

GENERAL UPDATES

On March 14, the Library Presented its Annual Report to City Council. Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, presented the report along with the strategic plan, which can be found on the Library's website. Seth Beal, Library Board Chair, shared feedback from recent community surveys that reflected a need for more resources and space at the Library. Thank you to the Library Board members who were able to attend this Council meeting and show their support.

In March, Library staff worked on "resets" of interior spaces by refreshing and cleaning out areas in the building. The information desk and children's areas were cleaned and organized. Plants were added throughout the building; these will now be cared for by Cactus & Tropicals ensuring that they are managed by professionals for the best outcomes.

A new Soundbooth was added to the "green screen" room and was piped for fire suppression. In addition, the green wall in that room was painted white, as its original intention to be utilized for filming was not utilized by the community. Now, that room will be reworked as part of the "reset" to make it a usable study and workspace on the main floor, much like the reading room on the second floor. Unique Item shelving was added to the YouCreate Lab to house the "Library of Things."

Congratulations to Ann Sowder, Library Board Member, who was selected to be part of the Utah Delegation going to Paris in July for the upcoming announcement of Utah as the Host of the 2034 Winter Olympics.

Ms. Herrick Juarez spearheaded the hanging and art reception for artists Nina Miller and Alicia Vineyard on March 9:



According to Nina Miller, color is not merely a means of expression; it is a living entity—a form, and a moment. She finds a kinship between the processes of nature and her practice, as both are shaped by the delicate dance of chaos and order.

When asked why she likes watercolor, Alicia Vineyard shared that she loves the medium because it allows her to build up color and contrast in her paintings by using many layers. She pays close attention to the translucency of the medium. This way of painting is a slower way to paint but because it is slower, it gives Alicia time to see what area needs more paint and attention. The result is a collection of works that are about the meticulous portrayal of interesting and beautiful subjects in our world and a tribute to Utah's amazing local wildlife.

March episodes of Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, included *Advancing a Culture of Creativity in Libraries* with Megan Lotts and *Building Joy-Centric Libraries* with Rebecca Hass. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

Ms. Herrick Juarez was featured in a Park City Municipal Corporation's Staff Spotlight in March:

Staff Spotlight — Adriane Herrick-Juarez

As a child, Park City Library's Executive Director Adriane Herrick-Juarez knew she wanted to be a librarian:

"I was raised by a single mom. We didn't have a lot of money and the library was a free place I could go to learn, explore, reflect, and set life goals. I honestly think it made all the difference in my life."

At 16, Adriane started shelving books at the Salt Lake City Library. She worked in every branch in that system before joining the Park City Library 11 years ago. She now leads an outstanding, tight-knit team that creates innovative library resources, services, and programs.

Being at the Library inspires Adriane daily. "There are times during the day when I walk through the library and see every space being used in our building by people reading, using our study rooms, teleworking, browsing the shelves, chatting with neighbors, and taking part in programs. That's when my heart soars, knowing that our Library has something for everyone."

In celebration of Women's History Month, we asked Adriane what historic figure inspires her: "Rosa Parks — she not only refused to give up her seat on a bus in the struggle for civil rights, but she was an active leader in the movement to gain freedom for Black citizens. She was willing to take risks for what she believed in. 'People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired,' wrote Parks in her autobiography, 'but that isn't true. I was not tired physically...no, the only tired I was, was tired of *giving in*.'"

Adriane lives in Kamas where she enjoys sculpting and painting. In 2017, she started the [Library Leadership Podcast](#), where librarians from across the country share ideas, innovations, and strategic insights. The podcast has 300,000 downloads and highlights Park City Library as an inspiring example for other libraries.



ADULT SERVICES

Each year, our residents take part in the One Book One Community program to create a shared reading experience. The One Book One Community event for the Summer of 2024 was finalized in March. The Park Library and Summit County Libraries are pleased to announce that the book Woman of Light by Kali Fajardo-Anstine was selected with the author coming next August.

Kate Mapp, Adult Services Librarian, led the Art Review Committee to select art for the 2024-2025 exhibits. Ms. Mapp met with FOL Board Members to discuss book sales, marketing, website, and signage updates. A Little Free Art Exchange took place in March for patrons to color and design their own ski goggles. Patrons of all ages sat down to make art in the Library and shared it on a public display. Over 300 people participated in this program.

New plants and pots were installed throughout the Library by Cactus & Tropicals. The Green Wall in the Sustainability Center had a new water sensor installed. Ms. Mapp continued to work on obtaining a Sustainability Library Certificate in cooperation with several City departments including Human Resources, Sustainability, Transportation, and Water.

In March, an Avalanche Dog Film and meet-and-greet event with Wasatch Backcountry Rescue (WBR) and The Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter was a success, complete with WBR avalanche dogs in attendance. The Green Reads Book Club discussed Fatal Conveniences by Darien Olien in partnership with Free Living Co. of Park City. And Frank "Fuzzy" Furr spoke as part of the Local Speaker Series. Fifty-six people attended this history lecture on Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill's political friendship. Furr is a retired US Air Force Colonel who resides in Park City, Utah with his wife Lani.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In March, the Community Engagement Department submitted a Summit County Restaurant Tax Grant application for auditorium improvements to include ADA access, lighting, drapery, and wireless microphones. Becca Lael, Community Engagement Manager, and Jodie Peatross, Library Event Space & Tenant Coordinator, will represent the Library at the application interviews in April.

