



## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

There are a lot of great things happening in Salt Lake County! Earlier this week, I gathered with Governor Cox and other leaders in the Utah State Capitol's Gold Room to announce the State Games of America are coming to Salt Lake in 2030. Hosting these games directly benefits residents because, in addition to competing in and/or watching the games, the tourism taxes collected are reinvested in the community.

Over the weekend, I took advantage of the warmer weather by participating in the Winter Roundup skijoring event. And, I'm really looking forward to March because the anxiously awaited and deeply needed Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center, located in South Salt Lake, will be opening. This resource will be a game changer for individuals in our community who experience mental health crises.

## State of the County Address

On February 4, I delivered my 2025 State of the County address at the Clark Planetarium in downtown Salt Lake City. The venue provided a stellar, literally, backdrop to highlight 2024 milestones and to focus on the numerous opportunities available to Salt Lake County residents, businesses, and visitors in 2025 and beyond.

### 2025 PRIORITIES

- Modernize workforce, systems, and public spaces

- Revitalize downtown Salt Lake City through the development of a Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention district
- Boost Salt Lake County’s out-of-state visitor economy
- Ongoing reinvestment in arts, culture, tourism, conventions, and indoor and outdoor recreation
- Sustainable building and management
- Attainable, affordable housing
- Continue collaborative implementation of the Salt Lake County Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan
- Improve public safety, reduce repeat offenses, and criminal justice reform
- Connect residents with free or low-cost County services and programs



2025 State of the County Address

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## Free and Low-Cost Family Activities

Recognizing the costs involved in raising a family, and the value of access to affordable engaging experiences and healthy opportunities, I am thrilled to announce the launch of [Salt Lake County “Free and Low-Cost Family Activities” page](#).

This dedicated web page details free to low-cost Salt Lake County activities and resources for children, parents, and families. It also includes a map of county

amenities around the valley and resources for individuals and older adults.

**This is your one-stop resource to explore low-cost art, culture, education, and recreation activities the whole family will love.**

Free and Low-Cost Family Activities

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## Housing and Community Development Open House Public Hearing

The Office of Regional Development wants to hear from you!

**Help shape the future of housing and community development in Salt Lake County** with fun activities, snacks, and your valuable input. All residents are welcome, including children.

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025

**TIME:** anytime between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM

**LOCATION:** The County Library's Viridian Event Center, 8030 S 1825 W, West Jordan

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## Vote for the Clark Planetarium

Help the Clark Planetarium shine as one of the best planetariums in the country—spread the word and vote today!

**Clark Planetarium has been nominated as one of the *Best Planetariums in the U.S.*** by *USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards!* This is a huge honor, but we need your help to make it to the top of the list.

As Utah's go-to destination for space exploration and science education, we're proud to inspire curiosity through our hands-on exhibits, incredible dome shows, and unforgettable IMAX experiences. Now, **you can help us earn national recognition by casting your vote!**

**Vote Daily:** You can vote **HERE** once per day.

**Voting ends February 19 at 10 AM:** Be sure to cast your vote before the deadline!

Vote Daily

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## Winter Reading at the County Library

Find comfort in the cold with the County Library's Winter Reading challenge! Set a daily reading goal and cozy up with a good book to melt away the frosty blues.

Track your progress with a paper record or online using the Beanstack app. Finish and receive one free book. Open to all ages.

### How to Participate:

1. Pick up a reading record at your [local branch](#), [download the pdf](#), or [register and track online](#).
2. Log your reading and activities.
3. Return your completed reading record to any County Library branch for your reward book!

# Winter Reading

at the County Library

February 1-28

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Set Your Goal**  
Choose one daily goal (number of minutes, pages, books, chapters, or reading with the family)

Goal \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Record Your Progress**  
Mark or color an image each time you accomplish your daily goal

**3 Celebrate Your Win**  
Complete your daily goal 20 times, return this record to a library branch, and collect your prize book
























[▶ thecountylibrary.org/WinterReading](http://thecountylibrary.org/WinterReading)

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Register for Winter Reading

Download the PDF

Teachers, you can [sign up your class](#) and do the winter reading challenge as a group!

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Sincerely,

*Jenny Wilson*

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Mayor of Salt Lake County



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