



Message from the Director

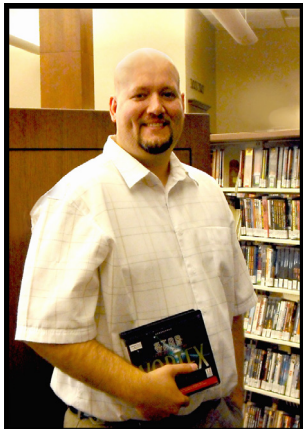
This past year we saw the economy continue to rise. It has been documented that when the economy takes a turn for the worse, library use goes up. Access to free internet, information, and entertainment are highly valued when we do not have the luxuries that are available to us when the economy is good. So, as the economy has improved, our statistics have shown that visits to the library and number of items checked out has declined in comparison to previous years.

While decreased in physical checkouts have occurred, the number of checkouts of our eBooks have continued to increase throughout 2014. We have continued to invest in eResources to provide access to books and audio books on tablets, phones, and other devices.

Also in 2014, our tech services department was devastated by the flood. We were forced to put purchasing of new books and materials on hold for a bit while we recovered, but we have been able to recover and are now caught up on the purchasing of new materials. We are still working on processing the many donations that we received during those troubling times, and thank everyone who donates time and materials to the library.

Moving forward, I'm excited to announce that we budgeted this year for the acquisition of self-checkout and RFID technology. Self-checkout will allow us to provide a service to those who are in a hurry and do not want to wait for one-on-one service from our employees, and RFID will speed up the checkout and check-in processes from both the staff and at the new self-check stations. Furthermore, we have budgeted to continue to provide you with new materials in all formats, including books, eBooks, audio books, DVDs, databases and more.

As we move forward into the new year, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources that we offer in the library. And don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors back to the library to take advantage of the programs and resources that they have invested in by paying their taxes.



See ya soon...at the library!



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

E-Books @ Your Library

Are you one of the two million new users of an eBook device, or one of the 17 million new users of a device like the Ipad Mini, Galaxy, Microsoft Surface or Kindle Fire?

If you received a new e-book reading device, an Ipad, tablet or a smart phone with e-reading capabilities as a gift this holiday season, you can take advantage of the free eBooks available from your Library.



Your library card allows you to access thousands of titles you can download to your device. OneClickdigital brings exclusive Recorded Books eAudio, as well as content from all major publishers, together with an eBook service that combines eBooks and eAudio in one collection, offering the most comprehensive platform for your content. Curated title lists feature the best literature in a wide variety of genres, including award winning children, young adult and adult titles.

OverDrive is the worlds largest provider of digital media, with over two million titles. It is literally the largest digital catalog available to libraries users today, and includes everything from best sellers to obscure indie favorites.

OverDrive's catalog includes titles from all genres: popular fiction, romance, children's, young adult, technology, travel and nonfiction, just to name a few. They also offer foreign language content. OverDrive eBooks, audiobooks, music and video are all presented on the same website, providing unmatched ease of use of their digital collection.

You can access these digital resources from the comfort of your home by visiting the library website at www.library.washco.utah.gov, clicking the "eResources" tab, and clicking on the "OneClick" or the "OverDrive" link. Do you want to learn how to use an e-reader? We will show you how to download a book on your device @ your Library!

Call and make an appointment with one of our expert digital media specialists at any of the seven branches in the Washington County Library System and they will teach you how to download a book to your device!

