

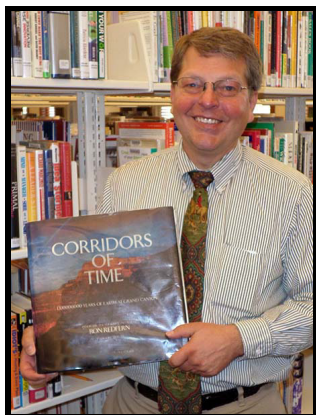
Message from the Director

April Fools? April brings April Fool's Day, or the first day of the month. There are of course 30 days in April, some of which are very notable. April Fool's Day is a light hearted day. A day to send another on a "fool's errand", play a prank, or tell a fantastic tale. April Fool's Day is shrouded in historic uncertainty, and scholars disagree on how it came to be so widely distributed throughout the western world.

Some theories trace April Fool's Day back to the Roman Empire, and one to Julius Caesar. Based in fact and under Julius Caesar, the Roman calendar became so misaligned with the solar calendar seasons that in 46 B.C. the Julian calendar was instituted. The first day of the year was moved from April 1st to January 1st. Another theory involves the Roman emperor Constantine and a court jester. As the centuries passed the Julian calendar which is off by 11 minutes and 14 seconds needed to be modified. Pope Gregory XIII declared a skip from October 4, 1582 to October 15, 1582 dropping the 10 day gain accumulated by the extra minutes. Some changes were made especially to leap year, and now we use the Gregorian calendar.

This year the western world looks to other notable dates in April, like Good Friday (the 3rd), Passover (3-11), and Easter (the 5th). The purpose of this calendar exercise is twofold: First, to illustrate what you can learn by checking out a library book, the almanac. Secondly, the library calendar on the last page of this newsletter, allows you to transfer to your home Gregorian calendar items of interest to you and your family.

While your calendar may not have "National Library Week", we want to point out April 12th to 18th. In that week on the 12th is D.E.A.R.—drop everything and read; 14th National Library Workers Day; 16th Teen Literature Day. The library also has children's storytimes for Money Smart Week (18th to 25th). Most of all, however, remember to fit the library into your calendar.



Alan Anderson

Alan Anderson, Assistant Director
Washington County Library System

the Science of the Superhero



Washington County Library System is proud to present Marvel Comic book artist Jerry DeCaire and his presentation "The Science of the Superhero". In this

presentation, kid's ages 8 and up will learn how math, science, and art merge to create a superhero! This presentation is supported by a grant from the Utah Arts & Humanities Council, and will be presented at the following locations and times:

Enterprise Library Friday, May 1 st 1:00 pm	Santa Clara Library Saturday, May 2 nd 1:00 pm
Washington Library Friday, May 1 st 4:00 pm	Hurricane Library Saturday, May 2 nd 4:00 pm

For more information, please talk to your Youth Service Librarian at your library branch!

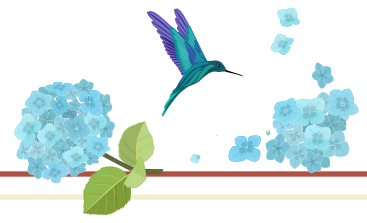


It's all about the Benjamins! Money Smart Week is a national initiative to provide information on financial literacy and money management. Learning about money should start early, so the Library System will present Money Smart Kid's Story Time several times throughout the week for our youngest patrons!

Children will learn core concepts about money- what it is, what happens when it is spent, and saving basics. Money Smart Story Time is scheduled at the following locations:

Springdale Library Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2:00 pm	Santa Clara Library Wednesday, April 22 2015 10:00 & 11:00 am
Enterprise Library Wednesday, April 22, 2015 10:30 am	New Harmony Library Wednesday, April 22, 2015 12:00 pm
Washington Library Tuesday, April 21, 2015 10:00 & 11:00 am Wednesday, April 22, 2015 10:30 am Friday, April 24, 2015 10:30 am	St. George Library Wednesday, April 22, 2015 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Friday, April 24, 2015 11:00 am

Plan on participating in the Money Smart Week activities @ Your Library. See you there!



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



There's nothing like waking up on a beautiful spring morning, listening to the birds for a while, and then realizing to your horror that you only have a few days left to file your taxes. Yes, it's April. And with it comes tax season. Whether you filed two months ago, or are waiting until midnight on April 15th, we know just how to ease the stress and despair of trying to figure out if your new shoes are tax deductible. Come in for a break and check out some of our great DVDs! Here are a few recent ones to try:

BOX OFFICE HITS:

- BIG HERO 6
- BIRDMAN
- FOXCATCHER
- THE HUNGER GAMES:
- MOCKINGJAY, PART 1
- NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:
- SECRET OF THE TOMB
- THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING

AWESOME DOCUMENTARIES:

- AI WEIWEI: NEVER SORRY
- ALIVE INSIDE
- CODE BLACK
- DEAR MR. WATTERSON: AN
- EXPLORATION OF CALVIN & HOBBS
- THE INTERNET'S OWN BOY: THE
- STORY OF AARON SWARTZ
- A PATH APPEARS

Don't forget: DVDs check out for FREE with a Washington County Library card, so they won't cause you any additional financial stress. So, come on by and see what we've got!! -Beth Meyers, St. George Library

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New York Times Best sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

Fiction:

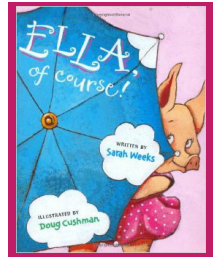
1. *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN*, by Paula Hawkins
2. *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*, by Anthony Doerr.
3. *ENDANGERED*, by C. J. Box.
4. *A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD*, by Anne Tyler
5. *THE BURIED GIANT*, by Kazuo Ishiguro.
6. *LAST ONE HOME*, by Debbie Macomber.
7. *THE NIGHTINGALE*, by Kristin Hannah
8. *WORLD GONE BY*, by Dennis Lehane
9. *THE ASSASSIN*, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott.
10. *PRODIGAL SON*, by Danielle Steel.

