

## Message from the Director

Just like any business, we as a library strive to consistently evaluate statistics to understand how we are doing in our service, and to improve our services as appropriate. We track how many people visit the library, how many books are checked out and returned, how many times a computer is used, and more. This information is collected by all the libraries within Utah and nationwide. We can use this information to compare our success in relation to previous years, in relation to the rest of the state, and in relation to the United States as a whole.

We recently calculated our stats for 2014. In relation to 2013, Washington County has grown by 3,000 people. With the growth, over 2,500 new library cards were given to patrons. However, even though there was growth, fewer people came to the library. The statistics show that, in comparison to 2013, 63,000 fewer visits were recorded, and people checked out 61,000 fewer items than the previous year.

The latest Utah statistical information is from 2013. In comparison to the rest of the state, we serve the 5th largest population in the state, but we are in the bottom third for the taxes citizens pay. We are about average with the rest of the state for circulation and visits. We don't have the rest of the state information for 2014 to see if Utah as a whole decreased in usage, but that information would help to know if this is a general trend or if it is something specific to Washington County. Keep an eye on the data by accessing the state website:

<http://heritage.utah.gov/library/utah-public-library-statistics>.

The latest national statistical information is from 2012. I've compared our library with other libraries that serve a similar population size ranging from 114,000 – 170,000. In comparison to the national statistics, we are well above average in both circulation and library visits. Keep an eye out for updated information: <http://www.ims.gov/research/public-libraries-in-the-united-states-survey.aspx>.

In comparison with the state and the nation, our library is a low cost, valuable resource to the community. In relation to the decrease from 2013, what can we do to better serve you? What would bring more people into the library? Please let us know: <http://library.washco.utah.gov/contact/> !

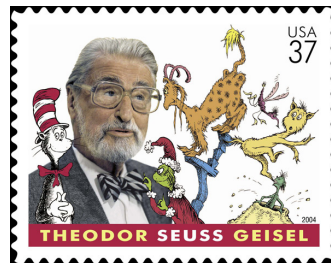



Joel E. Tucker, Director  
Washington County Library System

## Read Across America Day

Oh, the Places You'll Go when you read! Mark Your Calendars, Read Across America Day is March 2, 2015!

This year, the book is the Seuss classic, "Oh, The Places You'll Go" in honor of the 25th anniversary of the book's publication.



The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 18th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

Students throughout the United States are celebrating the 111th birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss by pledging to be lifelong readers. What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than reading? On the evening of March 2nd (Dr. Seuss's birthday), parents and their children are participating in the annual Read Across America.

Dr. Seuss, who's real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, created children's books that have been enduring favorites of generations of readers. Pick up one of your favorite Dr. Seuss books @ your Library and join in the fun!



Washington County Library System is pleased to partner with In-N-Out Burger to offer families with young readers an opportunity for kids ages 4-12 to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books they read, beginning March 7 through April 18, 2015.

Readers who register for the Cover to Cover Club at one of the Library System's seven locations will receive a log to keep track of books they read during the program. Children who read five library books at their grade level receive an Achievement Award and a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger. Sign up at the Children's Desk at your branch!

## Library Branch Information

St. George Library 88 W. 100 S. 435-634-5737 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 8:00 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00	Springdale 126 Lion Blvd. 435-772-3676 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday 10:00 - 5:00 Saturday 12:00 - 5:00
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Santa Clara 1099 N. Lava Flow 435-986-0432 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00	New Harmony 34 S. 2900 E. 435-867-0065 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 4:00 *Open Fridays beginning March 20
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Washington 220 N. 300 E. 435-627-2706 Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00	Enterprise 393 S. 200 E. 435-878-2574 Monday 10:00 - 6:00 Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 Friday 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday 10:00 - 3:00
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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
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March is a month that just can't decide what it is. Some days it feels like spring, then you get several days in a row that seem more like winter. Sometimes you could even swear it was the height of summer. When you can't count on the weather, there's always something you can count on: awesome DVDs from the Washington County Library. We've got a few new ones that may ease your seasonal angst:

### FOR YOUNGER VIEWERS:

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY  
THE BOOK OF LIFE  
THE BOXTROLLS

### FOR THE GROWN-UPS:

BOYHOOD  
DRACULA UNTOLD  
FURY  
GONE GIRL  
JOHN WICK  
THE JUDGE  
LEFT BEHIND (Nicholas Cage Version)  
LUCY  
MY OLD LADY

You can count on us (unlike the month of March), since we always check out DVDs for FREE with a Washington County Library card. Be sure to stop by and see what we've got!

