

GENERAL UPDATES

Thank you to the Library Board, Friends of the Library, and Library Staff for coming together for an annual meet-and-greet on August 13 to get acquainted, build team spirit, and share a collective understanding of the goals and values that will help guide us through our next year.

The Library implemented an internal change to its organizational structure in August. As part of continued efforts to streamline operations and support growth, Melissa Salomonson, Room Reservation and Tenant Coordinator, was reassigned from the Events and Publicity Division and placed under the supervision of Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections. This transition will enable the Events & Publicity Team to focus on their work, which now includes serving over 50,000 attendees annually. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

In August, the Library Leadership Podcast, hosted by Adriane Herrick Juarez, featured Mary Graham and Becky Potter from the Calgary Public Library, discussing "Debriefing After Challenging Situations." All episodes can be accessed at <https://libraryleadershippodcast.com/> or on your preferred podcast platform.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging and Collections, began planning the Library's Annual Staff Development Day, which takes place each November, working with a committee of library staff to plan education sessions, find presenters, and schedule team-building activities.

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, developed a spreadsheet for ordering from the Library's new primary book vendor, Ingram. Additionally, she met with a vendor specializing in pre-bound books that offer a lifetime guarantee, which may be particularly useful when purchasing highly circulated items, such as graphic novels that experience a lot of wear and tear.

Ms. Dohanos, in collaboration with the Spanish and Youth Services Librarians, applied for a book enhancement grant through the Utah State Library. The grant, if awarded, will focus on needs in the Spanish collection and is expected to be announced by September 15. Additionally, she and her team worked to get the Library certified on the Green Business Program; the Library is one of the first departments in Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC) to pursue certification as part of this City initiative.

Education Item: Libby

In response to a request for information from the Library Board in August, Ms. Dohanos prepared information regarding the process of ordering e-books and e-audiobooks through Libby:

- This fiscal year (FY26), the Library's contribution to the Libby consortium was \$4,308. In FY25, the Library's contribution was \$3,702.
- Each year, these funds are divided into two different spending pots. Seventy-five percent of the funds are used by the Utah State Library to purchase items for the shared consortium to which all member libraries have access. Twenty-five percent of the funds are used by Angela Dohanos to purchase materials with Park City patrons in mind, and our cardholders receive first priority on borrowing.
- The State Library recommends that libraries in the consortium focus on the priority of reducing hold waitlists. Ms. Dohanos buys extra copies of titles with 8 or more holds.

- The FY26 budget for e-materials is \$19,895, which will go quickly due to the cost of e-books and e-audiobooks.
- In FY25, the Friends of the Library provided \$7,400 in e-material spending. A huge thanks goes out to the FOL for their support of this popular service.
- A lending model is a set of purchasing and borrowing terms for digital content, determined by the publisher.
 - Some publishers set their terms at one user at a time per title, and titles are either owned or metered (rented).
 - Other publishers offer simultaneous use packages at an additional price.
 - Publishers set the prices and lending models, and they can change the price or lending model at any time.
 - New and popular titles are generally more expensive.
 - The length of e-books or e-audiobooks can also influence price.
- There are two different purchasing models available through Libby, one is where libraries can buy licenses for titles as discussed above. The other option allows libraries to allocate a set budget each month for specific titles, which may be popular, and enables patrons to skip the hold lines until the budget for the month is exhausted.
- There has been an ongoing issue with Libby, where once the monthly budget is depleted, it still shows the book as available for checkout when, in fact, it is only available for hold. Therefore, the Park City Library will move away from this second model until the issue is resolved, unless it is for a specific program, such as One Book or the Book Festival.

Overall, eBooks and e-audiobooks are valuable resources that the Park City Library provides for patrons. We will continue to collaborate with the State Library on best practices and securing the best deals on materials for our patrons.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

In August, the Color Our World Summer Reading Program concluded with 110 participants reading for a total of 892 hours; the most engaged age group for the reading challenge was 6-11. The program concluded with a Summer Slide event that featured community non-profits and is one of the most beloved of the summer with over 200 attendees. Thank you to Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, who spearheaded the summer reading program utilizing the national summer reading theme for the first time in over a decade.

The Library partnered with Park City Opera to host the first mainstage opera performance in Park City in over 20 years. A performance of *The Barber of Seville* was delivered to a sold-out audience that raved about the performance.

The Events & Publicity Division completed 'Thinking Money for Kids' events utilizing a grant from the American Library Association and FINRA Investor Education Foundation these included: Making Moook-Lah (a tabletop farm-themed game to learn the difference between needs and wants) and Pet Cents (knowledge of what it means to be financially responsible and identify essential expenses). These programs saw a total of 28 attendees in the 6-11 age group; based on participant feedback, Pet Cents and Making Moook-Lah will be repeated this fall.

Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, launched a new monthly book club at the Senior Center, which quickly gained popularity, with over 25 attendees per session. Additionally, Ms. Broach spearheaded a thoughtful self-directed initiative for National Senior Citizens Day by coordinating a letter-writing campaign in which community members submitted heartfelt letters that were delivered to seniors at the Senior Center. Ms. Broach continued her monthly outreach to the

Senior Center, providing technical assistance and sharing program information during her regular visits. Over the past month, she held six one-on-one tech appointments at the Library, and additional sessions during her outreach visits. She also organized two successful art demonstrations in August, one featuring a live digital demo with Vanessa Palmer, a video game concept artist, and another mixed-media demo with local artist Nancy Ness, who had just concluded a Library art exhibit. In August, in collaboration with MAG Aging and Family Services and Jewish Family Services, a dementia-friendly luncheon was held, offering resources and support for caregivers and their families.

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, established a new media contact with the bilingual reporter at KPCW radio station, and her program *Charlas en la Cocina (Conversations in the Kitchen)* was featured on the Park Record's new Spanish-language Facebook page. Ms. Santa Maria continued her monthly outreach at the Christian Center of Park City's Mobile Food Pantry, where she provided bilingual materials and engaged directly with families. Thank you to Ms. Kmak, who attended a Back to School Basics Outreach at the outlets in partnership with the Christian Center of Park City. This event met the needs of families in Summit and Wasatch counties by alleviating the financial burdens associated with back-to-school shopping. It was highly attended by the community and provided a good opportunity for the Library to connect with many Latinx families in particular.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION

Thank you to the circulation team, who continued organizing in the Circulation Work Room to maximize efficiency. Since the automated materials handling (AMH) machine was installed, the division has been working on ways to maintain a well-organized area, thereby providing a streamlined workflow.

The division provided a monthly staff meeting quiz for training on the public computers. The computers were recently replaced, and a few things now work differently, providing the staff with an opportunity to refresh their skills. The quiz was followed by a discussion and a time for questions during the August staff meeting. Additionally, they would like to thank Florencia Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, for translating public computer cards into Spanish, as well as creating the Spanish 'how to print' sign for the public.

The Interlibrary Loan team sent 48 items to other libraries in August and borrowed 37 items for Park City Library patrons. Fifteen student library cards were processed during the month.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
August 2025	Staff Meeting Quiz – Public Computers	All Staff	2
August 2025	De-Escalation training	Mara Selznick	1
August 2025	Mandatory Reporting training	All circulation staff	.5
August 2025	Enhancement Grant training	Katrina Kmak	1

	Racial Equity Advancement		
August 2025	Cohort	Florencia de la Parra	3
August 2025	First Aid for Youth's Mental Health	Florencia de la Parra	8
August 2025	The Innovative Library & How to Market Your Library	Florencia de la Parra	4
		Total	19.5