

Grantsville City Library Annual Report 2016-2017

Director's Presentation to Grantsville City Council

March 15, 2017

Thank you for allowing me to present this annual report on behalf of the Grantsville City Library Board of Trustees.

The library was once again under budget for the previous fiscal year. We put these funds to good use with collection development, programming for children and adults, as well as community outreach to the traditionally underserved. Some noted programming and outreach included:

Literacy around the World at Grantsville Elementary School

This was a series of presentations to the students in the cafeteria. Our library represented the country of Japan and had a nice display of items representing Japanese culture. We taught the students how to count to ten in Japanese, and had handouts of the numerals in Kanji and Rōmaji.

Summer Reading Program

Every Thursday in June, we presented special stories, games, and crafts. We also had special presentations for the patrons from Reptile Rescue, Grantsville Fire Dept., Grantsville Police Dept., and others. The theme was "On your mark, get set...READ!"

Summer Tutoring Program

Over one hundred selected students from Willow Elementary and Grantsville Elementary schools were tutored one-on-one from volunteers from the community. The Reading Specialists from both schools and library staff worked hard to help these children learn reading strategies and improve comprehension.

Digital Outreach Program at Wendover High School

This was a collaboration with Wendover High School and their media specialist Janna Pehrson to register students with GCL library cards which would allow access to online databases. One hundred and ten students have been registered so far.

Literacy in Action at the Tooele Community Learning Center

This was a collaboration with GCL, Tooele City Library, and Tooele School District to present to educators and parents different resource options for student learning. Grantsville City Library staff demonstrated free online learning resources through Utah's Online Library. A Grantsville Library volunteer presented resources available for those interested in Braille; whether to learn to read it, or create it.

We were granted "full initial certification" through the Utah State Library on April 25, 2016. This is a three year process, in which our library developed into a full service public library that offers services outlined in eleven benchmarks listed as part of the certification process. We officially met nine of the eleven benchmarks. Recently we found that we are to receive Community Library Enhancement Fund

(CLEF) grants money in the amount of \$5,500. This is money we receive from the Utah State Library as a certified library.

As for the numbers you have in front of you, they are comparable with the previous year's figures. I was pleased to see circulation increase by 9,848. Kudos go to our library staff who implemented several new strategies aimed at increasing circulation.

Using FY 2016 figures, the library has 76,112 electronic and physical items to circulate to readers. This includes downloadable audio books and eBooks that have been added to our catalog through the OneClick and OverDrive portals. Access to these databases are made available through a free collaboration with our library and the Utah State Library.

The library is a Wi-Fi hotspot, and residents increasingly use their own devices to access the internet both during our public hours as well as when we are closed. Reference questions increasingly deal with access issues as well as how to download eBooks and audio books from our databases. We also help with patron's accessibility issues with their own email accounts, online job applications, resume help, and other issues that they would not be able to resolve successfully without our help.

Programming and outreach are essential components of the library's educational mission for all ages at the library. Continuing partnerships with Willow Elementary, Grantsville Elementary, Tooele County School District, the Grantsville Emergency Food Pantry, The Grantsville Senior Center, Grantsville Police Department, Fire Department, Utah State University, Tooele, Grantsville High School, and others, have enabled us to enhance learning opportunities through library programs both in and beyond our walls, by using expertise available within the community.

Ongoing monthly programs for adults including games, puzzles, and a book club continues to be popular. Also scattered throughout the year were musical programs, speaker programs, author visits, and STEAM craft learning sessions. One-on-one time is available on a call-ahead basis, and often without advanced notice through the "Book a Librarian" program. Additionally, the homebound delivery program offers readers who cannot get to the library the opportunity to checkout materials.

Tiny Tot story times for preschoolers and toddlers continue to be popular. Recently we had a Teddy Bear Sleepover in which more than 70 children left their stuffed friends for a sleepover at the library. They read stories to each other, enjoyed the fire, and even played on the computers. The following day, each participant picked up their stuffed friend, along with a certificate with a photo of their friend and suggested book titles found in our collection. Two GCL children's computer stations are popular with preschoolers as are the puzzles and puppets available for imaginative play in the library.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all of the backing given to the library. All of our library programs are free and open to the public whether they have an account with us or not.

On behalf of the library board and staff, I enthusiastically thank all of those who have supported the library this past year. The library board of trustees with whom I have worked are wholeheartedly dedicated and unwaveringly committed to providing Grantsville with library services that meet the needs of the community. I thank them for their hard work and the time they have devoted to governing the library and providing strong support for the library staff and me. Along with the library board, I also thank you, Mayor Marshall, Council members, and Grantsville City residents, for the continued trust and support you have given the library and me throughout my tenure here.