

Message From The Director

I was recently on a ship. It was a ghost ship, far from shore, with a group of 10 people (myself included) who were trying to find our way back to shore and off the ship. The 10 of us had all been given a special ability, but the one I remember the most was a man called the mouth, who had an extra narrow neck extending from his main neck, with a mouth at the end of it, who could influence people to do what he wanted.

I don't know if I made it off the ship, as I woke up somewhere in there and forgot most of what I dreamed about. Having said that, I feel like I should highlight two main reasons for sharing this:

1. It's true, I admit it, I have weird dreams from time to time. I don't know what my subconscious is trying to tell me when I sleep, but I sure have fun living weird adventures in the middle of the night.

2. Sign ups for Summer Reading are starting now. The theme is "Imagine Your Story". Your imagination, whether in a day dream, a night dream, or just your own unique story, can be the start of something amazing. Sign up now to cultivate that imagination at <http://washcolibrary.readsquared.com/>.

I'll be the first to admit, I enjoy video gaming from time to time. I like stepping into another "imaginary" world, making decisions, accomplishing goals, and winning the game. Maybe that is one source of my weird dreams. Who knows? But what I do know is that kids (and adults) need more than video games to cultivate that good imagination.

What better source than between the covers of a book. Whether you are into ghost ships, adventures, mysteries, magic, western, sci-fi, romance, or whatever, there is no better source to cultivate the imagination.

We encourage you, and friends of all ages, to cultivate your love of reading and of the library. Come to the library, and imagine with us!



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Summer Reading Program



The Washington County Library System is proud to be a member of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children, teens, and adults for their public libraries. Best of all, every program is free to our patrons!

This year, the Library System offers reading programs for children, 'tweens, teens and adults! The theme for 2020 is "Imagine Your Story", and features programming with a focus on imagination, fairy tales, folklore and legends.

Why read? Successful readers generally do better at school, and are more successful taking tests. Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. If your child doesn't read regularly this summer, they may be in danger of the "summer slide" - a decline in their reading ability.

Studies have shown that children and teens who read regularly during the summer retain their reading skills, which prevents "summer slide", and helps them to retain or improve their reading skills over the summer break.

Sign up at your local branch, or go online and register at <http://washcolibrary.readsquared.com/>. Plan on attending one of the many programs that are scheduled at each of the eight library branches for entertaining and engaging educational opportunities. The summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of reading, and "Imagine Your Story" at your library!

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Summer break is finally here! And things...don't look all that different. The kids are still telling you they're bored, just like they have been for the last 1,000 weeks. But now at least you can visit some of the great outdoors, or have a barbecue, or chase each other with water guns! However you plan to take advantage of the warmer weather, we know you'll need an occasional break from the outside (especially once temperatures get over 110). What better way than to turn on the air conditioning full blast and settle in for a nice DVD from the library? For some ideas, here are a few of the DVDs that we've added recently:

MOVIES:

- BAD BOYS FOR LIFE
- CATS (Idris Elba Version)
- THE CURRENT WAR
- DOCTOR SLEEP
- DOLITTLE
- THE FANATIC
- STAR WARS, THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

DOCUMENTARIES:

- THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MY MOTHER
- HAL
- HILLBILLY
- LOOK WHO'S DRIVING
- MARIA BY CALLAS
- MASTER OF DARK SHADOWS

Our library branches are also nicely air conditioned! And because we know your summer power bill may skyrocket a bit, DVDs are FREE (as always) to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. So come on by to take a break from the heat and find some DVDs to check out. Just...don't squirt us with water guns. Please.

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

Best Summer Reads for 2020

Whether you're planning on taking a beach break this summer or are just dreaming of one while you unwind with a good read on your patio, the Washington County Library System has great books that will keep you in a sunny mood all season long. So kick back, put your feet up and get lost in another world with these great reads:

1. The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett
2. Big Summer by Jennifer Weiner
3. Beach Read by Emily Henry
4. The Shadows by Alex North
5. The Lies That Bind by Emily Giffin
6. The Marriage Game Sara Desai
7. Take a Hint, Dani Brown by Talia Hibbert

New titles are arriving throughout the summer, so check it out @ your library this summer!

Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to announce the spotlight for May 2020 – Grace Mann! I think I should share up front that she is retiring this month, and on her way on a new adventure!



Grace has been a staple within the library for almost 18 years, and has enriched the lives of many children. In addition to serving in the public library, she worked in Washington County School District as a children's librarian for 18 years. Smell my math gears turning...36 years as a librarian! She made the move the public library and helped open the Santa Clara Branch as the first Children's Librarian at that location. After several years at the Santa Clara Branch, a retirement created an opening and she made the move to St. George. I have heard on multiple occasions examples where a mother was highlighting to her children that Mrs. Mann was their librarian when they were kids. It is amazing to me that someone could have such a great impact in the lives of our community.

This last month, Grace helped with the inventory project, planned Summer Reading, and started May's story time again after COVID-19 closures. Thanks to her work, this year's summer reading activities in St. George promise to be fun, educational, and worth the time. Grace makes overseeing all this seem so easy and natural. She always has a smile on her face, and has always done a superb job. She loves the children, and it shows in the popularity of her programs. Summer Reading is a very large part of children's programming. It takes hours of planning, sign-ups with over a thousand children, weekly activities, and keeping track of all the reading logs. With such a large branch it takes a lot of attention to detail. Grace has made it all look easy. In addition to children's programming, Grace also helped to establish an amazingly successful Science and Art Club on Tuesday nights. Grace's Science club has a great following, as she comes up with fun, entertaining and educational experiments.

Grace is a true library asset, and she will be missed as she retires this month! Wish her well in retirement.

- Joel Tucker,
Director

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Story Walk - Available anytime, new story walk weekly
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Tuesdays - Children's Summer Reading - 10:30 & 11:30 am,
please check the schedule for any changes
Wednesday, June 3 - Tween Summer Reading 10:30 am
Thursday, June 11 - Teen Summer Reading 3:30 pm
Wednesday, June 17 - Tween Summer Reading 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 25 - Teen Summer Reading 3:30 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Tuesdays - Read It, Make It, Create It Story Walks
Anytime between the hours of 10:am - 12:00 pm
Tuesdays - Teen Summer Reading 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Children's Summer Reading 10:30 & 11:30 am
Saturday, June 6 - Movie Matinee 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 9 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Thursday, June 11 - Creative Community for Adults 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 18 - Unbook Club 4:00 pm

St. George Branch

Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
Mondays - Story Time with Grandpa Steve 10:00 & 11:00
Mondays - Story Time with Miss Jill 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time
10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:00, 11:00 & 1:00 pm
Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
Tuesday, June 9 & 23 - Adult Coloring Club 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Kid's Summer Reading 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 4, 11, 18, & 25 - Teen Summer Reading 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 9 & 23 - Adult Coloring Club 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 9 - Navajo Stories and Folklore 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 16 - Writing Your Life through Fantasy 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 23 - Adult Summer Reading 6:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Thursdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday June 3 - Children's Summer Reading 11:00 am
Wednesday June 6 - Children's Summer Reading 11:00 am
Wednesday June 17 - Children's Summer Reading 11:00 am
Wednesday June 24 - Children's Summer Reading 11:00 am

Library Programs and Events

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Walk 10:30 am
Fridays - Story Walk 10:30 am
Monday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 - Children's Summer Reading
Please check the Summer Reading schedule for times
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Teen Summer Reading 4:30 pm
Thursday, June 11 - Imagine A Brighter Future: An Activity for Job
Seekers 5:30 pm
Thursday, June 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Saturday, June 27 - Campfire Storytelling 2:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Kid's Summer Reading
Please check the Summer Reading schedule for times
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Tween & Teen
Summer Reading 3:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesday, June 3 - Children's Summer Reading 10:30 am
Thursdays - Teen & Tween Summer Reading
Please check the Summer Reading schedule for times
Wednesdays, June 10, 17, & 24 - Children's Summer
Reading Programs 12:00 pm
Wednesday, June 17 - Adult Summer Reading - Virtual
Arm Chair Travels 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 16 - Writer's Group 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 24 - Anime 5:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Children's Summer Reading
Programs 1:00 pm
Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Teen Summer Reading
Please check the Summer Reading schedule for times
Wednesday, June 24 - Adult Summer Reading -
Macrame Basics 5:00 pm

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