

GENERAL UPDATES

Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, attended the 2025 Utah Public Library Directors' Summit in Provo, Utah, September 24-26. This event, held annually by the Utah State Library, provides a professional development opportunity for library directors from across Utah. It offers a chance to learn about State Library initiatives, collaborate on statewide projects, network, and participate in workshops on topics such as Cybersecurity, Crisis Communication, and more. At the summit, Ms. Herrick Juarez received on behalf of the Park City Library the 2025 Quality Utah Library Award for service that "goes above and beyond."

On September 17, Ms. Herrick Juarez provided the Library Board with an updated Organizational Chart via email.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

In September, Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections, coordinated support for the opening of the 2025-2026 Park City Film Season by making new signs, reorganizing furniture, and arranging for a deep cleaning of their 3rd Floor spaces. In addition, Ms. Dohanos completed a PC Tots Lease Amendment, which gave the daycare exclusive use of the courtyard playground and extended their lease to 2030. She also completed a contract with Dan and Ben Production Company, which allowed the installation of new and upgraded lighting to begin, providing Library Staff and renters with more options and flexibility when using the Santy Auditorium. Additional features, including curtains and accessories, will be introduced soon. Ms. Dohanos worked with a contractor to install a new Information Desk leading into the Library, providing a beautiful piece of furniture that improves service to patrons and the aesthetic beauty of the greeting area.

In response to a request for information from the Library Board about how much funding would be needed to clear the Library's hold list in Libby, Ms. Dohanos found this information:

- As of October 2, in the Beehive Consortium, there were 227,891 items checked out, and 590,202 holds, with an average 55-day waiting period. There are currently 145,867 unique titles and 470,396 individual holdings.
- Overall, the Park City Library currently has 2,931 holds on Libby. With an average cost of \$55 per eBook, we would need \$161,205 to purchase enough copies to wipe out the current hold list for Park City Library patrons.

In response to a request for an Education Item from the Library Board on Collection Development, Ms. Dohanos prepared this information:

- For this fiscal year (FY26), the Library's total collection budget equals \$133,481. Forty thousand dollars of this amount goes towards e-materials, including eBooks and digital subscriptions such as Kanopy and LinkedIn.
- In response to Park City Library patron requests and nationwide trends, our spending on e-materials has increased significantly over the last 13 years, especially in the last 5, after COVID-19. In 2017, spending on eBooks and digital subscriptions totaled \$7,000.
- In the last year, the library removed all CD collections because of low circulation rates and slowed the purchasing of DVDs. Many films are no longer automatically made available on DVD due to the popularity of film streaming. Thus, the Library is putting funding towards subscriptions, such as Kanopy, and purchasing Roku sticks and streaming services.

- Librarians follow our Collection Development Policy, which includes a list of purchasing criteria and puts an emphasis on filling requests from patrons. Last year, they purchased 296 of 324 requests.
- This year, the Library added several new materials vendors to reduce the wait-time for items and have a greater variety of items to purchase.
- Flor Santa Maria made connections with three vendors that offer a good variety of Spanish titles: Ingram, Libraria, and Brodart.
- The Library is also working with Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Kimball Junction and Dolly's in Park City.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

In September, the Events and Publicity Department focused on preparing for the Wasatch Back Book Festival. The Library Leadership Team, Librarians, and many part-time staff, along with Board Members and Friends of the Library, took on essential roles to plan and publicize the events scheduled for Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Becca Lael, Head of Events and Publicity, would like to thank everyone for their efforts and provide a few highlights of the event:

- The Library had 850 attendees over the two-day festival, with author Kevin Fedarko, the puppet show, local authors, and the craft extravaganza being a few of the most popular events.
- Eighteen authors were featured as part of the Local Author Meet & Greet including: Margo Marsh, Doug Wagner, Becca Lee Gardner, Lectura Lounge, Ester Thompson, Jeannine Seibert, Rebecca Brenner, Pamela Fuller, Chris Lenge, Art Bell, Malia Brown, Sarah Sutin & Mackenzie Morse, Carly Stenmark, Lindsay Flanagan, Kris Newby, Joe Totten, Joel Zuckerman, and family Brianne, Kayla & Juliette Grant.
- The Craft Extravaganza featured all-new crafts, including Dog Man pixel art posters, lasagna mosaics (that repurposed excess contact paper used for covering paperback books), Labubu paper dolls with books, DIY bookmarks, and, of course, a childhood favorite, coloring. Three hundred thirty-eight crafts were completed on Saturday alone.

For September in Youth Services, Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, coordinated with pediatric sleep specialist Maggie Turner to offer two specialized presentations: one on toddler sleep and one on infant sleep. In addition, Park City native, children's book author, and astrophysicist Emma Loudon joined a Storytime with Ms. Kmak, reading her book, *Mia and the Martians*, which focuses on the Mars Rovers; They incorporated a learning segment into the Storytime featuring the letter 'M' and space themes. Ms. Kmak also managed the Library's participation in the community-wide "Just Serve Day" of volunteerism.

