

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PERIOD: 10/01/2023 TO 11/14/2023

WASATCH COUNTY LIBRARY



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LIBRARY EVENTS & STAFF ACTIVITIES

- 10/03/2023, 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24 The library hosted the weekly grant-funded class **“Joyful Singing for Seniors”** presented by teaching artist Beth Lawrence with a final public presentation.
- 10/05/2023, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 The library hosted the weekly meeting of the **Highschool Heroes Dungeons & Dragons Club**.
- 10/05/2023, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09 The library hosted the weekly **“Yoga for Service”** class for Seniors in the Bowcutt Room.
- 10/05/2023 The library hosted a meeting of the **Heber Valley Self-Reliance Group**.
- 10/06/2023, 10/27/2023 The library hosted the **Wasatch County Executive Leadership class**. Library Assistant Director Angela Edwards is representing the library in this pilot leadership course.
- 10/06/2023 Assistant Director Angela Edwards and I facilitated the regular **library staff meeting**.
- 10/07/2023 The library hosted in the courtyard the **Homegrown Concert Series** featuring **Kate Smith**.
- 10/09/2023 The **library was closed** in observance of Columbus Day.
- 10/12/2023 The library hosted the regular monthly class **“Ready to Learn: Parenting Course on Childhood Development”** organized and presented by Welcome Baby of Utah County, United Way of Utah County.
- 10/13/2023 The library hosted the regular meeting of the **Heber Valley Arts Center** committee.
- 10/18/2023 The library hosted the regular monthly meeting of the program **“Charlas en la Cocina / Kitchen Conversations”** organized and presented by Latino Behavioral Health Services.
- 10/19/2023 The library hosted a **reception** for the **art exhibit “She Started It”** brought to Wasatch County in collaboration with the Traveling Exhibits Program of the Utah Division of Arts and Museums.
- 10/19/2023 Adult Services Librarian Dana Brosnahan conducted face-to-face book discussions for the **Wasatch County Senior Book Club** (10 AM) and the **Library Book Club** (6 PM).
- 10/25/2023 The library hosted in the Bowcutt Room the overflow of the **Wasatch County Planning Commission public hearing** held at the Senior Center.
- 10/26/2023 The library hosted the regional meeting of the **Mountainland Association of Governments** (MAG).
- 10/31/2023 Angela Edwards, a volunteer, and I **unloaded the crates** carrying the **Smithsonian exhibition** from the delivery truck into the library.
- 10/31/2023 The library hosted the meeting of the **Wasatch Coin & History Club**.
- 11/04/2023 The library hosted the **grand opening** of the Smithsonian exhibition ***Crossroads: Change in Rural America***.
- 11/06/2023 Library Board Chair Mitzi Nelson represented the library in a **networking lunch** organized by the **Wasatch CAPS program**.
- 11/08/2023 The library hosted in the Bowcutt Room the overflow of the **Wasatch County Council public hearing** held at the Senior Center.
- 11/10/2023 The **library was closed** in observance of Veterans Day.
- 11/11/2023 The library hosted a student **chess tournament** with over 60 participants.



- ONGOING PROGRAMS: **Monday:** Books & Babies, and Afterschool “Crafternoon” Programs & Lego Club. **Tuesday:** Preschool Storytimes, Homeschool Stories, Try Something Tuesdays, and *Hora del Cuento*. **Wednesday:** Preschool Storytime, After School Chess Club, and publication of “Wasatch Wednesdays” on Facebook. **Fourth Friday:** Family Movie Night.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 10/10/2023, 11/14/2023 The library hosted the monthly meeting of the **Wasatch Latino Coalition** (I missed the meeting 11/14/2023).
- 10/14/2023, 10/28/2023 I staffed the library outreach table at the **Midway Farmers Market** in Midway.
- ONGOING OUTREACH: Library staff member Sherrie Mortensen visited the **Deer Mountain Apartments** during the Summit County Bookmobile service to Hideout and to deliver snack packs to children provided by the Heber Food Bank (Thursdays) & library staff member Vicki Burtcher delivered library materials to homebound residents as part of the **OASIS program** (Mondays).

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- 10/11/2023 I watched the archived webinar “**Beehive Library Consortium Purchasing**” presented by the Utah State Library Division.
- 10/11/2023 The library hosted the regional training for librarians and library directors “Using LibPAS for Statistical Reporting” presented by the Utah State Library Division and Counting Opinions, LLC.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 10/10/2023, 10/24/2023, (Missed 11/07/2023) I attended the **Wasatch County Department Head** meeting.
- 10/13/2023 I facilitated the **Library Board** meeting (meeting date changed from 10/20/2023).
- 10/18/2023 I attended the **Wasatch County Council** meeting.
- 10/19/2023 I attended the virtual meeting of **Utah Public Library Directors** facilitated by the Utah State Library Division.
- 11/01/2023 I attended the **County Council** meeting and invited council members to attend the grand opening of the Smithsonian exhibition **Crossroads: Change in Rural America** on Saturday, November 4th at 11 AM.



LIBRARY USER FEEDBACK

10/31/2023 – Email from a library staff member:

“I thought you should hear this. Last week, a young man from one of the special needs homes came in to return a book before he moved. He took the time to thank us for giving him a safe space and got emotional when he said he would miss this library.”

11/08/2023 – Surveys collected from participants at the end of the “Joyful Singing for Boomers” class.

6. Did this program event change your idea or attitude about older adults?
 Yes No

7. Why or why not? (If you need more space, please use the back of this form)

It gave the participants an opportunity to be involved in something they never thought they could be involved with.

6. Did this program event change your idea or attitude about older adult?
 Yes No

7. Why or why not? (If you need more space, please use the back of this form)

*Excellent program.
Need more like this.*

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 Yes No

7. Why or why not? (If you need more space, please use the back of this form)

*MADE ME WANT TO GET OUT
OF MY COMFORT ZONE*

What suggestions do you have for future creative aging programs?

These programs are great for vast improvement while embracing new possibilities as we get older - really appreciated and necessary!



Would you recommend this creative aging program to a friend or relative?*

- a. Yes!
- b. Yes, but with some reservations
- c. No

What suggestions do you have for future creative aging programs?

More Funding so we can refer our friends for another class.

What was a highlight of this program? Do you have a memorable experience you could share?

I loved being with others and in an open learning environment.

The recital will be the icing on the cake.

What suggestions do you have for future creative aging programs?

Try anything the creative aging program throws out there.

What was a highlight of this program? Do you have a memorable experience you could share?

Getting out and meeting new friends. Learning to sing out loud and trying to be comfortable in the moment. Would love to attend another class.