Nonfiction:

1. *DEAD WAKE*, by Erik Larson.
2. *BEING MORTAL*, by Atul Gawande.
3. *EVERY DAY I FIGHT*, by Stuart Scott with Larry Platt.
4. *KILLING PATTON*, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.
5. *YES PLEASE*, by Amy Poehler
6. *HIS FOR HAWK*, by Helen Macdonald
7. *WHAT IF?*, by Randall Munroe.
8. *GIRL IN A BAND*, by Kim Gordon.
9. *BETTYVILLE*, by George Hodgman
10. *OUR KIDS*, by Robert D. Putnam.

The Children's Corner

Do you want your child to be a reader? The secret is - singing! As parents talk, sing, and read to children, the children's brain cells are literally turned on (Shore, 1997). Existing links among brain cells are strengthened and new cells and links are formed, according to Sally Goddard Blythe, a consultant in neuro-developmental education and director of the Institute for Neuro-Physiological Psychology.



Singing develops listening skills, singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds in words, and singing helps children learn new words and information. Clapping along with songs helps children hear rhythms, and improves motor skills.

Try this - after Reading "The Little Red Hen" you can sing... "This is the way we plant our seeds, plant our seeds, plant our seeds. This is the way we plant our seeds so early in the morning". Then repeat the song, using the phrases "Water the wheat, cut the wheat, go to the mill, make the dough and make the bread" for each new verse. This reinforces the story in sequential order, and increases cognitive recognition skills.

This month the library brings you author's whose last name begins with "W". Easy and picture book readers, check out these authors: Waber, Wahl, Walker, Wallace, Walsh, Walton, Ward, Weeks, Wells, West, Wheeler, White, Weisner, , Williams, Winter, Woolf, Wonder, and Wood.

Chapter book readers try books by: Wagner, Wallace, Ward, Ware, Warner, Wiss, Welch, Wells, West, Winter, Wexler, White, Whitesides, Wilder, Williams, Wilson, Winkler, Wolf, Wood, and Wright.

I'll say farewell with this month's joke: "Knock, Knock." "Who's there?" "Arthur." "Arthur who?" "Arthur any cookies left? I could use a snack!"
- 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, April 6- Paws for Tales 4:00 pm
 Tuesday, April 7 Science Club for Kids 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 8 - Teen Suicide Prevention Workshop 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 14 - Page Turner's Book Club 2:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 14 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 15 - Teen Substance Abuse Workshop 5:30 pm
 Thursday, April 16- "Tween Thursday 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, April 21 - Science Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 22 - Teen Bullying Workshop 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 28 - Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesday's - Story Time 12:00 pm
 Monday, April 13 - 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, April 1- Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30 pm
 Friday, April 3 - Anime & Manga Club 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Thursday, April 9 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 15 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30
 Thursday, April 23 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Friday, April 24- 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
 Wednesday, April 1 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 1 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Tuesday, April 7- Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 8 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 15 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Friday, April 17 - Science Club for Kids 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 29- 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, April 11- Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 15 - An Evening with Author Marilyn Arnold 6:00 pm
 Thursday, April 16- Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 29 - Book Club 7:00 pm

Library Employee of the Month

It is with great pleasure that I recognize Cheri Wilcox as the library employee of the month for February.



Described as the "Spark Plug" of the Washington circulation staff, she keeps everyone motivated and energized in their responsibilities, and is a source of expertise for those around her. In February, she spearheaded a major collection shift at the Washington branch. Moving shelves and books, the library has been reorganized, making it more uniform and maximizing shelf space. While the branch manager was out, she met with the county maintenance crew before the library opened to make final shelf adjustments. Her work was critical in the overall improvement of the Washington library.

In addition to her work on the collection shift, Cheri serves as the cash register expert for the branch. She preps the money four days a week and trains staff in cash register operations. She troubleshoots issues and is a valuable resource to the Washington team.

She is the volunteer coordinator for Washington, she manages the supplies and inventory, and she is the safety representative. She fulfills her responsibilities with excellence, and I am proud to announce her as the employee of the month. Please congratulate her next time you get a chance!

-Joel Tucker, Director
 Washington County Library System



"Child's Pose" is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick this month. This dramatic Romanian film released in 2013 tells of a story of a controlling mother who sets out on a campaign of emotional and social manipulation as a way to keep her adult son out of prison while navigating the waters of power, corruption, and influence.

Child's Pose is based on the sense of loss of parents who have to send their children away both physically and psychologically. Heading to the conclusion, the film shows that the unhealthy mother-son relationship is not that simple when it comes to matters of human duty. The character of the mother, played by Luminita Gheorghiu, is extraordinary and makes the film a worthwhile endeavor. Watch this film, it is really good.



The Foreign Film Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. A discussion of this film will be held on May 6, 2015 in the Community Room at the Santa Clara Library. For more information, call Pam Zaferes at 435-986-0411.