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Hurricane 36 S. 300 W. 435-635-4621 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00	



Is there anything quite as thrilling as a new year, whole and unspotted, clear of blunders and mistakes? If you're like many of us here at the library, you've already got ideas about how you'd like to improve things over the coming year. Might we suggest improving your mind by watching these new documentaries on DVD? You'll feel smarter, and have endless topics of conversation with which to amuse and annoy your closest friends. Here are a few to check out:

BIG CATS: SECRET LIVES	JAMES CAMERON'S DEEPSEA
BRAIN GAMES. SEASONS 3- 4	CHALLENGE
COSMOS (CARL SAGAN	KIDS FOR CA\$H
VERSION)	MAKERS. VOLUME 2: WOMEN
FAT, SICK & NEARLY DEAD 2	WHO MAKE AMERICA
FIRST MAN ON THE MOON	THE POWER OF MYTH, 25TH
(NOVA)	ANNIVERSARY EDITION
HIDDEN KINGDOMS	THROUGH THE WORMHOLE
HOW THE UNIVERSE WORKS.	WITH MORGAN FREEMAN.
SEASONS 1-2	SEASON 4
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And just because the calendar year has rolled around doesn't mean we'll suddenly start charging for DVD check outs. All materials check out for FREE with a Washington County Library Card. Good luck with all your goals this year!

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

New York Times Best sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

Fiction:

1. **GRAY MOUNTAIN**, by John Grisham.
2. **REVIVAL**, by Stephen King.
3. **HOPE TO DIE**, by James Patterson.
4. **ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE**, by Anthony Doerr.
5. **THE ESCAPE**, by David Baldacci.
6. **TOM CLANCY: FULL FORCE AND EFFECT**, by Mark Greaney.
7. **LEAVING TIME**, by Jodi Picoult.
8. **THE BURNING ROOM**, by Michael Connelly.
9. **REDEPLOYMENT**, by Phil Klay.
10. **EDGE OF ETERNITY**, by Ken Follett.

Nonfiction:

1. **KILLING PATTON**, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.
2. **41**, by George W. Bush.
3. **WHAT IF?**, by Randall Munroe.
4. **YES PLEASE**, by Amy Poehler.
5. **HUMANS OF NEW YORK**, by Brandon Stanton.
6. **UNBROKEN**, by Laura Hillenbrand.
7. **AS YOU WISH**, by Cary Elwes with Joe Layden.
8. **THE ANDY COHEN DIARIES**, by Andy Cohen.
9. **BEING MORTAL**, by Atul Gawande
10. **YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP**, by Al Michaels with L. Jon Wertheim.

The Children's Corner

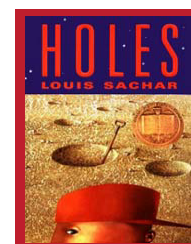
Happy New Year! In January, we look forward to a new year that stretches ahead of us, full of potential and possibilities.

Did you know that using sign language can help your child become a reader? Long before children say their first words, they use their hands and bodies to communicate their wants and needs. Children typically start using gestures between the ages of 8 - 12 months. Using baby sign language, which is based on the American Sign Language, gives children and teachers a standard set of gestures that they can use.

Start with simple signs for everyday needs (e.g., more, cup, milk) and demonstrate the sign while speaking the word. Guide your child's hands when making a new sign to assist them with the movements.

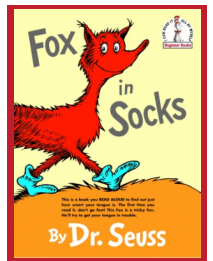
Early exposure to signing helps a baby develop their language and reasoning skills. While other babies are still crying to get what they want, signing babies are learning how to communicate with words and simple phrases. Studies show long-term cognitive benefits to children who learn basic signs, including an increase in I.Q., larger vocabularies, earlier reading, and better grades in school.

This month, the Library brings you authors that start with the letter "S"! Easy reader and Picture book kids try books by : Sand, San Souci, Sayre, Scarry, Scotton, Seuss, Shannon, Sharmat, Slate, Smith, Soman, Stoeke, and Sullivan.



Chapter book readers try books by: Sachar, Sage, Sampson, Sargeant Scieszka, Scooby-Doo, Shelley, Snowe, Stevenson, Stilton, Stine, and Stone.

I'll say farewell with this month's joke from the January Highlights Magazine: "Knock, Knock." "Who's there?" "Tank" "Tank, who?" "You're welcome!"



