

GENERAL UPDATES

The Library Board has begun planning a creative and engaging 4th of July Parade entry to celebrate America 250. The entry will highlight the full scope of library services, including resources on U.S. history. Volunteers will walk with sandwich board displays and dress as historical figures, with a playful addition of guinea pig costumes to represent the library's beloved pets—bringing both education and fun to the community celebration.

The Library is now a verified location on the Wheel the World accessibility platform as part of a Park City Chamber initiative. Wheel the World evaluates over 200 accessibility data points across mobility, visual, auditory, cognitive, and sensory needs. The Park City Library received an exceptional score of 4.94 out of 5. This work aligns directly with the Library's Strategic Plan's Inclusivity pillar. Additional improvements are already underway, including ADA access to the stage in the Jim Santy Auditorium. A citywide launch is anticipated this July as Park City becomes a fully verified destination.

On April 21, the Library Leadership Team celebrated National Library Workers' Day with staff appreciation efforts that included pie from Auntie Em's and a large thank-you card signed by both the Library Board and Leadership Team—recognizing the essential role staff play in serving the community. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the Information Desk that recognized staff.

The Library Board received nine applications for FY27 appointments, including one renewal. The interview subcommittee—consisting of the Board Chair, liaison, and Library Director—conducted interviews and will bring forward a recommendation to the full Board for a vote before submitting to the Mayor and City Council for final approval in their June 25th meeting.

Library Executive Director Adriane Herrick Juarez presented the Annual Update to City Council on April 9, highlighting a record-setting 261,720 visitors in FY25, a dramatic increase from fewer than 100,000 annual visitors prior to the 2015 renovation. The renovation introduced modern amenities, including smart meeting rooms, updated public computers, and a creative lab with 3D printers, a sound booth, and video recording equipment. Programming reached 54,451 participants across events like Chats in the Kitchen, which serves Latino and Latina community members, and the Summer Reading Program. Partnerships included the Wasatch Back libraries for One Book, One Community and the Wasatch Back Book Festival. A total of 2,794 volunteers supported programming efforts. The Library circulated 148,558 items and retained its "quality library" designation from the Utah State Library Division. Additional improvements included the installation of a new automated check-in machine and \$95,000 in restaurant tax grant funding to upgrade lighting, power, and stage amenities in the Jim Santy Auditorium.

CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

Angela Dohanos, Assistant Director and Head of Cataloging and Collections, and Joe Oshnack, Room Reservation & Tenant Coordinator, supported and helped oversee the Zero Waste Forum (April 21–23), a highly successful event focused on sustainability and local resource-sharing. Rylee Broach conducted outreach during the forum and presented on the Library's Unique Items Collection, emphasizing its role in supporting a shared economy.

Ms. Dohanos and Mr. Oshnack also collaborated with Park City Film and DBPC to resolve an audio system issue in the auditorium and worked with Lifestyle Tech to install new wireless microphones in the Community Room. This upgrade eliminates the need for portable AV systems and improves long-term event functionality.

Rylee Broach, Adult Services Librarian, authored a “Green Tips” column in The Park Record, highlighting the Unique Items Collection, increasing public awareness, and reinforcing the Library’s role as a sustainability-focused community resource. Ms. Broach was also recognized as “Volunteer of the Month” by the Park City Senior Center for her contributions to community programming.

Flor Santa Maria, Spanish Services Librarian, continued to expand Spanish and bilingual services. A Spanish & Bilingual Services Survey has received 10 responses, with expanded outreach including QR codes at bilingual events. Ms. Santa Maria also coordinated with the Utah STEM Action Center and Utah State Library Division on a Numeracy Storytime Kit, currently in final development stages. Ms. Santa Maria also launched the Spanish Services Volunteer Program, with two pilot participants already demonstrating strong engagement and requesting additional outreach materials.

Katrina Kmak, Youth Services Librarian, in partnership with Chris Roh, implemented new AWE Stations in the Children’s area, replacing outdated units thanks to funding from the Friends of the Library. These stations provide safe, educational digital play opportunities for young patrons.

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

The Events and Publicity Team served over 300 community members during Park City School District’s Spring Break through daily programming. Activities included family films in partnership with Park City Film, a Super Smash Bros. tournament, a Salvador Dalí-inspired art session, Lego printing, origami, and a performance by Grassroots Shakespeare. Earth Month programming featured a community-wide recycled art project displayed in the first-floor self-directed area, the return of the popular Coffee Cup Fairy Gardens, and a Craft Swap event. Rylee Broach also supported the Zero Waste Forum’s Textile Fix-It Clinic using library sewing machines and supplies.

New programming initiatives included a STEAM series in which youth created Oobleck—a non-Newtonian fluid inspired by Dr. Seuss—and the launch of American Mahjong Open Play, reflecting growing community interest.

Ms. Kmak hosted two author events: Tracey West (Dragon Masters series) participated virtually, with youth creating dragon masks and preparing questions, and author Bobbie Pyron presented in partnership with Live Like Sam on her book *Octopus Moon*, addressing youth mental health and resilience. The program included a youth book club led by Kmak and Live Like Sam to foster discussion on themes such as depression, self-care, and acceptance.

Ms. Santa Maria conducted outreach at the first Mobile Food Pantry of the year and launched the Spanish Services Ambassador Program, which is already showing strong community engagement. She also hosted a popular piñata workshop, continuing culturally relevant programming alongside Chats in the Kitchen and Makers Thursdays.

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, & CIRCULATION

Our library software vendor, The Library Corporation, implemented a software update on April 13, modernizing both staff interfaces and the public catalog while simplifying overdue notices for patrons.

Christine Roh, Head of Information, Technology, & Circulation, presented staff training on the upcoming website and mobile app, both currently in final testing phases with a targeted launch date of May 11. Ms. Roh has led content migration and continues to guide staff through the new content management system.

Kate Black provided staff training on shelving and collection organization during the April staff meeting.

The Circulation team proctored two exams and processed 21 student library cards through the Park City School District partnership. The team also developed a new customer service training video focused on the Library's Mission, Vision, and Values. Danielle Bean, Library Assistant, supported this effort through filming and editing, and the video will be incorporated into onboarding and ongoing staff training materials.

TRAINING

Date	Topic	Participants	Total Contact Hours
April 2026	Revise CMS	Chris Roh	4
April 2026	Public Library Conference	Becca Lael	24
		Total	28