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# Message From The Director

I don't know about you, but I thought they really missed the mark when they tagged this whole pandemic COVID-19. Yeah, it may have originated in 2019, but I feel like 2020 was the year where everything went to pot. In my opinion, which doesn't carry much weight, it should have been called COVID-20.

Regardless, both 2019 and 2020 are history, and 2021 is in full swing, with a quarter down and three to go. The governor has signed HB 294, the pandemic endgame bill! The main impact there for the library is the mask mandate. We have worked to support the governor in the mask mandate. We have posted signs that have reinforced the use of masks, we have required library staff to wear masks, and we have made masks available to patrons who may need one.

Moving forward, starting April 10th, we will take the mask signs down and no longer require staff to wear masks. Patrons and staff can continue to wear masks if they want, and we will leave masks out for patrons while supplies last, but it will be up to the individual to mask up if they so desire. Honestly, I can't wait!

In addition to the mask change, the library is also working to reinstate programming across the system. We adjusted to the pandemic by doing less in person programming. Instead we met on zoom and made take-home kits for our patrons. We enjoyed doing those take-home kits, and will probably continue that to a lesser degree, but we are working to return to pre-COVID "in person" programming levels.

In the meantime, we are preparing for summer reading. We are excited to put all that COVID stuff behind us, and make 2021 a year to remember! Our excellent librarians are putting together some great programs along the Tails and Tales theme. And...rumor has it that for some of the age

categories, those who participate and finish, will be entered into a drawing for a Nintendo Switch....What!?

We look forward to seeing your beautiful, mask-less smile, in the library!

Joel E. Tucker, Director Washington County Library System



Mark your calendars for April 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate National Library Week. The observance of National Library Week has been sponsored by the American Library

Association since 1958. Its purpose is to celebrate the nation's libraries and to promote library use and support. This year's theme, "Welcome To Your Library" illustrates how today's libraries are at the heart of our cities, towns, and campuses, providing resources, programs and expertise.

During the pandemic, library workers continue to exceed their communities' demands and adapt resources and services to meet their users' needs during these challenging times. During the past year, use of digital resources such as ebooks, audio books, and databases have soared. Whether you visit in person or virtually, your library branch offer endless opportunities to grow through education and lifelong learning. How can you participate in National Library Week? Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Visit your local library! Now is great time to explore resources that may not already be familiar to you. Did you know we have databases to help you fix your car, research your ancestors, find scholarships, learn languages, and more?
- 2. Checked out a wireless hotspot or GoPro camera. Do you want to try the Virtual Reality headsets? Are you interested in learning how to download eBooks and eAudio books? Come to your library branch to learn more!
- 3. Visit your library and Celebrate Poetry! National Poetry month is observed in April, and the Library System offers many books on how to write poetry, as well as compilations of poetry from popular poets from all eras.

Since there is way too much going on to fit it all into just one week, the Library System will be celebrating the entire month of April. The Library System will be hosting programs on gardening, craft workshops, Money Smart Story Times, and displays of the 2021 "Un-Bound Upcycled Book Art" contest entries. Check the Library calendar or talk to one of our great library employees for information on the time and locations of the library programs that are offered throughout the Library System. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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This year for April Fool's Day, the library would like to set you the ultimate prank challenge: the prank that is NO prank. Stun your family! Bewilder your friends! Tell them you're really going to get them this year on April 1st, and then, right when they least expect it, whip out a DVD from the library and quietly watch a movie with them! They'll be flustered! They'll be astounded! They'll be utterly unable to predict your complete lack of pranking! (And, also, maybe they won't try to get back at you with a horrible prank-gone-wrong next year...) As it just so happens, the library has recently added a bunch of DVDs to choose from:

#### **MOVIES AND TV:**

- THE CROODS: A NEW AGE
- FORD V FERRARI
- GREENLAND
- THE INFORMER
- JOJO RABBIT
- LET HIM GO
- MONSTER HUNTER
- WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

#### **DOCUMENTARIES:**

- AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRE RESCUE
- ELDORADO
- FUNNY PAINS
- HUA MULAN
- REBUILDING PARADISE
- SECRET MIND OF SLIME
- THIS RAINDROP HAS A BILLION STORIES TO TELL

As a further twist in this wicked prank, the library promises that DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So come on by for your full DVD prank prep! (And if your friends chide you for this most devastating of all pranks, just tell them that the library put you up to it.)

-Beth Meyers, St. George Library



Washington County Library System is pleased to partner with In-N-Out Burger to bring you the Cover to Cover Library Reading Program.

Young readers ages 4-12 get an opportunity to earn free food from In n' Out

through the program. The program will end on Saturday, April 17, 2021, so there is still plenty of time for young readers to participate.

Children who read five books at their grade level receive a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger! For more information or to register for the program, speak to the Children's Librarian at your local library branch.

# **Employee Spotlight**

It is my pleasure to recognize Trevor Cox as the library spotlight for March 2021!

Trevor is one of the reference librarians for the St. George branch. He started as a clerk in Springdale just before summer reading in 2019, and in true Washco fashion, we put him



right to work running the summer reading program for that area. Using his skills from his previous teaching job, he stepped right up and did a great job!

About a year later when we had a full-time librarian retire, he rose to the top as the best of the best to fill those big shoes. Once again, he hit the ground running and has done a great job with the adults. He uses his unique perspective on library work and his love for history to make adult programming fun and exciting. And as the library juggled COVID manning shortages, Trevor consistently stepped up and filled in for the children's area in St. George. He continues to impress both adults and children with his entertaining way of reading books and choosing activities.