In March, Ms. Lael prepared for the current art exhibit and reception featuring Alicia Vineyard and Nina Miller. In addition, she began a monthly Spanish newsletter. Ms. Lael coordinated with Habitat for Humanity on a short-term exhibit in the Library's main entry to honor former President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalyn Carter for their work on affordable housing.

The Community Engagement Department worked with Brittnie Hecht, Youth Services Library Assistant, to promote the new Sages and Seekers program and secure a needed 30 participants by April 1.

Ms. Peatross prepared an annual update for the City Council on PC Tots and worked with PC Tots to secure a locking shed in the courtyard to keep the outdoor classroom furnishings. In addition, she had the carpets professionally cleaned on the third floor and worked with Building Maintenance to paint the green screen wall white.

IT, CIRCULATION, AND CATALOGING SERVICES

Thank you to the Friends of the Library (FOL) for sponsoring a new office supply center near the copy machine. This provides basic office supplies at no cost to patrons and even offers a laminator. The Library started pay-on-your-own printing and copying on March 1 to enable patrons to easily pay at a box near the print and copy stations or to pay by credit card at the info desk.

The Interlibrary Loan Team met to review their sustainable practices and successfully reduced the amount of plastic used for mailing. In addition, they switched to mailing envelopes that use recycled materials. This group's next step is to launch a trial of reusable bags to use for in-state mailings.

Christine Roh, IT & Circulation Librarian, applied for and was awarded an ARPA Grant for expanding Wi-Fi reach in the building. These funds will support Wi-Fi in Meeting Room 301 and the South Conference Room. Ms. Roh will work with the City IT Department to get the Wi-Fi extensions installed by November 2024.

Angela Dohanos, Cataloging Librarian, worked with Ms. Lael to create a new display on streaming services to promote the Roku Streaming Sticks that the Library offers to patrons. Over the last few years, it has become difficult for the Library to purchase copies of certain films and series. The Roku Sticks provide access to these.

The Student Card Registration program with the Park City School District entered its second year beginning in March. The Circulation Department processed cards and prepared them for students and parents to pick up.

SPANISH SERVICES

This month, 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. *Club de conversación español-inglés* was held on the second Monday.

The Spanish Services Department began hosting a new evening and weekend program called *Cuentos bilingües en familia*. These provide service to patrons who may be unavailable during daytime hours. The first set of these programs took place on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am.

In partnership with Park City Film, *Cine en español* will begin on April 13 with afternoon screenings of films and shorts that focus on Spanish language and culture. This is aimed at families with children ages 8-15 who are either native Spanish-speakers or in Spanish dual immersion.

The Spanish Services Department partnered with USU Extension's Empowering Financial Wellness Program for a Financial Literacy Series in Spanish titled *Bienestar financiero* ("Financial Well-Being"). The first installment was held on Thursday, March 28. A second installment is planned for June. These Spanish-language sessions are geared toward families that speak Spanish as their first language.

YOUTH SERVICES

In March, the Youth Services Department held several events and planned for future ones. Newberry Honoree Christian McKay Heidicker workshopped PuzzleToon, an interactive graphic novel game; this allowed young patrons to crack riddles based on fairy tales. BalletNEXT brought The Best of Sleeping Beauty to audiences of all ages in the Jim Santy Auditorium with 250 people in attendance. The Swaner Nature Preserve and Eco Center came with a themed program on animal tracks and how to find them in the snow. The Park City Fire Department presented a storytime and gave tours of a firetruck and an ambulance. In addition, the Library applied for and received sponsorship from Bill White Enterprises for this year's Annual Tea Parties, for which they will provide 240 mini pastries.

The Youth Services Department prepared for Sages and Seekers. Registration for the program closed on March 26 with a full complement of intergenerational participants. In March, teen volunteers discarded books, prepared supplies for an upcoming Mother's Day event, and helped with tasks for Sages & Seekers. In March, the Teen Group attended the Mindfulness program, did water coloring painting, and watched the Superpower Dogs movie; they will now go on hiatus until the end of June.

During the first weekend of March, Ms. Kmak attended the Utah Library Association's Youth Services Round Table Winter Workshop. As current Chair of the Youth Services Round Table, she served as keynote speaker providing tips and tricks for successful storytimes, including how acting and improvisation provide creativity for programs and encourage participation and fun by always asking, "Yes, and?"

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
March 27 & March 29	Crafted Leadership – City Leadership Team Training	Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black	16
March 5	Kate Black, Kate McConnell, Kelly Miller, Rylee Broach, and Mara Selznick	APT (Association of Public Treasurers) US & Canada virtual Cash Handling Training	10
March 21	Brittnie Hecht	De-Escalation Training	1
		Total	27