Message From The Director

I don’t know about you, but I feel so lucky to live in Southern Utah. While the rest of the nation struggled with COVID, our kids went to school for the entire year. I don’t know if it’s the weather, the culture, or what, but I love it here! As school ends and the summer begins, don’t forget to visit the library. The Tales and Tails summer reading program kicks into full swing at the beginning of June! It’s fun, it’s educational, and there are some great prizes. Teens and kids who finish the program will be entered into a drawing for a new Nintendo Switch! Don’t miss out!

Also, last year we were hit with a flood that closed the St. George Basement. We had to tear out the concrete and re-pour it. We’ve added some new carpet colors, including a very bright and colorful area for the children’s section. The colors were inspired by our library logo, and I’m excited to see the space in use again. The makerspace also received a facelift, with a new epoxy floor. The basement is opening just in time for summer reading at the beginning of June. Come check out the changes!

And finally, another new introduction for the summer is a statewide science education initiative and epic adventure call Explorer Corps. The Natural History Museum of Utah, with the help of their partners, has installed 29 custom commemorative markers (one in every county) in locations of natural or cultural historical significance throughout the state.

Our marker is located at Confluence Park, where the confluence of three rivers sustained Ancestral Puebloan and Southern Paiute peoples. We have been given a plethora of books from the museum to provide additional information, but the fun comes from visiting as many of the markers as possible.

Get out! Have a fun summer! And we look forward to seeing you at the library as part of the summer fun! See ya soon!

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 2021 is “Tails & Tales”, and features programming with a focus on everything that has a tail, or a tale! Programs will feature animals, tall tales, and fun!

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 have been affected by the disruption caused by school closures and interruptions caused by COVID. Reading regularly during the summer will help them to regain their reading skills, and prevent “summer slide”.

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 at your library!

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Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to announce that the Employee Spotlight for May 2021 is shining on David Wainwright.

David is the librarian supervisor over the reference and children’s areas in St. George. In that role, he is directly responsible for the success of the summer reading program coming up in June and July.

He oversees and supports the librarians as they create and implement fun and exciting programs for our patrons. He can often be found working at different desks as he fills in where needed. David is patron oriented and often steps up to give patrons extra service. He is reliable and calm in his approach to life and the library.

David recently earned his Master’s in Library Science. Yeah! Congrats David! Before coming to the library, he worked a number of years for Deseret Book, and worked with Scholastic books for a bit, which has served him well in his role as a librarian. He feels like he has found his home here at the library.

David has three small children and enjoys spending time with family. He enjoys taking big trips with extended family. He also enjoys hiking and biking, and has a great love of history and the humanities. David is a great example of the great work going on at the library!

- Joel Tucker, Director

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. Sooly by John Grisham
2. The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
3. Project Hall Mary by Andy Weir
4. While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
5. 21st Birthday by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
6. The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman
7. The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
8. That Summer by Jennifer Weiner
9. The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
10. A Gambling Man by David Baldacci

NONFICTION:

1. Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green
2. Zero Fail by Carol Leonnig
3. Killing the Mob by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
4. What Happened to You by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey
5. Noise by Daniel Kahneman, Olivier Sibony, and Cass Sunstein
6. Yearbook by Seth Rogen
7. Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey
8. The Premonition by Michael Lewis
9. The Bomber Mafia by Malcolm Gladwell
10. Untamed by Glennon Doyle

St. George Library Basement Reopening

We are excited to announce that the St. George Library will be reopening the basement to patrons on June 1, 2021. The basement restoration included removing, reinforcing, and repouring the concrete floor. Once that was complete, repairs to the walls, painting, and replacing the carpet commenced.

Programs for the Summer Reading program will be held in the Community Rooms. Story Time and Toddler Time will now be in the basement children’s area, and the MakerSpace will be reopening on Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:00 pm and be available Wednesdays - Saturdays at the same times before the flood.

The Library wishes to thank all of those who worked so diligently on the project and invite patrons to enjoy the resources that are now available once more.

If you have ever taken care of a child, then you are likely aware that they have an extremely high tolerance for repetition. No sooner have you made a round of the living room with them perched on your shoulders, than they shout “Again!” and you are obliged to repeat the course, although perhaps this time they will refrain from choking you, please? To caregivers’ chagrin, the same holds true for kids’ DVD watching habits. They always want to watch the show with the singing mushroom, or platypus, or armchair, just ONE MORE TIME! That’s why June 3rd is such a perfect holiday for DVD watching. It’s National Repeat Day (which you would think would be Groundhog Day, but whatever), which means that as soon as the credits start to roll on the DVD, it’s time to snap it right back to the beginning to savor the film yet again. And again. And again. Oh, my. Not all DVDs hold up to multiple viewings, but perhaps a few of the ones below will prove worthy:

MOVIES AND TV:
- THE FATHER
- JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH
- LAND
- THE LITTLE THINGS
- THE MARKSMAN
  (Liam Neeson version)
- RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON
- SENIOR MOMENT
- VIRTUOSO

DOCUMENTARIES:  
- HANDS OF GOD
- HOW IT FEELS TO BE FREE
- KEN BURNS: HERE & THERE
- LAURA INGALLS WILDER: PRAIRIE TO PAGE
- MINDING THE GAP
- THE QUEEN AND THE COUP
- RUTH: JUSTICE GINSBURG IN HER OWN WORDS

We hate to repeat ourselves, but it’s for the holiday, so... DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So be sure to visit the library for a DVD or three that you won’t mind watching over and over and over again. And just remember: on June 4th, you can finally watch something else. (Thank heavens.)