-Beth Meyers,  
St. George Library

### Library Board Members:

Sidney Atkin	435-673-3487
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## New York Times Best sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

### Fiction:

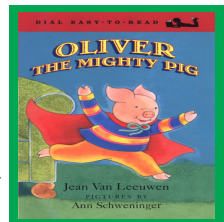
1. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN**, by Paula Hawkins.
2. **ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE**, by Anthony Doerr.
3. **OBSESSION IN DEATH**, by J. D. Robb.
4. **A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD**, by Anne Tyler.
5. **THE NIGHTINGALE**, by Kristin Hannah.
6. **TRIGGER WARNING**, by Neil Gaiman.
7. **MOTIVE**, by Jonathan Kellerman.
8. **PRIVATE VEGAS**, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.
9. **GRAY MOUNTAIN**, by John Grisham.
10. **TWELVE DAYS**, by Alex Berenson.

### Nonfiction:

1. **BEING MORTAL**, by Atul Gawande.
2. **KILLING PATTON**, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.
3. **BELIEVER**, by David Axelrod.
4. **YES PLEASE**, by Amy Poehler.
5. **WHAT IF?**, by Randall Munroe.
6. **SAPIENS**, by Yuval Noah Harari.
7. **LEAVING BEFORE THE RAINS COME**, by Alexandra Fuller.
8. **RED NOTICE**, by Bill Browder.
9. **AS YOU WISH**, by Cary Elwes with Joe Layden.
10. **THE REAPER**, by Nicholas Irving with Gary Brozek.

## The Children's Corner

What's Ahead! In March, Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day is on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Spring will begin on the 20<sup>th</sup>!



To inspire your young readers, do me a favor. Check out a folktale and read it with your child. Folk tales have always embodied the values of their cultures. Throughout history, they have been used to pass these values from one generation to the next. These powerful tools can be used to help your child understand the human tradition and learn to treat each other with kindness.

Any folk tale that deals with good deeds can be your point of entry. Familiar examples are the "The Little Red Hen", "Cinderella", and "Beauty and the Beast." Begin a discussion of some of the many versions of Cinderella. Discuss the nature of good, and how favors can be returned.

Your search for folk tales will take you around the world. Mark on a map the places where the folk tales are told to familiarize your child with other places in the world.

Authors to check out this month: The library brings you the letter "U" and "V"! Easy Reader, and Picture Book Kids try books by: U'Ren, Underwood, Van Allsburg, Van Leeuwen, Viorst, Viva and Voake.



Chapter book readers try books by: Udry, Ungar, Urban, Ure, Ursu, Vande Velde, Van Draanen, Vernon, Voigt, and Vos.

I will say farewell with a joke from the March Highlights magazine: "Knock, Knock." "Who's there?" "Alison." "Alison who?" "Alison to you if you listen to me!"

- 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, March 2 - Paws for Tales 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 3 Science Club for Kids 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, March 10 - Page Turner's Book Club 2:30 pm  
 Thursday, March 12 - Gardening Workshop 6:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 10 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, March 17 - Science Club for Kids - 6:30 pm  
 Thursday, March 19 - "Tween Thursday 5:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 24 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm

### New Harmony Branch

Wednesday's - Story Time 12:00 pm  
 Monday, March 9 - 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  
 Wednesday, March 4 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30 pm  
 Friday, March 6 - Anime & Manga Club 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Thursday, March 12 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 18 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30  
 Thursday, March 26 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm  
 Friday, March 27 - 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  
 Tuesday, March 3 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm  
 Wednesday, March 4 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm  
 Wednesday, March 4 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 11 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 18 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm  
 Friday, March 20 - Science Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 25 - 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, March 14 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm  
 Thursday, March 19 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

### Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 25 - Book Club 7:00 pm

## Library Employee of the Month

I would like to announce that the January employee of the month is...Natalie Daniel!



