

GENERAL UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Wasatch Back Book Festival a success. Many people contributed, and staff and volunteer involvement were extraordinary. Over 850 people attended the two-day event on October 4 and 5. Appreciation goes to the Park City Friends of the Library for sponsoring the Kevin Fedarko events. The lights in the Santy Auditorium were installed in time for his talk, and the Library received positive audience feedback on the improvement.

The Park City Library received a \$5,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to purchase materials for our history collection in advance of America 250 and the 2034 Winter Olympics. Adding history books to our collections will make the Library an ideal destination for visitors who wish to learn more about our area. Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections, will procure the items and report back to the Utah State Library, the administering agency, on the use of the funds.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) announced its 2026 program, featuring the all-ages theme of dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology, and the slogan "Unearth a Story." CSLP member libraries across the country chose this theme because these topics are high-interest areas that offer rich opportunities to spark curiosity, imagination, and learning across all age groups. The Park City Library will invite readers next summer to dig into a good book, uncover hidden histories, and explore the past through this program.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

In Spanish Services, Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director, and Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, joined a meeting with the directors of the Wasatch and Summit County Libraries to discuss strategies for engaging the Latinx community across the Wasatch Back. They will continue to collaborate moving forward, sharing ideas and strategies. Ms. Santa Maria continued diversifying Spanish-language collections, ordering through the vendors Ingram and Brodart, placing an emphasis on procuring bilingual early readers, contemporary Latin American fiction, and high-demand children's titles.

In Adult Services, Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, shared information about the Library's Memory Care Collection with the Jewish Family Services Park City Dementia Caregiver Group. In addition, she ensured that our Interlibrary Loan staff knew they could send Memory Care Collection items to other libraries, including those in Summit County, to help serve the broadest possible range of people with these resources. The Library wishes to thank our generous donor, Sharon Serpico Hanson, whose donation in memory of her mother, Mary Serpico, allowed the Library to increase the number of materials in the Memory Care Collection.

The Library Board Subcommittee to Build an Understanding of Expansion Needs took a fieldtrip to the Kamas Library to look at their book locker. Dan Compton, the Summit County Library Director, showed the group the ins and outs of their self-service book locker for patrons. Ms. Dohanos and Adriane Herrick Juarez, Executive Director, followed up on this tour by meeting with the Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC) Transit team to discuss options for possibly placing a book locker at a city bus stop and researching which stop would work best for this purpose.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

The Events and Publicity Department would like to thank everyone who had a hand in executing and promoting the 2025 Wasatch Back Book Festival. Each librarian, the management team, several part-time specialists, and Board Members

and Friends of the Library Board Members took on essential roles in planning and publicizing the October 4 – 5 weekend of events. Park City Library hosted 850 attendees over the two-day festival, with a couple of the most popular events being author Kevin Fedarko and a craft extravaganza. A Local Author Meet and Greet was held featuring 18 writers at tables where participants could chat with them, ask questions, and purchase their books. As a first this year, the Library held a Create Your Own Book Cover Coloring Contest; the colorful and creative submissions were on display in the Children's Area.

Adult Services Librarian, Rylee Broach, began a new book club at the Senior Center, and 28 people attended. The club read Michael Finkel's The Art Thief, and the author attended. The discussion couldn't have come at a more poignant time, as the high-profile art heist at the Louvre had occurred 4 days earlier. Another successful event during the month included an author lecture by Jack Carr talking about his new title Cry Havoc, which welcomed 285 fans. Photos of the event can be found at: <https://jackcarr34.pixieset.com/parkcityut-1/>.

Other events included Mindfulness Meditation for Adults, starting again for the colder months; a Menopause Workshop offered in collaboration with the University of Utah Health; and a Seed Ball Making Workshop with Basin Recreation, offered as part of World Sustainability Day. In addition, Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, and Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, hosted a Living Library event in collaboration with Summit County Pride, where community members could talk with people who served as "living books" to have meaningful one-on-one conversations.

The Library's Haunted House remains one of the most anticipated annual events, serving as a major community draw; on October 30 a total of 477 people strolled through the attraction. Also in October, the Library's Family Film Festival had a popular screening of *The Legend of Ochi* with 60 attendees.

Spanish Services Librarian, Flor Santa Maria, organized a piñata workshop that welcomed 35 creators. Ms. Santa Maria also facilitated a successful *Día de los Muertos* ofrenda, in which the community contributed the names and memories of deceased loved ones.

October provided many outreach opportunities. Ms. Broach visited the Senior Center, presented the Memory Care Collection to the Jewish Family Services Park City Dementia Caregiver Group, and showcased library resources and unique items at a Women's Inspired Network Meeting. Ms. Santa Maria visited Trailside Elementary and Jeremy Ranch Elementary during Parent-Teacher Conferences to promote library events and resources and to advocate for bilingual literacy.

The Library Board asked for a written Education Item this month regarding the Library's Art Exhibits:

- Each year, the Events Department holds four seasonal art exhibits along with receptions for each at which community members can mix and mingle, enjoy new art, share in refreshments, and talk with the artists - some exhibits feature a solo artist, others feature groups of artists. Thank you to the generous support of the Friends of the Library for their support of these receptions.
- To select exhibits, the Events and Publicity Department holds a "Call for Entries" every 12-18 months, featured on the Library's website, which invites artists to submit their portfolios and exhibit proposals. Then, a committee composed of the Head of Events & Publicity, the Adult Services Librarian, the Spanish Services Librarian, a Friends of the Library Board Member, and a Public Art Advisory Board Member reviews and selects upcoming exhibits.