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GENERAL UPDATES

Design planning for the new Library Event Space on the first floor continued. The project team selected colors and design options and is awaiting final plan review before moving to the next phase. The new space will provide additional flexibility for Library programming, community gatherings, and events.

Library staff completed hands-on training on the Stryker evacuation chair and the auditorium ADA lift. This training strengthens staff preparedness to assist patrons safely and effectively, both during emergencies and in everyday use of the Library's facilities.

Auditorium stage upgrades are underway in preparation for the upcoming Wasatch Back Book Festival and Park City Film Festival. Staff installed a new curtain to block light from the auditorium windows, removed outdated materials from the stage, and tested and serviced the stage lighting to ensure that equipment is current and functioning properly.

Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, and Danielle Bean, Library Assistant, presented at the Utah Library Association Fall Workshop on Combating Senior Isolation. They shared information about the Park City Library's collections, programs, and events designed to serve the community's senior population.

The Library added a Vivid-Pix Memory Station, a new resource that allows patrons to digitize, restore, narrate, and transform photographs, documents, and memorabilia into shareable digital stories. The station includes a slide scanner, and easy-to-follow instructions will be provided for public use. The Memory Station will be released to the public in October. The Friends of the Library generously sponsored this new resource.

The Library extends special thanks to the Park City Municipal Human Resources Department for its efforts throughout September to raise awareness and provide training as part of the annual suicide prevention campaign.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for another successful Miners Day Book Sale on September 6 and 7. The event remains a valued community tradition that brings people together around books and reading while providing important support for the Park City Library.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

The Library continued to refresh and improve its collections to keep popular materials visible, current, and accessible to patrons.

The Library refreshed the Popular Reads Collection by removing older titles, adding new and popular selections, and updating signage to maintain a consistent, inviting browsing experience. The Friends of the Library continue to provide valuable support for this collection.

The Children's collections were rearranged to better integrate Spanish- and English-language titles. Technical Services developed the new layout in collaboration with Youth Services and Spanish Services Librarians. The changes are intended to increase the visibility and circulation of the Spanish children's collection. Staff are also developing easy-to-read letter signs for browsing bins and continuing to weed older materials to make room for newer and more popular titles.

Staff also shifted the Adult Spanish collection to create additional space for new titles and continued collection growth.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

The Library welcomed fall with a diverse schedule of programs, educational opportunities, cultural celebrations, and community outreach.

The Library kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a community celebration featuring hands-on crafts inspired by Hispanic artists, traditional cultural dances representing multiple countries, and culturally appropriate snacks. Self-directed activities continued throughout the month, including a large community coloring poster, country facts and flags representing all 21 Spanish-speaking countries, and a large map where patrons could identify the country or region connected to their family.

The Library participated in National Voter Registration Day, giving community members an opportunity to register to vote or verify their registration. Children also participated in a mock election to select the upcoming scavenger hunt prize. Staff used the activity to explain the voting process and the importance of keeping ballots and votes private and confidential.

A new educational lecture series focused on the science of reading launched in September. Local literary consultant and educator Benjamin Scherz presented the first class, *From Sounding Out to Smooth Reading*, which explored how everyday conversations, rich vocabulary, and back-and-forth interaction help establish the foundations for reading success.

The Library launched All Ability Kits, a new self-directed activity designed for adults and teens with intellectual disabilities. Like Crafternoons, the kits can be completed at the Library or at home and provide an accessible, engaging activity for community members whenever they can participate.

Additional September programming included a costume swap; mini back-to-school book giveaways; a DIY toilet-paper-roll pencil-holder activity; a class on reading sheet music; 3D-printing basics; and a linoprinting workshop. The Youth S.T.E.A.M. series concluded with a mathematics-focused program exploring fractals through the creation of paper lanterns.

The Library's local speaker series featured longtime Parkite Sally Elliot. A sustainability-focused program explored the environmental costs of AI tools, while popular lecturer Deborah Jennings returned to present a program on tea, including how it is grown, which countries produce and consume the most tea, and tea's role in colonial America.

Community outreach continued beyond the Library building. The Library provided Spanish-language informational packets about Library services and events for the Community Foundation's Youth United Day of Service to distribute to Spanish-speaking residents. Staff also participated in the Sustainability Festival, which reaches fifth-grade students from McPolin, Parley's, Jeremy Ranch, and Park City Day School.

The Library implemented a comprehensive publicity campaign for the Utah Humanities Book Festival, including a KPCW Local News Hour interview, free and paid public service announcements, Park Record coverage and advertising, a

TownLift article, and social media advertising. Outreach efforts also specifically targeted local climbing and Jewish communities based on the subject matter of the keynote authors' books.

The Library hosted a Dolly Parton remembrance celebration on September 25, creating a playful "Nine-Two-Five" celebration. Patrons were invited to wear blonde wigs or pink cowgirl hats, take photographs with a Dolly Parton cutout, create a *Coat of Many Colors* craft, make pony bracelets, and participate in Dolly Parton trivia. Participants could win Dolly Parton books and other items donated by the Friends of the Library and could also sign up for the Imagination Library, supported locally by the Park City Community Foundation's Early Childhood Alliance.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY & CIRCULATION

The Information, Technology & Circulation Department continued preparing for upcoming technology changes, supported statewide reporting requirements, and improved the Library's public technology spaces.

To prepare for the TLC software upgrade scheduled for October 18, Chris Roh, Head of Information, Technology & Circulation, attended an informational webinar covering the upcoming improvements. The upgrade is expected to address display brightness issues, resolve existing software bugs, and provide important updates to the Library catalog.

The department completed the Utah State Library Technology Survey, which collects information about the Library's network, hardware, software, and public workstations and helps support statewide understanding of library technology infrastructure.

The department also relocated the Mac computers to the second floor, creating a dedicated, centralized workstation area near the printer. The area now provides a more cohesive technology space for laptops, Macs, and PCs.

The Information, Technology & Circulation Department also proctored three exams during September, continuing the Library's role in providing accessible community services and resources.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
09/02/26	NNLM: Supporting Long-Term Memory & Cognitive Health of Older Adults	Rylee Broach	1
09/22/26	Suicide Prevention LiveOn course	Rylee Broach	1
09/30/26	Talking to Patrons About AI (Niche Academy)	Kate Black	1
		Total	3