

GENERAL UPDATES

The Park City Library presented its Annual Report to the City Council on March 20, providing statistics and a narrative that outlined the organization's successes in Fiscal Year 2024. Thank you to all Library Board Members who were able to attend. A big thank you goes to Patricia Stokes, Library Board Chair, who brought to the attention of the City Council a “coming storm” after President Trump called for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on March 14. The Park City Library relies on the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for Community Library Enhancement Funding (CLEF) and other financial resources to support our Interlibrary Loan Services, Libby Consortium Services, Librarian Training, and more. The mayor and council members expressed support and had complimentary things to say about the Library, and Councilmember Bill Ciraco called the library “the crown jewel of the community.” Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, and Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections, attended a meeting in Provo convened by the Utah State Library on March 14 to discuss the statewide consortium that provides access to Libby. This online resource provides libraries with a comprehensive collection of digital books, audiobooks, and magazines. Currently, the funding formula for Libby is not sustainable. This meeting, attended by a large group of statewide public library leaders, discussed ways to continue this service, as well as possible new funding criteria that could require additional contributions from partner libraries. No decisions were made. The State Library will follow up by convening a committee to review the ideas and suggestions that arose, and further information will be provided as decisions are made.

In March, City Managers, including Ms. Herrick Juarez, were informed that the Park City Municipal Corporation FY26 budget will reflect projected revenue constraints, inflation, and rising expenses. Due to this, Ms. Herrick Juarez, as requested of all managers in the City, identified efficiencies to reduce the Library's FY26 operations budget request. It is now expected that the Library's FY26 operations budget allocation from the City will remain flat.

Ms. Herrick Juarez and Ms. Dohanos were featured in *Neighbors of Park City Magazine* in an article titled “PC Library: The Ultimate Password Share,” which discussed the Library's vision and how its collections and resources support the community. Ms. Herrick Juarez received an email communication from community member Sally Elliott stating, “The article about you in *Neighbors of Park City* is an amazing recount of the blessings you've brought to Park City. We're so lucky to have you in that remarkable building that I've always treasured. I'm proud of you and your staff and the fabulous programming you bring us. Thank you.”

The March Library Leadership Podcast episode, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, featured Suzanne LaPierre discussing “Creating Online Programs for Older Adults.” All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or on your preferred podcast platform.

CATALOGING & COLLECTION SERVICES

In the Cataloging & Collections Department, Ms. Dohanos worked on building relationships with local bookstores. She visited Barnes & Noble, Black Cat Comics, Lovebound Library, and Under the Umbrella, accompanied by other book buyers from the Park City Library, to explore the possibility of creating collections that support both the interests of our readers and local bookstores.

In Youth Services, Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, participated in the Youth Services Round Table Conference at the Kearns Library, where she presented on notable Storytime books and facilitated a discussion titled “Programming in the Trenches,” focusing on library program successes, challenges, and lessons learned. She also served on a panel

addressing best practices for engaging reluctant readers. Additionally, Ms. Kmak attended the Summit County Prevention Coalition Meeting to foster collaboration with local nonprofits aimed at enhancing youth and family resources. She represented the library at the Early Childhood Alliance meeting, where she engaged with local agencies to discuss early childhood needs and potential collaborations. Subsequently, the Park City Library hosted “Help Me Grow Utah” during Storytimes on March 20, facilitating the distribution of resources and interaction with patrons.

In Adult Services, Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, scheduled a tour of the Summit County Clubhouse for all librarians along with the Library Leadership Team, which provided an opportunity to learn about the Clubhouse’s services and partnership opportunities. Summit County Clubhouse is a community-based nonprofit working to end social and financial isolation for people impacted by mental illness. Additionally, Ms. Broach and Ms. Dohanos met with Celia Peterson, Park City Environmental Sustainability Project Manager, to share ideas on how the City’s Sustainability Department and Green Program could utilize volunteers to expand offerings at the Library.

In Spanish Services, Ms. Dohanos and Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, implemented a soft opening of a new YouConvene Room at the Library that will allow patrons to access Telehealth as part of their library experience. They collaborated with several healthcare providers to develop and promote this offering. A Grand Opening of the space is scheduled for May 17 at a Library Health Fair. Ms. Dohanos and Ms. Santa Maria would like to thank Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology, and Circulation, for assistance with setting up the technology in this space, including a computer and camera for health appointments.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

Becca Lael, Head of Events and Publicity, finalized a partnership with Park City Opera to host events on the patio and in the auditorium in summer. Ms. Lael was pleased to provide technical support for the auditorium to the Friends of the Library for their Zak Podmore author event, which was a huge success, attracting over 150 people. The Library created its second-highest viewed Instagram reel, with 4,099 views (the highest was 6,825); the reel featured the trending sound of “I am Drew. I am Danny. And we are not the same person.” It was created in partnership with the Summit County Library, and both libraries explained the differences and similarities between the two organizations. The Library began using Park City School District’s online tool, Peachjar, to promote Library events to parents and teachers. Peachjar is the preferred method for the School District to communicate; a new flyer will be created and sent out every 28 days to promote events at the Park City Library for children and teens.

