

GENERAL UPDATES

In January, full-time staff received retirement training to ensure an opportunity to understand their retirement benefits as part of the Utah Retirement System. In addition, they took part in professional development training as part of the City's Crafted Leadership initiative. This curriculum provides tools to enhance workplace habits, relationships, and communication skills.

January saw another successful Sundance Film Festival. As a screening venue, the Library saw a large number of visitors during the festival. Thank you to Becca Lael, Head of Events and Publicity, and Jodie Peatross, Event Space & Tenant Coordinator, who served as the Sundance Liaison to the City, for facilitating many functions before and throughout the event.

Art pieces provided by the Park City Public Art Advisory Board, which will be placed in each of the Library's eight study rooms, started arriving. Once all eight are received, they will be placed and hung.

January Library Leadership Podcast episodes hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez included *Navigating Building Projects* with Toni Lombardozzi and *Examining Sexual Harassment in Libraries* with Candice Benjes-Small & Jennifer Resor-Whicker. All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or wherever podcasts are found.

CATALOGING & COLLECTION SERVICES

In January, Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections, conducted collection development training with new librarians. This included reviewing the Reconsideration Form and library deselection practices. In the monthly meeting, Ms. Dohanos trained the Library Staff on the Reconsideration Process, including an overview of the Reconsideration Manual.

Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, attended four educational webinars in January: *Finding Inclusive Reads for Every Reader* through Novelist, *Providing Senior Communities with Social Engagement and Emotional Connectedness* from the Public Library Association, *Welcoming Teens and Tweens Who Are Neurodivergent to the Library* through Utah State Library, and *New Year, Balanced Life* from BookList. Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, completed training on several of the Gale Databases provided by the Utah State Library. Librarian commitment to staying informed and up-to-date strengthens their ability to serve the community effectively.

Additionally, Ms. Broach collaborated with volunteers, including those from the Learning Center at PC High, to create Crafternoon Kits and assist with tasks such as dusting and ensuring shelves were in order. Ms. Kmak engaged in collection development by culling dated and worn materials in the children, youth, and teen areas.

The department worked to enhance the accessibility and organization of the Unique Items collection. Staff will receive monthly emails about this collection to refresh their knowledge of the holdings. A Memory Care Collection display with accessible labels and detailed item descriptions was created to help patrons better understand these resources.

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, was highlighted in the January Community Foundation Newsletter:

Meet Florencia, Spanish Services Librarian at Park City Library



As part of our commitment to fostering strong community partnerships, we are excited to introduce Florencia Santa Maria de la Parra, the new Spanish Services Librarian at the Park City Library, to our nonprofit community. The Library is a cornerstone for connecting residents with valuable resources and opportunities, and Florencia's new role emphasizes inclusivity and collaboration—values that align closely with the work of our local nonprofits.

Florencia has been with the Library for the past year and brings a deep passion for community engagement. Originally from Argentina, she is delighted to call Park City home and is eager to connect with nonprofits to expand access to the Library's resources and programming.

In addition, Ms. Santa Maria was interviewed on KPCW on January 28, and can be heard at: <https://www.kpcw.org/park-city/2025-01-28/park-city-library-increases-spanish-language-programs-and-events>. She worked with the Events & Publicity Team to make a sign at the Information Desk to inform Spanish-speaking patrons that they can easily ask for her when they are in the Library.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY SERVICES

In January, Becca Lael, Head of Events and Publicity, guided the Events and Publicity Team in finalizing the Spring Events Season for March, April, and May. They prioritized Saturday events to engage older children, working families, and day visitors. Saturdays will offer films, teen-focused meditation, writing workshops, sewing Barbie-doll bed sets, DIY sensory

bags, family-friendly puzzle races, paint-your-own bookends, and more. Four significant community events are planned for the spring: the annual Tea Party, the annual Star Wars Day, an Earth Day celebration, and a health fair to celebrate the grand opening of telehealth services in the YouConvene Lab. The department planned events for the Park City School District Spring Break, including a film series, origami-folding, friendship bracelets, a craft related to the Wicked film, a Super Smash Brothers Tournament, and family-friendly puzzle races. Blog posts highlighted digital resources and booklists on the Library's main webpage.