-Beth Meyers,  
St. George Library
Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Friday, June 4 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 9 & 23 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Wednesday, June 21 & 28 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 10 & 24 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tues, June 8 - Kid's Summer Reading Kick-Off 10:30 am & 12:00 pm
Max the Magician
Tues, June 15 - Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors
10:15 & 11:15 am
Tues, June 22 - Summer Reading - Dinosaur Discovery
10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, June 29 - Summer Reading - Birds of Prey 10:30 am

Santa Clara Branch
Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Ihurkdays - Yoga 10:30 am
Tues, June 8 - Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off - Bingo & Pizza 1:00 pm
Tues, June 8 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Wed, June 9 - Kid's Summer Reading Kick-Off - Animal Adoption with P.A.W.S.
10:30 & 11:30 am
Monday, June 14 - Adult Summer Reading - Paint & Sip 4:00 pm
Tues, June 15 - Teen Summer Reading - Animal Crafts 1:00 pm
Wed, June 16 - Kid's Summer Reading - Red Cliffs Reserve 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, June 22 - Teen Summer Reading - Life-Size Angry Birds 1:00 pm
Wed, June 23 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Yoga 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, June 29 - Teen Summer Reading - Are You Smarter than a Librarian? 1:00 pm
Wed, June 30 - Kid's Summer Reading - Rosenbruch Museum 10:30 & 11:30 am

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
Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
Tues, June 8 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Ambassadors 3:00 pm
Tues, June 8 - Adult Summer Reading - Kick-Off Party 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 10 - Teen Summer Reading - Animal Design 5:00 pm
Tues, June 15 - Kid's Summer Reading - Birds of Prey 3:00 pm
Tues, June 15 - Adult Summer Reading - Animal Rock Painting 6:00 pm
Thurs, June 17 - Teen Summer Reading - Animal Jeopardy 5:00 pm
Tues, June 22 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animals of Zambia 3:00 pm
Wed, June 23 - Adult Summer Reading - St. George History 6:00 pm
Thurs, June 24 - Teen Summer Reading - Making Prehistory 5:00 pm
Tues, June 29 - Kid's Summer Reading - Red Cliffs Reserve 3:00 pm
Tues, June 29 - Adult Summer Reading - Southern Utah Wildlife 6:00 pm

Enterprise Branch
Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm
Wed, June 9 - Summer Reading Kick-Off for All Ages
“In My backyard…” 4:00 pm
Wed, June 16 - Kid's Summer Reading Paint an Animal 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wed, June 16 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading Paint an Animal 3:00 pm
Wed, June 23 - Kid's Summer Reading - Puppets with S.U.P.P. 10:30 am
Wed, June 23 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading Rosenbruch Museum 2:30 & 3:30 pm * sign-up required
Thurs, June 24 - Adult Summer Reading - Edible Book Tale TBA
Wed, June 30 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Bingo 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wed, June 30 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Dinosaur Museum 3:00 pm

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Springdale Branch
June 7th-June 14th - Take and make Lady Bug craft
Thursday, June 10 - Summer Reading 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 17 - Summer Reading Movie and Ladybug Release 6:00 pm
June 21st-June 28th - Take and make Desert Tortoise craft
Thursday, June 24 - Summer Reading Animal Bingo 2:00 pm
Monday, June 28 - Summer Reading Red Cliffs Reserve 2:00 pm

New Harmony Branch
Tuesdays - Sit 'n' Stitch 2:00 pm
Wed, June 9 - Kid's Summer Reading - Bird Tails 11:00 am
Thursday, June 10 - Teen Summer Reading - Cupcake Wars 1:00 pm
Friday, June 11 - Adult Summer Reading - Essentricos Stretching 12:00 pm
Wed, June 16 - Kid's Summer Reading - Safari Tales 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 17 - Teen Summer Reading - I Spy 1:00 pm
Wed, June 23 - Kid's Summer Reading - Dog Tales 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 24 - Teen Summer Reading - Twisted Tie Dye 1:00 pm
Friday, June 25 - Adult Summer Reading - TED Talk 12:00 pm
Wed, June 30 - Kid's Summer Reading - Bug Tales 1:00 pm

Washington Branch
Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Mon, June 7 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Safari All Day
Wed, June 9 - Teen Summer Reading - Party Animals 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 10 - Adult Summer Reading - Bird Watching 5:30 pm
Mon, June 14 - Kid's Summer Reading - Red Cliff Desert Reserve 2:00 pm
Wed, June 16 - Teen Summer Reading - DIY Tall Tale Zines 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 17 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Mon, June 21 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Sound Bingo 2:00 pm
Wed, June 23 - Teen Summer Reading - Monster Book of Monster Craft 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 24 - Adult Summer Reading - Book Talk 5:30 pm
Mon, June 28 - Kid's Summer Reading - Elephant and Pig Day 2:00 pm
Wed, June 30 - Teen Summer Reading - DIY Clay Animals 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Saturday, June 5 - Summer Reading Kick-Off Registration BBQ 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Tues, June 8 - Kid's Summer Reading - Del Timpson Horse Trainer 11:00 am
Tues, June 8 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Horse Trainer 1:00 pm
Tues, June 15 - Kid's Summer Reading - Red Cliffs Reserve 11:00 am
Tues, June 15 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Vegan Cookbook 3:00 pm
Tues, June 22 - Kid's Summer Reading - Rosenbruch Museum 11:00 am
Thurs, June 24 Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Interactive Movie 2:30 pm
Tues, June 29 - Kid's Summer Reading - Dinosaur Museum 11:00 am
Tues, June 29 - Teens Event - Dinosaur Museum 12:00 pm
Wed, June 30 - Adult Summer Reading - Business Class 5:00 - 6:45 pm