

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PERIOD: 11/15/2024 TO 01/15/2025

### LIBRARY EVENTS & STAFF ACTIVITIES

- 11/15/2024, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27 The library hosted the weekly meeting of the **Dungeons & Dragons Club**.
- 11/15/2024 The library hosted a **Homegrown Concert featuring Columbia Jones**.
- 11/16/2024, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 01/10/2025 The library hosted a meeting of the **Heber Valley Arts Center Committee**.
- 11/18/2024, 11/25, 12/9, 12/16, 01/06/2025, 1/13 The library hosted a weekly English language class in collaboration with the **English Language Program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**.
- 11/19/2024, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31, 01/07/2025, 1/14 Young Adult Services Librarian Brittne Hecht facilitated the **Tween Dungeons & Dragon club "The Questlings."**
- 11/20/2024 The library hosted testing for the **Wasatch County Sheriff's Office**.
- 11/21/2024, 12/05 The library hosted the weekly **"Yoga for Service"** class for Seniors in the Bowcutt Room.
- 11/21/2024 Adult Services Librarian Dana Brosnahan facilitated the weekly meeting of the **Next Chapter Book Club** in collaboration with **Chapters Ahead, Inc.**
- 11/21/2024, Adult Services Librarian Dana Brosnahan facilitated meetings of the **Morning and Evening Book Clubs**.
- 11/22/2024 The library hosted a **Red Cross Blood Drive**.
- 11/26/2024 The library hosted the meeting of the **Wasatch Coin & History Club**.
- 11/26/2024 The library hosted the **art exhibit "Utah: America's Film Set"** from 11/26/2024 to 01/04/2025.
- 11/28/2024, 11/29 The library was **closed for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday**.
- 12/04/2024 The library hosted the monthly meeting of the program **"Charlas en la Cocina / Kitchen Conversations"** organized and presented by **Latino Behavioral Health Services**.
- 12/06/2024 The regular **library staff meeting** was canceled.
- 12/11/2024 The library closed at 5 PM to the public to allow staff to participate in the annual end-of-year **staff recognition dinner at the library**.
- 12/12/2024 Library Board members, Assistant Library Director Angela Edwards and I participated in the annual end-of-year **Trustee Appreciation Dinner**.
- 12/13/2024 The library hosted a **Homegrown Concert featuring Preston Creed & Kate Chanson**.
- 12/24/2024, 12/25 The library was **closed for the Christmas Holiday**.
- 01/01/2025 The library was **closed for the New Year's Day Holiday**.
- 01/03/2025 Assistant Library Director Angela Edwards and I facilitated the regular **library staff meeting**.

- 01/10/2025 Adult Services Librarian Kate Mapp and Marketing Library Specialist Alice DeFriez met with Rachel Kahler, Executive Director, Community Alliance for Main Street, to discuss the idea of a **historical exhibition of Heber City** during the County Fair.
- 01/14/2025 Assistant Library Director Angela Edwards, Young Adult Services librarian Brittne Hecht, Adult Services Librarian Kate Mapp, and Children's Librarian Dana Brosnahan participated in a meeting with **USU Extension** staff to discuss collaboration opportunities in the new creative space in the library.
- 01/14/2025 The library hosted a meeting of the **Shakespearean Book Club**.
- ONGOING PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Included Books & Babies, Monday Crafts, Lego Club, Try Something Tuesday, Sages & Seekers, Kids Book Club, Hora del Cuento, Chess Club, Minecraft Club, and Family Movie Night.

#### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- 11/18/2024 The library hosted the meeting of the **Wasatch Latino Youth Coalition**.
- 12/10/2024 I attended the regular meeting of the **Wasatch Latino Coalition**.
- ONGOING: Library staff member Vicki Burtcher and volunteers Michele and Nancy delivered library materials to homebound residents through the **OASIS program** (Mondays).

#### **TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

- 12/18/2024 I conducted a training for staff on using the **Web Builder module in Aspen Discovery** to create and maintain library website pages.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

- 11/15/2024 I facilitated the regular **Library Board Meeting**. Assistant Library Director Angela Edwards was excused for this meeting.
- 11/19/2024, 12/17, 01/14/2025 I attended the **Wasatch County Department Head** meeting.
- 11/21/2024 Library Assistant Director Angela Edwards and I met with **Midway Mayor Celeste Johnson** to discuss collaboration opportunities.
- 12/11/2024 I attended the online meeting of the **Utah Public Library Directors**.
- 12/20/2024 The **Library Board meeting** was canceled.
- 01/07/2025 I met with Assistant County Manager Heber Lefgren to learn more about Wasatch County **Transient Room Tax (TRT) funds**.

**LIBRARY USE**





**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Sages and Seekers Session 01

Brittnie,

I have been thinking over the last few days about the Sages and Seekers program that you have initiated here in Wasatch County. What a wonderful idea, and the outcome of your first session was fabulous! The Sages were, in my opinion, not the average sort of senior, but instead you recruited a group of high achievers in life to serve as mentors and examples to our younger generation. On the other hand, the Seekers were also a group of very interesting and personable young folks that seemed really interested in connecting with us (as I was a Sage) and hearing our stories and opinions. As a matter of fact, the "tribute essays" written and presented on the last night of the program by the Seekers indicated how much the teens learned and appreciated the experience of connecting with older adults. Overcoming an initial awkwardness was to be expected, but once we settled in, I believe that each meeting got better and better for us after we paired off. We all made new friends both young and old. I truly appreciate being selected to be a member of the first group, and I will be recommending to my friends that they might enjoy participating in a future session. A lot of the success of this experience should be attributed to how well you conducted the meetings and in keeping our conversations going. I hope that you will be able to continue the program, and that the library will support you in that endeavor. I also hope that the Senior Center might be willing to support such a meaningful and rewarding program, too.

Thank you for selecting me and my husband to participate in this experience. It was both rewarding and meaningful! I would volunteer to write a letter to the editor of the Wave if that would be helpful in recruiting your next group of Sages.

All the best,  
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