- Grace Mann,
St. George Library

Library Programs and Events

St. George Branch

Mondays - Story Time with Grandpa Steve 10:00 & 11:00
 Wednesdays - Story Time with Mrs. Mann 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00
 Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:00, 11:00 & 1:00 pm
 Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
 Saturdays - Afternoon Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
 Monday, January 5 - Paws for Tales 4:00 pm
 Tuesday, January 6 - Science Club for Kids 6:30 pm
 Wed., January 7 - Teen Read Things, Make Things Club 4:30 pm
 Tuesday, January 13 - Page Turner's Book Club 2:30 pm
 Tuesday, January 13 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, January 20 - Science Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, January 27 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesday's - Story Time 12:00 pm
 Monday, January 12 - Kolob Korner Book Club 2:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays & Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
 Wednesday's & Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
 Fridays - Mom 'n Tots Playtime 11:00 am
 Friday, January 2 - Anime & Manga Club 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 7 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30 pm
 Thursday, January 8 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Thursday, January 15 - Teen Book Club 3:30 pm
 Wednesday, January 21 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30
 Thursday, January 22 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Friday, January 23 - Movie "The Wind Rises" 3:00 pm
 Saturday, January 24 - Role Playing Games Social 12:00 pm
 Friday, January 30 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesday's - Story Time 10:30 am
 Wednesday's - Upcycle Art 3:00 pm
 Fridays - Music and Movements (ages 0-6) 9:15 am

Santa Clara Branch

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
 Wednesday's - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:15 am
 Monday, January 5 - Foreign Film Club 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, January 6 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, January 7 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Thursday, January 8 - Paws for Tales 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 14 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Friday, January 16 - Science Club for Kids 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 21 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 28 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Wednesday thru Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
 Saturday, January 10 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
 Thursday, January 15 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, January 28 - Book Club 7:00 pm

Library Employee of the Month

I would like to announce that the November employee of the month is...Michelle Hughes.

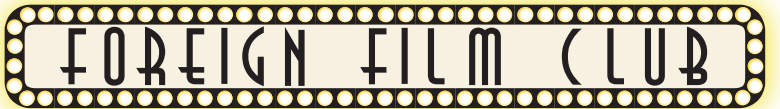
In November, Michelle organized a recognition luncheon for just over 30 St. George volunteers. It goes without saying that the library depends on our volunteers. The support they give in cleaning, shelving, reading to children, and helping in many other aspects of the work is crucial to our success. Our volunteers make it possible for us to provide top quality service to the citizens of our community. To recognize their service and extend our appreciation to them, Michelle organized a soup and salad luncheon for the St. George volunteers. As people gave thanks for various reasons in the month of November, she recognized and thanked those who served the library.



Beyond the hard work that she put into the volunteer luncheon, Michelle supervises 8 full time and part time employees serving the public at the circulation desk. She manages their schedules, she resolves employee and patron concerns, and she coordinates the work, often shoulder to shoulder, in order to ensure the patrons receive the best possible customer service.

As a trusted supervisor, Michelle is able to step up and do whatever is asked of her. For example, she was asked to fill in as a small branch manager for a month without warning. Whatever the task, Michelle has proven herself an asset to the library and an employee worthy of recognition. Next chance you get, congratulate Michelle on her excellent service!

-Joel Tucker, Director
 Washington County Library System



'The Lunchbox' is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick this month. This romantic drama from India takes place in Mumbai where a mistaken delivery by the Dabbawalas (lunchbox service) leads to a relationship between a lonely widower and an unhappy housewife.

Soon they build a fantasy world together through notes delivered in the lunchbox. The Lunchbox has earned 22 awards plus 33 award nominations! Reserve The Lunchbox today!

The Foreign Film Club meets the first Monday of every month at 5:00. A discussion of this film will be held on February 4, 2015 in the Community Room at the Santa Clara Library.

For more information, contact Pam Zaferes at the Santa Clara Library, 435-986-0432, ex 2411.



January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Happy New Year!

Library System Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Day