officer certification for GRAMA (as Library Board secretary) and

Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Services Librarian, served on the City’s Budget Results Team and attended several meetings in February to evaluate Department Budget Requests. In addition, Ms. Dohanos presented the Library’s Capital Improvements Project Request for FY25 to the City’s Capital Improvements Committee.

SPANISH SERVICES

In February, 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.

Starting in March, the Library will host additional bilingual evening and weekend Storytimes once a month in a new program called *Cuentos bilingües en familia*. These will allow for service to patrons who may be unavailable during daytime programs.

In partnership with Park City Film, the department continued a bimonthly program, held throughout the school year, called *Cine en español* on Saturday afternoons. This program screens films and shorts focused on Spanish language and culture, and it is aimed at families with children ages 8-15 who are either native Spanish-speakers or in Spanish dual immersion. The film *Soñar robots/We Dream of Robots* was screened on February 10.

The department partnered with the Park City Community Foundation for a revival of the Social Equity Book Club. The first book discussion will be on *An Other World: The Fight for Freedom, Joy, and Belonging* by Hanif Fazal. Copies of this book are available for patron checkout to read prior to the discussion that will take place in May, when the author will be present.

Spanish Services partnered with the Utah State University (USU) Empowering Financial Wellness Program for a Financial Literacy Series in Spanish titled *Bienestar financiero* (Financial Well-Being). The first installment of this series, subtitled *Un asunto familiar* (A Family Matter), will be held on March 28 and will focus on helping families with children budget and manage money.

Daniel Thurston, Spanish Services Librarian, served on the advisory committee for the 2024 Latino Arts Festival. On February 21, the committee discussed the history of the festival, reviewed event details, talked about branding, and explored sponsorship opportunities. Mr. Thurston's participation will provide a way for library resources to reach a broader segment of the local Latinx community.

YOUTH SERVICES

In February, the Youth Services Department partnered with Park City Transit on Transit Week activities. On February 28, the Storytimes included books about bus safety and public transportation. Transit personnel provided a tour of the Park City Trolley allowing kids to ring the bell, to play "I Spy" on the trolley, and to go home with stickers and treats from the Transit Department.

In conjunction with the Adult Services department, the Youth Services Department held the Second Annual Winterfest. Activities included: a *Frozen Sing Along* in the Jim Santy Auditorium with free popcorn, a snow measuring stick craft program with the Swaner Nature Preserve and Eco Center, and a giveaway of passes for the Swaner Snow Exhibit. In addition, the department worked with the Park City Ice Arena to offer "Skate with a Princess" on February 10.

On February 21, Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, worked with BalletNEXT to provide a "Works in Process" performance in the Santy Auditorium at which the audience learned a dance theme from their newest piece, "Petrichor." BalletNEXT invested in a custom-built ballet floor for the Jim Santy Auditorium Stage, which will be housed at the Library for future performances.

Registration opened in February for the Sages & Seekers intergenerational program. On February 8, the department visited the Senior Center to share information about this program and to encourage members to take part.

In addition, the department worked on the strategic plan goal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion compiling a spreadsheet of diverse award-winning materials that may benefit Library collections. In addition, the Library purchased 2 additional Roku sticks as these are well-utilized by patrons and more Playaways for the Youth Collection.

Teen Group held an Anti-Valentines Day Hoopla in February. In addition, Teen Group attended the Library’s Mindfulness Class. On February 22, the Minecraft Club watched a live stream of the Intuitive Machines’ Odessey Lunar Moon Landing while playing Minecraft in a space-themed world.

The Park City Library was awarded the *Thinking Money for Kids Grant* sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation. This grant has a \$2000 value and includes a collection of expertly vetted resources to help libraries with financial education for children ages 3 to 12. The resources include the materials to deliver 5 different financial literacy programs at the Library, as well as Launchpads that are financial literacy themed.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
Feb 2024	Getting Started with Libby webinar	Daniel Thurston	1
Feb 2024	New Hire training	Florencia Santa Maria, Vanesa Azzetti	90
Feb 2024	ALA-Sustainability Library Course online	Kate Mapp	24
Feb 2024	GRAMA Training	Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black	2
Feb 2024	De-Escalation Training	Kate Mapp, Kate Black	5
		Total	122