Natalie is a library clerk in Hurricane who is responsible for the Young Adult programming. In January she started a program called the Tabletop RPG (Role-Playing Game) Club, which will be meeting in Hurricane once or twice per month. Natalie hosted the kick-off event near the end of January and over forty enthusiasts came to discuss RPGs, and watch a video on RPGs, browse a display of materials from various RPGs, play RPGs, and win prizes at the end of the event. It is a great start to a program that is instantly pulling in the patrons.

Natalie's efforts at Young Adult Programming began in 2006 with the founding of Anime Fannatiku, a club which introduced Japanese pop culture to the community. In addition to the club, Natalie added Wii Afternoons twice per month, where patrons enjoy socializing and playing Wii games on the projection screen in the Community Room. Recently, she started Magic: The Gathering Club which meets every other week and draws a group of 20-30 of all ages.

Natalie has also planned and hosted single events like Batman Day, Free Comic Book Day, and the End of Naruto Party. All have been fun, well-attended, and successful! Congratulations, Natalie!

-Joel Tucker, Director  
 Washington County Library System



'Life, Above All' is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick this month. This South African-Germany co- production film is an adaptation of a novel called "Chandra's Secrets" from 2004 by Allen Stratton.

This film drama begins in the dusty small town of Elandsdoorn, a South African township not far from Johannesburg where life is simple and serene. Chanda is a hardworking promising young student with a bright future, but her life changes dramatically when her baby sister unexpectedly dies. This touching character-drive story reveals a heartrending portrayal of a mother who does everything she can to shield her children from the judgment of her fellow citizens after losing her daughter. What is this cloud of fear filtering across Elandsdoorn? Check out this film to find out.... you will be glad you did!



The Foreign Film Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. A discussion of this film will be held on April 1, 2015 in the Community Room at the Santa Clara Library. For more information, call Pam Zafares at 435-986-0432, 2411.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<p><b>St. George Library</b> 10:00 am &amp; 11:00 am Story Time With Grandpa Steve 1:00 pm Story Time with Miss Jill <b>Hurricane Library</b> 11:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm Story Time 4:00 pm Paws for Tales</p>	<p><b>Washington Library</b> 10:00 &amp; 11:00 am Toddler Time <b>Hurricane Library</b> 11:00 &amp; 1:00 Story Time <b>Santa Clara Library</b> 10:15 am Toddler Time 5:30 pm Chapter One Book Club <b>St. George Library</b> 6:30 pm Science Club for Kids <b>Springdale Library</b> 2:00 pm Story Time with Miss Molly</p>	<p><b>St. George Library</b> 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 &amp; 5:00 Story Time with Mrs. Mann <b>Santa Clara Library</b> 10:00 &amp; 11:00 am Story Time 3:00 pm Anime/Gamer Club <b>Hurricane Library</b> 11:00 &amp; 1:30 Toddler Time 3:30 pm Magic: The Gathering Club <b>Enterprise Library</b> 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Upcycle Art <b>Washington Library</b> 10:30 am Story Time <b>New Harmony Library</b> 12:00 pm Story Time</p>	<p><b>St. George Library</b> 10:00 am, 11:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm Toddler Time <b>Hurricane Library</b> 11:00 &amp; 1:30 Toddler Time 10:30 am Story Time <b>Santa Clara Library</b> 10:00 am Toddler Tales</p>	<p><b>St. George Library</b> 11:00 am Toddler Time <b>Hurricane Library</b> 11:00 am Mom 'n Tots Playtime 4:00 pm Anime &amp; Manga Club <b>Washington Library</b> 10:30 am Story Time <b>Enterprise Library</b> 9:15 am Music and Movement</p>	<p><b>Santa Clara Library</b> 10:30 am Tai Chi <b>St. George Library</b> 2:00 pm Saturday Afternoon Movie Matinee</p>
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