For September in Spanish Services, Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, installed the second segment of artwork by Latino Arts Festival artists at the Library, helping maintain the Festival's visibility year-round and strengthening cultural representation in public spaces. Additionally, Ms. Santa Maria facilitated an art reception to celebrate the artists. Ms. Santa Maria also implemented the program Sabores Hispanos, Empanada Edition, which drew approximately 250 attendees. The event featured five Latinx performing artists and five local empanada vendors, offering a rich, multi-sensory celebration to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Comments received by the Library about the event:

- "I'm so happy we went. We had fun and I love sharing my culture with my kids."

- “We always go the library on Saturdays [...] and it was nothing shy of AMAZING! Thank you to Park City Library for creating a beautiful place for community to exist.”

As part of the ongoing Local Speaker Series, Spanish Services welcomed acclaimed Argentinian author Yamile Saied Méndez. In a heartfelt session, Ms. Méndez shared her journey as an immigrant writer and previewed her upcoming works. A display, installed under the main staircase, highlighted Hispanic Heritage through books, stickers, coloring pages, and prompts that invited patrons to share their personal stories, fostering cultural curiosity and allowing patrons of all ages to reflect on and celebrate Hispanic identities. A piñata-making workshop with Clara Amezcua drew enthusiastic engagement.

In collaboration, the Spanish Services and Adult Services Departments co-hosted events for National Voter Registration Day, engaging 130 patrons through a youth mock election and providing adult voter registration support. The event promoted civic participation across all age groups.

For September in Adult Services, Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, facilitated the first Senior Center Book Club and held office hours to provide engagement and support to the seniors. In addition, Ms. Broach partnered with musician Edward Wald and his artist wife, Nina, for a Living Paintings and Music event. She also launched and supported an "Embracing Aging" educational series with Dr. Anne Asman from the Huntsman Mental Health Institute.

For September in Outreach, Ms. Kmak delivered new student library cards to Park City High School, Ecker Hill Middle School, Jeremy Ranch Elementary, Parley's Park Elementary, and McPolin Elementary schools, and conducted library tours for two 4th-grade classes from McPolin Elementary. Ms. Broach conducted outreach at the Walk to End Alzheimer's event, connecting with community members and promoting library services, and visited the Park City Senior Center to share about library events and offer tech tutoring services. Ms. Santa Maria hosted the Park City Community Foundation's Youth United Registration event at the Library for Latinx families to register for upcoming sporting activities and community programs with over 200 participants.

A comment on a *New York Times* article titled “How to Get Yourself Back in the Habit of Reading More Books”:

“I love books, buying books, stopping at little free libraries to add or take a book, reading about books, reading the NY Times book review, reading about authors, checking out libraries and book stores everywhere we travel, perusing the Libby app daily (you can even borrow magazines), visiting the library, supporting independent book sellers, going to book signings and joining online book groups as well as my monthly in person book group (with wine of course). And this weekend is our Park City Library book sale! Not sure where the statistics are coming from showing a decline in reading for pleasure because I'm too engrossed in books to notice.”

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION

Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology & Circulation, attended the kickoff meeting on September 18 of a Western States users' group that was started for our Library-specific software vendor, The Library Corporation (TLC). This is a group that will hold periodic meetings, providing an opportunity to work with other libraries that use the same software. Members will have the chance to ask questions, share successes, and learn from one another.

Ms. Roh, who serves as the library’s liaison to the Park City Friends of the Library (FOL), expresses thanks to this group for another amazing book sale over Labor Day Weekend. What a joy it is to have this committed group of volunteers tirelessly raising funds to help support the Library. The entire Library Team expresses gratitude for their dedication and support for the many programs, services, and resources we provide the community.

The Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC) is moving forward with the development of a new Citywide website, which will refresh the look and operability of its page and bring the technology into compliance with new legislative.gov standards for all municipal organizations. Previously, the Library had an independent website, but now it will fall under the purview of the City. Ms. Roh worked with the City and the website vendor, Revise, to finalize a new site map for the Library's redesign. This will have similar operability and a somewhat different aesthetic.

The Information, Technology, & Circulation division replaced the computer that supported the oldest self-checkout machine because it was outdated and was operating slowly. This provided upkeep and security, ensuring the smooth functioning of the equipment moving forward. In addition, the division collaborated with the City to install security updates on all public PCs and perform monthly maintenance to ensure the new machines and software function properly. In addition, the display monitor in meeting room 201 was replaced after it experienced connection and display issues.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
September 2025	Reluctant Readers Training; ULA Fall Workshop	Katrina Kmak	9.5
September 2025	Utah Public Library Director’s Summit	Adriane Herrick Juarez	24
September 2025	Racial Equity Cohort and Latinx Kid Lit Book Festival (virtual)	Flor Santa Maria	10.5
		Total	44