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Program gets books to homebound



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A librarian shelves a book on Friday at the Provo City Library.

Provo City Library delivers reading materials to those who can't visit the library

BY BRALEY DODSON
Daily Herald

Many people go about doing good deeds in their families, neighborhoods, organizations and church congregations. "Utah Valley's Everyday Heroes" celebrates these unsung community members and brings to light their quiet contributions.

The students at Slate Canyon Youth Center know that the rolling tote on wheels means there'll be a fresh stash of books

in their library.

"They look forward to it," said Rikki Carter, adult and teen services librarian at the Provo City Library. "We look forward to it, too."

Many of the rotating books inside the Slate Canyon School — a part of the youth detention facility — are courtesy of the Provo City Library Homebound Outreach Service, a program

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A librarian looks through the book references on Friday at the Provo City Library.

Tech workers advocate for ethical action

BY SAMANTHA MALDONADO
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Liz O'Sullivan was hired at the New York City-based artificial intelligence company Clarifai in 2017, she felt lucky to find work at the intersection of two of her main interests: technology and ethics. Two years later, she encountered a moral dilemma.

Clarifai was developing aerial photography and object detection tools as one of several companies working on Project Maven, a Pentagon drone surveillance program. After talking to friends and colleagues, O'Sullivan realized this type of technology eventually could be used for autonomous weapons.

In January, she wrote to Clarifai CEO Matt Zeiler on behalf of a group of employees, asking whether the technology would be used for weapons and urging him to commit to a series of ethical measures. After Zeiler later acknowledged Clarifai likely would provide tech for autonomous weapons, O'Sullivan quit.

"I was very surprised and had to follow my conscience," she said. Zeiler and Clarifai did not respond to a request for comment, though Zeiler has previously said Clarifai's Project Maven involvement aligns with its mission.

O'Sullivan, 34, considers herself part of a "growing backlash against unethical tech," a groundswell in the past two years in which U.S. tech employees have tried to remake the industry from the inside out — pushing for more control over how their work is used and urging better conditions, job security and wages for affiliated workers.

While some speak out and others sign petitions, workers are collectively taking action like never before:

- Amazon and Microsoft employees demanded the companies stop providing services to software company Palantir, which provides technology to the U.S. Army and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Employees also have urged Amazon to transition to renewable energy.
- Following last year's walkouts over Google's handling of sexual misconduct cases, employees signed

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LDS Church's role in death penalty case argued again



TRENT NELSON, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE VIA AP

Douglas Lovell at an evidentiary hearing in Ogden on Aug. 5. A jury in 2015 sentenced Lovell to be executed for killing 39-year-old Joyce Yost in 1985. Lovell has been appealing the decision. At right is Lovell's attorney, Colleen Coebergh.

BY JACOB SCHOLL
Standard-Examiner

OGDEN — Testimony by a former attorney for a man on Utah's death row, continued last week in an Ogden courtroom.

The testimony included the attorney's experiences with counsel representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during Lovell's 2015 trial and the church's alleged meddling in the case.

The 23B hearings regarding the appeal case for Lovell, a 61-year-old man twice convicted of capital murder and twice given a death sentence, continued as scheduled and again featured one of Lovell's former attorneys, Sean Young.

Young testified that he and his then co-counsel, Michael Bouwhuis, were contacted by attorneys for the church during the second week of the 2015 trial. The attorneys, employed at the Salt Lake

City legal firm Kirton McCronkie and representing the LDS Church at time, told the defense counsel they wanted to cut down the number of Lovell's former prison bishops testifying on his behalf from five to three, according to Young.

Young went on to say that the attorneys told the defense that if the number of church leaders testifying was not reduced, they would file motions to quash any subpoenas and seek to have no church leaders take the stand.

According to Young, he and Bouwhuis were in the midst of the trial and overwhelmed with the workload, so they went along with the suggestion by the Kirton McCronkie attorneys. Young said the church attorneys later asked him and Bouwhuis to avoid asking church leaders about certain topics, however Young did not elaborate during the Tuesday hearing as to

what topics were discussed.

Young went on to say that after a former prison bishop testified in the 2015 trial, the Kirton McCronkie attorneys were "upset" with the cross examination by state prosecutors.

The Tuesday testimony was similar to what Bouwhuis told the court earlier this month regarding the attorneys representing the former prison bishops, and their request to limit the number of those set to testify.

"They appeared to be trying to manhandle us, saying you can't call these people," Bouwhuis said on Aug. 6.

These allegations of alleged witness tampering are not new, as the question of whether or not the LDS Church meddled in some way has been a point of discussion in previous hearings regarding Lovell's case.

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