Adult Events

In January, the Library hosted several community events for the adult population, including the Puzzle Races, where teams competed to complete 300-piece puzzles, and a Puzzle Swap that encouraged sustainability and accessibility by allowing patrons to exchange puzzles. Tuesday Night Legal Bar provided patrons with free consultations with local lawyers. A virtual financial literacy class in partnership with Utah State University (USU) Extension focused on avoiding scams and fraud. In collaboration with The Red Cross, a blood drive had thirty-one donors.

The Next Chapter Book Club began reading *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, sparking lively discussions among participants. The Color & Connect Club created the opportunity for individuals to gather, color, and build relationships in a welcoming environment. Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, visited the Senior Center to inform members about upcoming library events and offer tech assistance, ensuring our senior patrons remained engaged with Library resources.

January featured an art exhibition by Karen Millar Kendall. The exhibition featured her abstract, intuitive paintings inspired by nature and the emotions tied to place.

Spanish Events

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, launched weekly meetings of the English-Spanish Conversation Club in January to provide a space for community members to practice dual languages regularly; attendance is steadily increasing. On January 11, she hosted a Bilingual Ballet Family Storytime in partnership with BalletNEXT, which brought in international dancers and provided families with a unique cultural experience. January saw an increase in attendance for Spanish-language programs, with 330 patrons attending in January compared to 248 patrons in December. This growth is a positive sign that our programs are resonating with the community.

On January 23, Ms. Santa Maria participated in the "Puente Comunitario!" event series hosted by the Peace House to connect with Spanish-speaking families.

Youth Events

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, partnered with Park City Film to host holiday movie screenings, drawing audiences to "Jumanji" and "The Nightmare Before Christmas." In addition, a Family Film Fest, also in collaboration with Park City Film, captivated 250 attendees with the screening of "My Penguin Friend."

In a partnership with BalletNEXT, coordinated by Ms. Kmak, a Mixed Repertory performance was attended by 60 people. BalletNEXT also provided an exhibit in the information Desk Area of the Library of ballet costumes worn internationally by principal ballerina Michele Wiles.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION SERVICES

In January, Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology, & Circulation Service, completed several reports to facilitate the installation of new security gates and a book sorter. The City provided approval and assistance for electrical and location drawings needed for the installation process, which will occur March 11-13.

Ms. Roh worked with the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN), our Internet Service provider, on January 7 to complete a needed router configuration update. She also collaborated with the City IT Department and our vendor, Techlogic, to implement an updated server and software in preparation for installing the new security gates; the new BaseCamp software will provide statistics for all of the Library's Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) products. She also readied, with the help of staff, a new 3D printer for patron use; the new printer works faster and is easier to use.

Ms. Roh contacted the Park City School District about the cooperative library card registration process. They confirmed that all is working well; parent registration for the 2025/2026 school year will open on March 3. The district will continue to offer this streamlined way for parents to sign up their students for Park City Library Cards.

Kate Black, Circulation Team Leader, provided annual fire safety training during January's staff meeting, covering evacuation procedures, drills, and emergency instructions. Also, to help keep our community safe, the Summit County Health Department continued to provide free COVID-19 tests to the Park City Library, which is appreciated.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
January 2025	PLA: One Library's Mission to Provide Its Senior Community with Social Engagement and Emotional Connectedness, webinar	Rylee	1
January 2025	Niche Academy: Setting Boundaries with Patrons	Rylee	1
January 2025	Utah State Library: Welcoming Teens and Tweens who are neurodivergent to the library, webinar	Rylee	1
January 2025	Novelist: Find Inclusive Reads for Every Reader, webinar	Rylee	1
January 2025	Crafted Leadership Training	Becca, Chris, Angela, Rylee, Flor, Kate B	7.8

January 2025	BookList: New Year, Balanced Life, webinar	Rylee	1
January 27, 2025	Mango Languages - led by Rylee	Rylee, Adriane, Kendall, Mara, Brooks, Katrina, Flor, Becca, Angela, Jodie, Kate B, Willa, Jean Marie	2.10
January 27, 2025	Reconsideration Procedure	Rylee, Adriane, Kendall, Mara, Brooks, Katrina, Flor, Becca, Angela, Jodie, Kate B, Willa, Jean Marie	3.25
		Total	18.15