

Honorable City Council, Mayor Marshall, and citizens, it is my honor and great privilege this evening to report to you on the Grantsville City Library. We have had a very good year. I am proud to say that we are consistently moving forward in a positive and strategic direction with our excellent staff, our caring, generous Library Trustees, and our engaged library patrons.

We pride ourselves in providing value for the tax dollars that have been entrusted to us. For the third year in a row, Grantsville City Library operated within its allocated budget. This is a great accomplishment as it has allowed us to run well and lean.

In January, Grantsville City Library increased our open hours to a full 40 hours per week, which is an improvement over our 24 public hours when we first opened in March of 2013. We are open currently Tuesday through Thursday 10:00- 7:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00- 2:00 pm.

We average more than 160 daily visitors, offer a collection of 35,335 physical items, 32,080 electronic items and have programming for preschoolers, children, and teens. We will be starting computer and email access programming for adults and seniors next month, and are investigating Storytime in French with a collaboration with the French immersion teacher at Grantsville Elementary School. (Martine Jacquot)

During the 2015 fiscal year, we were open 1,984 hours, had 42,380 visitors, and had 2,494 registered users. We circulated a total of 51,787 items of which 5,295 were electronic materials, and 46,492 were physical materials. There were 30,515 children's materials circulated last year.

Education and literacy are powerful tools which we can use for change, and our library supports a culture of lifelong learning for visitors and staff alike. The staff is in the process of cross training to learn different library specializations. The intention is to have staff who are equally comfortable with patrons' needs, but also have the technical skills to catalog and repair books.

We are committed to fostering our relationship with other agencies when it fits with the overall mission and vision of the library. We are currently working together with the Tooele City Library in a collaboration with Utah State University Tooele for a literacy open house this October. In June we will be hosting the fourth annual Summer Tutoring Program which is a collaborative effort with both Willow Elementary and Grantsville Elementary Schools. This involves partnering students who need one-on-one tutoring with community volunteers so they can get the help they need to read at grade level. Our latest results show that there are now 11 students reading at or above grade level as a result of this positive intervention. Thank you Char Warner and Beverly Bunderson for making this happen for us.

Recently, we have gone through the Library Certification process with the Utah State Library. The Certification Standards ensure that all certified libraries offer the most current library services, follow the law, and follow best practices. The Standards

outline the minimum levels for quality library services in the state and determine the library's eligibility to receive grants funding from the State of Utah. Libraries in Utah serving legal service areas of 50,000 or less are subject to the certification process.\*

Our 95 page certification packet was submitted on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The initial feedback with our library consultant, Juan Tomas Lee, was very positive. It has since been passed along to an adhoc committee that is looking at our document to confirm that we meet the current benchmarks and other criteria for certification. The most recent unofficial feedback from the committee is also very positive, and we anticipate an official designation of full certification from the State Library soon.

I'd like to publically thank an exceptional group of people, the employees of the library, for the results they deliver day in and day out for our library. It is an honor to serve alongside such remarkable, talented, and dedicated individuals. I would like to take a moment to recognize all of our library volunteers, too. Thank you for the time, energy, and talents that you give to us.

As I stand before you tonight, I am honored and humbled to be here. It is a privilege to serve as director to our library. I thank you for giving me the amazing opportunity to serve our community these past three years.

I'm firmly convinced that wonderful things will continue at our library. Great libraries don't just happen. They are the result of hard work, exceptional staff and volunteers, and dedicated partners in the community.

Thank you,

John Ingersoll  
Library Director

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