

GENERAL UPDATES

In September, interviews began for the Library's Adult Services and Spanish Services Librarian positions. The Library Leadership Team invited Library Staff to provide thoughts regarding their ideas for the Library's future in preparation for onboarding new team members and helping with strategic visioning for the Library. Department Heads met to discuss the staff feedback and developed organizational plans based on the input. LLT Members will work with their departments to communicate upcoming plans to their staff, and future staff meetings will be utilized to discuss further and implement staff suggestions.

On September 17, Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, gave a presentation at the Park City Rotary Club called, "What do Libraries Mean to You, Personally: A Discussion on Book Banning." Thank you to the Library Board members who were able to attend. The presentation was well-received and raised awareness about the current level of book banning across the United States and about Banned Books Week, which took place September 22-28, 2024. The Library will feature banned book displays throughout the building from September 22 – October 27, 2024.

Ms. Herrick Juarez was invited to be a guest host on the Utah Humanities podcast called *Check Your Shelves*. She worked with their podcast host, Kase Johnson, Director of the Utah Humanities Center for the Book, and interviewed bestselling author Jack Carr, creator of *The Terminal Man Series*. Jack Carr will speak at the Park City Library as part of the Wasatch Back Book Festival on October 26 at 2:00 pm in the Santy Auditorium. You can listen to the podcast interview at: <https://youtu.be/VtEsvSqlxys?si=595UVREFYzSJeJWj>

September Library Leadership Podcast episodes hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez included *Empowering the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem* with Kristine Cook & Rachel Fuller and *Mentoring as Part of Succession Planning* with Ann Marie Barrett & Maggie Mills. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

ADULT SERVICES

The Friends of the Library (FOL) had a successful book sale over Labor Day. The Library is grateful for the FOL's hard work and dedication to the Library as a whole.

On September 4 the Library hosted *Green Reads: End of Night* with author Paul Bogard. Bogard encouraged all attendees to be dark sky stewards by helping to reduce light pollution, which hinders views of the starry night sky and negatively impacts wildlife and human mental health. In 2021, the Park City Council adopted a dark sky code for outdoor lighting in Park City with requirements that, by the end of 2024, include shielded and down-directed outdoor lights with bulbs 3,000 degrees of Kelvin or less to help save Park City's night sky.

September saw the end of Yoga on the Patio, another great seasonal outdoor experience for patrons. As the weather got cooler, the Library moved the program to meeting rooms as needed, but it has now wrapped up this successful summer program.

The current art exhibit, *Inward Outside: the Lyndsie Nash Art Show*, is beautiful and detailed. The reception on September 19 was a great success, with 30 attendees. We are grateful to the FOL for providing funding for the refreshments that were served.

In September, the Local Speaker Series featured *Lu Ann Cooper: Leaving the Kingston Polygamy Cult*, which had 60 attendees. Cooper was an engaging speaker who discussed her escape from polygamy. She is a board member and president of *Hope After Polygamy*, a nonprofit that uses resources to connect polygamy survivors with resources.

CATALOGING & COLLECTION SERVICES

In September, Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging and Collections, filled in for Ms. Juarez at the Utah Library Director's Summit. The Summit was an opportunity to meet Library Directors across the State, learn about State Library initiatives, and discuss issues common to all libraries. This year the Summit was held in Provo, Utah. Ms. Dohanos enjoyed a tour of the Provo City Library as part of the experience where she learned about their services and operations.

On September 17, Ms. Dohanos planned and implemented a Library event for National Voter Registration Day to help the community check their voter status and register to vote. During the event, the staff helped patrons ensure their voter registration was correct, registered new voters, and provided information about Election Day. Fifty-five patrons of all ages participated in the event, including voting in a fun-filled mock election for their favorite book series. The mock election winner will be featured in a unique display in November.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

In September, Becca Lael, Head of Events & Publicity, connected with event partners, including the Women's Giving Fund, Leadership Park City, Park City Bar Association, Good Gardening (a Park City Corporation Municipal initiative), Park City Opera, the Senior Center, the USU Extension Office, and future Local Speaker Series presenters. Ms. Lael began working on publicity for the Wasatch Back Book Festival, including a festival logo. The Events & Publicity Department worked with the PC Tots building tenant to approve a mural that will be painted in their on-site playground space next to the children's sandbox.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION SERVICES

The Information, Technology, & Circulation Department revised the staff training checklist with current information and updated the format for easier use. This included creating a new training packet for staff. As part of the improvements, the department designed a new staff onboarding orientation, to be utilized for instruction and training during the first week of work to learn the specifics of the work at the Library.

Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology, & Circulation, completed an annual questionnaire for the Utah State Library regarding technology at the Park City Library, which included information about the Library's hardware, software, network infrastructure, and Wi-Fi access points. In addition, she completed a pre-application letter for the state to applying for a digital equity grant to update items in the Unique Items Collection and for the YouCreate Lab.

SPANISH SERVICES

In September, 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, *Cuentos y cantos* on Fridays at 11am, and *Cuentos bilingües en familia* on a Saturday morning at 10am. *Club de conversación español-inglés* was held on the second Monday of the month and the following Thursday.

The department partnered with Utah State University Extension's Empowering Financial Wellness program and discussed with them opportunities to engage our Latinx and Spanish-speaking patrons in future events.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Department provided engaging and enriching programs for young patrons as families returned to school and post-summer routines. Storytimes focused on various themes, including autumn, back to school, and apples. A special storytime in September featured the *Elephant and Piggy* books by Mo Willems and featured Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, reading the books as Piggy and her sibling, who was visiting from out of town, reading the parts of *Elephant*; this caused attendees to double-over in laughter. The department began incorporating interactive play activities as part of storytimes with toys purchased from Lakeshore Learning, which enhanced engagement and learning. A partnership with BalletNEXT continued to provide enjoyment for patrons with a September performance of *Works in Process*.