Trevor loves his son, who is turning two in May, and his wife, and they will soon celebrate their fifth anniversary. He has a passion for History, Fantasy, and Travel. Other talents, hobbies, or interests include: Japanese, reading, video games, camping, music (piano, guitar, and voice), art, and...mapmaking?

Trevor is a true asset to the library system, provides warm and friendly customer service to our patrons, and continues to make the library a great place to visit. Congratulations Trevor, keep up the great work!

- Joel Tucker,

## New York Times Best Sellers -Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

### FICTION:

1. Win

by Harlan Coben

2. The Four Winds

by Kristin Hannah

3. Life After Death

by Sister Souljah

4. The Midnight Library

by Matt Haig

5. Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro

6. The Invisible Life of Addie

LaRue by V.E. Schwab

7. Dark Sky

by C.J. Box

8. We Begin at the End

by Chris Whitaker

9. Wild Sign

by Patricia Briggs

10. The Vanishing Half

by Brit Bennett

## **NONFICTION:**

Director

1. This Is the Fire by Don Lemon

2. The Code Breaker

by Walter Isaacson

3. Greenlights

by Matthew McConaughey

4. Caste

by Isabel Wilkerson

5. How to Avoid a Climate

Disaster by Bill Gates

6. Untamed

by Glennon Doyle

7. A Promised Land

by Barack Obama

8. The Sum of Us

by Heather McGhee

9. Just As I Am

by Cicely Tyson with

Michelle Buford

10. Think again

by Adam Grant

# **Library Programs and Events**

### Hurricane Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Friday, April 2 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 7 & 14 - AARP Tax Help 10:00 am
Wednesday, April 14 & 28 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Wednesday, April 7 & 21 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Thursday, April 8 & 22 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30,11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am
Tuesday, April 6 - Virtual Author Talk with Frederick Swanson 5:30 pm
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
Tuesday, April 13 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 (available in person and via Zoom)
Monday, April 19 - Painted Pots for Teens 3:00 pm

Recycled Trash Art Exhibit - Drop of April 22 - Exhibit April 23

### St. George Branch

Mondays - Story Time 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 pm
Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
Tuesday, April 6 - Grab 'n Go Science Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 13 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
(Also available via Zoom)
Wednesday, April 21 & Thursday April 22 - Adult Grab n' Go Craft
Tuesday, April 20 - Grab n' Go Art Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 15-21 - Grab n' Go Teen Activity packets

#### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am Wednesdays - Youth Activities 2:45 pm Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
Monday, April 1 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 7 - Nerd Herd for Teens 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 8 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Monday, April 12 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 14 - Teen Event 2:00 pm
Thursday, April 15- Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 20- Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21 - Techno Teens 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 22 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28 - Booklanders Teen Book Club 4:00 pm

#### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesday, April 7 - After School @ the Library - 3:30 pm Thursday, April 11 - TAG Game Night 4:30 pm Wednesday, April 17 - Anime Club 5:00 pm Saturday, April 27- Movie @ the Library 1:30 pm

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## Springdale Branch

Thursdays - Story Time 3:00 pm Make n' Take Easter Craft - April 1 - 5 Grab n' Go Recycled Paper Jewelry Craft - April 12 - 17 Thursday, April 22 - Earth Day Celebration Grab n' Go Recycled Notebook Craft - April 26 A Grab n' Go Recycled Paper Bowl Craft - April 29

#### New Harmony Branch

Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 2:00 pm Wednesday - Story Time 12:00 pm Thursdays - Chess Club 10:00 am Thursday, April 1 - Teen & 'Tween Survival D.I.Y. 5:00 pm Wednesday, April 14 - Gardening Class 5:00 pm Make n' Take Self Care Kits - available while supplies last

## Sacagawea - A Woman Who Shaped History

Sacagawea was a remarkable Native American woman of the Shoshone tribe. While the exact date of her birth is not known, it is believed that she lived from 1789 - 1790 to around 1812. Sacagawea means "Bird Woman" in her native language. She was born during a time of big changes. President Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana territory from the French in 1803, which added 827,000 square miles of land west of the Mississippi River to the nation.



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In 1804, Thomas Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis to explore the new lands. He chose William Clark as his co-leader and the Lewis and Clark Expedition was formed. While spending their first winter near a native Mandan village, they invited Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian, and her husband Toussaint Charbonneau, a French Canadian trader, to join the expedition as interpreters. During the journey, Sacagawea gave birth to a child named Jean Baptiste in February 1805. The child was later nicknamed "Pomp" by Clark and rode on his mother's back as they traversed the wilderness.

Sacagawea was only 16 when she crossed America with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She acted as an interpreter, foraged for edible plants, and assisted in purchasing horses from the Shoshone. Most of all, she was a symbol of peace as a group traveling with a woman and child were less suspicious than a group of men alone. With the help of Sacagawea, the team successfully reached the Pacific Ocean in November of 1805. In total, the expedition traveled about 8,000 miles by boat, horseback, and on foot. A statue of Sacagawea is displayed at the State Capital in Bismarck, North Dakota.

To learn more about the remarkable life of Sacagawea, check out one of the books that detail her life Children's Books:
I am Sacagawea by Grace Norwich Sacagawea by Jane Sutcliff
Sacagawea: brave Shoshone girl by Sneed Collard Streams to the river, river to the sea: a novel of

#### Adult Books:

Sacagawea by Scott O'Dell

Sacagawea: Westward With Lewis and Clark by Alana J. White Sacagawea Speaks: Beyond the Shining Mountains by Joyce Hunsaker Sacajawea by Harold P. Howard

