

## **GENERAL UPDATES**

Several staff members attended the Utah Library Association Annual Conference in Provo, May 18-20, where they participated in professional development sessions, networking opportunities, and discussions on emerging trends and best practices in library service. Their participation supports continued innovation, service excellence, and organizational growth at the Park City Library. We extend our gratitude to the Friends of the Park City Library for funding staff attendance at this valuable statewide learning opportunity.

In May, Park City Municipal Corporation launched its new municipal website, providing a modernized communication platform with responsive design functionality, enhanced accessibility tools, and the ability to translate content into more than 80 languages with a single click. As part of this transition, the Park City Library website is now integrated within the City's broader web presence, providing patrons with streamlined access to Library services and information while ensuring consistency across City departments.

The Park City Municipal Code and the Utah State Code require that municipal Library Board appointments be made effective July 1. The Library Board must have between five and nine members according to bylaws, and Park City residents must fill all vacancies. Board members serve without compensation and may not serve more than two successive full terms. The Park City Library Board has nine members and one open seat for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2027. As allowed by board bylaws, Greg Hembrock reapplied for his seat and is eligible to serve an additional term. Eight new applications and one renewal application were received before the April 30 application deadline. These were reviewed, and interviews were conducted by a subcommittee comprised of Councilmember Parigian (Liaison), Adriane Herrick Juarez (Library Director), and Debra Stafsholt (Board Chair). Based on the subcommittee's review of the applicants, a report was provided to the full Park City Library Board in its May 20 meeting, and a vote was taken to recommend that the Mayor, with the consent of Council, reappoint Greg Hembrock for a second 3-year term beginning July 1, 2026. The City Council will consider this recommendation in their June 25 meeting and take a vote on the appointment.

## **CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS**

Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging & Collections, presented to the Restaurant Tax Grant Committee to request funding for a patio shade structure and updated café furniture. The proposal highlighted the project's benefits to community members and visitors, enhanced outdoor experiences, and alignment with tourism-related priorities. Funding decisions are expected in the coming months.

As part of long-range facility planning efforts, the Park City Collection was relocated to the Reading Room. This move marked the first phase in the reuse of the Library's second floor and supported the ongoing evaluation of space use to better meet evolving patron needs.

Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, successfully completed expenditures associated with a grant supporting the Park City History Collection. The funding was utilized to strengthen collection development, preservation efforts, and long-term public access to local historical resources, further enhancing the collection as a valuable community asset.

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, joined the Wasatch Back Immigration Coalition to deepen the Library's understanding of the experiences and needs of immigrant community members. Her participation strengthens relationships with community organizations and supports the Library's ongoing commitment to equitable, welcoming, and inclusive service.

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, finalized fiscal year 2026 materials purchasing and provided additional support to the Library's Selection Team by managing supplemental purchasing responsibilities. Her efforts helped ensure that collection development goals and fiscal year deadlines were met.

## **EVENTS & PUBLICITY**

May was an active and successful month for the Events & Publicity Department, featuring several annual traditions as well as new collaborative programming opportunities.

In partnership with the Women's Giving Fund, the Library hosted Professor Stephanie Canizales, PhD, author of *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in the United States*. Professor Canizales presented her research on undocumented youth navigating adulthood without parental support and later participated in a community conversation with Maggie Hughey AbuHaidar, co-founder of the Wasatch Immigration Project. The event provided meaningful dialogue around immigration and community understanding.

Throughout May, the Library partnered with the Park City Recreation Center to offer the Read to Swim program. Participants tracked reading minutes through a Library-issued reading log and, upon completion, redeemed their tracker for a Youth Day Guest Pass to the Recreation Center. The initiative encouraged literacy while introducing families to the community's new swimming facilities.

The annual Tea Party returned with three sold-out seating opportunities, providing families and caregivers a memorable opportunity to share quality time with young children in a welcoming and festive environment.

Star Wars Day returned with expanded activities, including a character scavenger hunt featuring costumed staff members and a popular "droid petting zoo" showcasing favorite robotic characters from the franchise.

The Library's Health Fair returned for a second year and expanded through collaboration with the University of Utah School of Medicine and the Summit County Health Department. The event featured 18 participating organizations and provided valuable health and wellness information to community members.

Spanish Services programming focused heavily on arts and culture throughout the month. In partnership with the Park City Arts Council and the Latino Arts Festival, participants enjoyed a Talavera Tiles workshop, the Corazones de Frida papier-mâché workshop, and a film screening exploring the life and artistic legacy of Frida Kahlo. Additional programming included Cine en Español in partnership with Park City Film and two Makers Thursdays featuring air-dry bakery magnets and Kinusaiga fabric mosaic art.

The Local Speaker Series featured the Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History, who presented on preserving Park City's mining heritage. The event attracted strong attendance and community interest.

During a school break day, teens participated in "Stitch Your Constellation," a creative program that combined embroidery techniques with personal interests in astronomy and astrology.

The popular "Stitch and Watch" program expanded through a new partnership with Wasatch and Wool Yarns, helping connect the event with a broader community of fiber arts enthusiasts.

The Seed Library continues to experience significant seasonal demand. Following 800 seed packets distributed in April, community members checked out an additional 576 seed packets during May, demonstrating continued enthusiasm for gardening, sustainability, and local food production.

**INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION**

Annual preventative maintenance was completed on the Library’s automated sorter in May. Service included deep cleaning of belts and fans, lubrication of bearings and moving components, and a comprehensive inspection. The equipment remains in excellent working condition with no identified concerns.

To meet growing demand for makerspace services, the Library purchased an additional 3D printer, updated patron instructions, and enhanced maintenance procedures. The new printer will help reduce wait times, support longer print jobs, and increase public access to 3D printing technology.

The Library’s new website officially launched on May 12. Patrons visiting the previous website address, parkcitylibrary.org, are now automatically redirected to the new Library webpage located within the City’s website at parkcity.gov/library.

The Interlibrary Loan team researched and implemented a new shipping process that enables staff to create shipping labels online while utilizing a discounted library shipping rate. This improvement saves staff time and yields significant cost savings for Interlibrary Loan operations.

Library staff participated in a Workplace Cleanup Week initiative throughout May. Employees organized, cleaned, and decluttered workspaces throughout the building while participating in a friendly recognition program. Three staff members received 250 Kudos Points through the City’s employee incentive program. The initiative contributed to a cleaner, more organized workplace and reinforced a culture of shared stewardship. Staff also continued cross-training efforts across multiple service areas to ensure seamless coverage during employee absences.

The Circulation team proctored three examinations and processed 33 student library cards via the Park City School District parent registration portal, further strengthening access to Library resources for local students and families.

**TRAINING**

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
May 2026	Reluctant Leadership Webinar	Becca Lael	1
May 2026	CR AI webinar offered by OCLC/webjunction	Chris Roh	1
May 2026	Utah Library Association Conference	Kate Black, Adalyn Olthius, Mara Selznick (16), Florencia (16), Katrina, Rylee, Angela, Susie, Kristy, Danielle, Marie	104

May 2026	Building the Case for Libraries: Turning Outward & The New Civic Path (ALA)	Rylee Broach	1
		Total	107