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GENERAL UPDATES

The New Automated Materials Handling (AMH) machine was installed on May 6. This equipment automatically checks in books when placed in the return slot. The Library Leadership Team developed a new service model made possible by this equipment that enhances direct service to the public and makes staff available for projects and programs.

The Library celebrated National Volunteer Month in April by giving thank you cards, cookies, bookmarks, and stickers to the many dedicated people who donate their time to making the Park City Library great. Thanks to all of our volunteers for everything they do!

In April, Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, featured Sonia Alcantara-Antoine discussing "Transforming the Library with Data-Informed Decisions." All episodes can be accessed at https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/ or on your preferred podcast platform.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

In April, Adult Services added new titles to expand the "Popular Reads" collection and refreshed the display signage to create a cleaner, more inviting look. Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, organized a field trip for staff to visit Lectura Lounge, a nonprofit private foundation offering various literacy, multilingualism, and community-building programs; the goal was to learn more about their work and possibly establish a partnership. In addition, Ms. Broach worked collaboratively with Park City Library team members and the Summit County Library to plan upcoming programs for *One Book One Community*.

Spanish Services implemented new Wonderbooks, thanks to the support of the Park City Friends of the Library. New face-out bins in the Spanish Children's area were installed to allow young patrons to see the covers of the Spanish materials, making them more inviting and accessible. New Guinea Pig cages were purchased thanks to funding from the Friends of the Library; these Library pets bring joy to patrons, who often stop to see them before they do anything else in the building.

The Cataloging & Collections Department continued culling Books on CD and music CDs from the collection, which are no longer circulating well; there is a plan to shift collections into that space to better utilize the shelves.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

The Events & Publicity Department presented new Saturday events designed to attract working families to the Library. Saturday events included 706 participants in April with the Fairy Tea Garden and Craft Tables. To provide engaging activities for youth during the recent school spring break, the Library offered movie screenings and events such as friendship bracelets, a Smash Brothers tournament, and a family-friendly puzzle race. The new monthly scavenger hunt was well-received, with one family reporting that, as a result, their child sees the Library as something to look forward to rather than a chore. The Seed Library provided 1,082 seeds in April, a 42% increase over the previous month; staff stocked high-quality seeds for the planting season, such as cantaloupe, cayenne, lettuce, parsley, and wildflowers.

Adult Services partnered with the Park City Community Foundation's Women's Giving Fund to bring Lane Moore, author of <u>You Will Find Your People</u>. The event featured a reception, a book signing with Dolly's Bookstore, and a friendship bracelet-making station; over seventy people were in attendance. In honor of Earth Day, Ms. Broach organized a

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celebration that welcomed over fifty attendees, at which participants planted fairy teacup gardens using donated mugs and teacups, giving them new life, and engaged with representatives from local sustainability organizations at various informational tables. A gear swap was held, where community members exchanged gear while promoting community connection and reducing waste—a Sustainability Workshop with Recycle Utah, Summit Community Gardens, and EATS also took place. In partnership with the Park City Sustainability Department and the Park City School District, Ms. Broach introduced a new self-guided activity area on the Library's first floor featuring family-friendly materials such as anti-idling word searches, activity sheets, and coloring pages. The Local Speaker Series welcomed Barbara Jones Brown and Richard Turley for a community discussion about the Mountain Meadows Massacre. A dementia-friendly luncheon in collaboration with Jewish Family Services saw twenty-five attendees sharing a meal and engaging with materials from the Library's Memory Care Collection.

Youth Services hosted the Library's Annual Tea Party, which had three separate seatings and drew 187 people. In addition to library staff, a dedicated team of 16 volunteers significantly supported the smooth execution and positive atmosphere of this event, which included live harp music. Thank you to Bill White Enterprises for donating baked goods for the event. Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, hosted two tours for 4th-grade classes that gave students a look at what is available at the Library.

Becca Lael, Head of Events & Publicity, presented PC Tots required annual report to the City Council. The Council approved a five-year lease renewal with an additional three-year lease option afterward. They also granted PC Tots exclusive use of the courtyard playground.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION SERVICES

Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology, and Circulation Services, worked with the City IT Department to troubleshoot issues with Library staff printers. Many printers are over 10 years old and suffer compatibility and repair issues. A replacement process was established, and a new printer was ordered for the Events & Publicity Office to help print marketing materials.

The Park City Finance Department transitioned to a new accounting system on April 1. Library staff attended training and adjusted workflows to align with the latest software.

In April, the Circulation Department processed 18 student cards through the Park City School District registration page and proctored 6 exams.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
04/08/25	CSLP Training	Rylee Broach	.45
04/16/25	Niche Academy Andragogy: Understanding Adult Learners	Rylee Broach	1

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	SAAM Training from		
04/18/25	Peacehouse	Rylee Broach	.45
	Fun Ways to Work with Your Community to Collect, Preserve, and Share Local		
04/30/25	History	Rylee Broach	1
		Total	3.5