In Youth Services, a collaborative Butterfly Storytime was held on March 6 in conjunction with the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter. Ms. Kmak and Hunter Klingensmith, Swaner’s Director of Visitor Experience and Exhibits, jointly presented a Storytime, facilitated a craft, and distributed complimentary passes to the Swaner butterfly exhibit. Ms. Kmak partnered with Park City Film to present a screening of “Flow” as part of the Family Film Festival. She also collaborated with BalletNEXT to host two performances in March. The March ballet performances featured excerpts from Tchaikovsky’s ballets on March 19, and a Mixed Repertory performance on March 20.

A monthly scavenger hunt activity in the children’s area doubled in participation in March. The department hosted a Dungeons & Dragons Night, a miniatures painting event, an inaugural Teen Zen Den, and the first of a series of sewing classes. Ms. Kmak conducted a library tour for Special Education students from Ecker Hill Middle School.

Adult Services partnered with the Utah History Museum to offer family-friendly activities in the self-directed activity space on the first floor. These activities included Women's History Bingo, word searches, mazes, and coloring pages featuring descriptions of historical female figures. Puzzle Races had eight teams competing to complete 300-piece puzzles. Intro to Guitar classes continued with bimonthly sessions. The Local Speaker Series featured Lauren Lockey, founder of Sage Mountain Animal Sanctuary. A class on Avalanche Safety was held in partnership with the Utah Avalanche Center. The department also hosted the new monthly Sound Bath event with Norkova. In March, the Library showcased an art exhibit by photographer and artist Mary Perry. Ongoing monthly events included The Next Chapter Book Club, the Color & Connect Club, Mindfulness Meditation class, and Tuesday Night Legal Bar help sessions. New events included a monthly writing group, a craft club, and a lecture about eating unprocessed foods on a budget.

Ms. Broach visited the senior center to provide tech help and inform members about upcoming Library programs. She met with the new director and gave him a tour of the Library. She also tabled at the "State of Park City" event, which drew around 150 people, where she shared library resources, highlighted upcoming events, and gathered sign-ups for the newsletter. Additionally, she conducted five tech tutoring sessions with patrons at the Library.

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, hosted weekly English/Spanish Conversation Clubs and introduced new materials tailored to the participants' needs, focusing on practical language skills. This program saw an increase in participation, with a notable rise in attendance from one attendee in December to seven to ten attendees. This success is attributed to the event being held weekly instead of monthly. Bilingual and Spanish Storytimes for children were well-received, with over 470 attendees across various sessions. These family-oriented programs brought together families from different backgrounds, fostering community engagement and encouraging children to develop a love for reading and learning in Spanish. As part of the partnership with the Swaner Eco Center, Ms. Santa Maria and Brianna Cencak, Swaner's Visitor Experience Coordinator, jointly presented a Storytime, did a butterfly life cycle activity, facilitated a craft, and distributed complimentary passes to the Swaner butterfly exhibit.

Ms. Santa Maria held the first monthly iteration of Chats in the Kitchen. This event went smoothly, with Ms. Patricia Riaño from Latino Behavioral Health Services discussing anxiety and the roots of undesired behaviors, providing participants with tools and advice on how to navigate these challenging situations.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION SERVICES

The Information, Technology, and Circulation Department installed new security gates from March 12 to 14. Outdated gates have been replaced and are now functioning well. The latest technology enables library staff to access a web-based interface that provides real-time statistics, allowing reports to be generated on alarmed items, self-check usage, and gate counts. Staff members can now see why gates are sounding an alarm at individual service points. The department would like to thank the Park City Building Maintenance Team for their assistance with the removal of the old security gates and the installation of the new ones.

The department undertook a comprehensive cleaning and organization project in the Circulation Area, which will enable the installation of a new Automated Materials Handling System (sorter) in the coming months. This was initially scheduled for March. However, the equipment was damaged in transit and had to be reordered.

The department completed the first week of an observational usage survey from March 16 to 22. The second week of the survey took place from March 31 to April 6. The results will be compiled and shared with the Library Board Building Subcommittee to determine how the Library spaces are utilized throughout the day.

The Library proctored six exams, and seven student cards were registered through the Park City School District.

TRAINING

| Date | Topic | Participants | Total Contact Hours |
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| March 2025 | GRAMA City Training | Adriane Herrick Juarez, Kate Black | 2 |
| March 2025 | ALA Readers’ Advisory: Ideas & Practice 2025 | Rylee Broach | 1 |
| March 2025 | ULN: AI and Libraries: Literacy, Ethics, and Responsible Use | Rylee Broach, Florencia Santa Maria, Katrina Kmak | 3 |
| March 2025 | Gale Database Training | Kate Black, Katrina Kmak, Rylee Broach | 3 |
| March 2025 | AI and Programming webinar | Katrina Kmak | 1 |
| March 2025 | ALA Tech Lists 2025 - a 2025 Mini-Conference on Library Technology and Technical Services | Florencia Santa Maria | 3 |
| March 2025 | Enterprise ERP training | Chris Roh, Anne Briscoe, Kate Black, Adriane Herrick Juarez | 11 |
| March 2025 | Computers in Libraries Conference | Chris Roh | 24 |
| | | Total | 48 |