

Message from the Director

Children everywhere are practically bubbling over with excitement as the school year ends. Though some enjoy school more than others, it seems like all kids enjoy that break in between the school year. I say all kids and not all people because sometimes parents may find themselves pulling their hair out (you can tell I got an early start by my photo below). Your public library puts on programs during the summer reading to aid in both improvement of reading levels (avoiding the summer slide) and assisting in the prevention of the hair pulling (at least for a short time).

This summer we will be celebrating superheroes. Whether we are talking about a fictional character like Superman, Batman, or any other of the characters that can be dreamed up; or the non-fictional hero like the firefighter, the police officer, and anybody else who puts their lives on the line in protection of their fellow man, we will be having fun discussing the stories of the superheroes at the library. This is one of those topics that can be extremely entertaining and informational for the young minds.

Having said that, we do not just have programs for the children. We also have programs for young adults and adults. The programs for the young adults and adults are age appropriate and focused on reading and having fun together.

I would like to invite you to join us at the library this summer. Whether you are participating in the programs, checking out a book or a DVD, using our computers, or just spending time in a quiet corner, we look forward to seeing you at the library. Also, remind your friends and

neighbors of the different resources at the library. Help them avoid the hair pulling. Let everyone know that good times can be had at the library this summer.

See ya soon!



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



Adult Literacy Program

The Washington County Library System is committed to helping patrons to develop the skills they need to survive and thrive in a global information society. One of the most critical skills a person can have is the ability to read, or in other words, being literate.

The definition of literacy is "the ability to use printed and written information to function in society, achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential".

Basic, functional literacy is an essential skill for every individual's personal and professional growth—it is the key to increasing skill sets and building the abilities necessary to function in today's digital world.

Yet, according to the most recent data from the National Adult Literacy Survey, as many as 23 percent of adult Americans, or approximately 40-44 million people are functionally illiterate. This means that they lack basic literacy skills beyond the fourth grade.

These statistics are alarming, indicating that many adults cannot complete a job application or an insurance form, are unable to understand the instructions on a medicine bottle, and are unable to help their children with homework. And economical impact is estimated at \$240 billion dollars per year that is lost in productivity and revenue.

The Washington County Library System levels the playing field and provides access to the resources needed to address this issue. With a long tradition of providing resources and services for adults wanting to improve their reading and writing skills, the Library System offers a free Adult Literacy Program at the St. George branch.

These free tutoring sessions are available to adults who wish to improve their reading skills. If you or someone you care about could benefit from enrolling in the Adult Literacy Program, please contact Michelle Hughes, the Adult Literacy Program Coordinator at: 435-634-5737, ext. 2274.



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



May is here, and the last day of school is looming. At last, summer vacation stretches out before us like one long, beautiful, golden afternoon. Summer offers us a break from the routine, trips with family and friends, and maybe some extra visits to the library. If you're not quite sure what to do with yourselves (or your kids) during the long, lazy days of summer, take a look at our DVD collection: it's sure to have something enjoyable for you. We've got some recent additions that might just catch your eye:

NEW DVDS FOR KIDS:

AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES. VOL. 1-6
BABY GENIUS- BABY ANIMALS
DANNY PHANTOM - SEASONS 1-3
DOUG: THE COMPLETE NICKELODEON SERIES
PEG + CAT - PEG ROCKS! & PIRATES AHOY!
WILD KRATTS: SHARK-TASTIC!
X-MEN. VOL. 1-5
LEAPFROG LETTER FACTORY ADVENTURES - AMAZING WORD EXPLORERS

NEW DVDS FOR GROWN-UPS

ART AND CRAFT [DOCUMENTARY]
ANTARCTICA: A YEAR ON ICE [DOCUMENTARY]
CYBER-SENIORS [DOCUMENTARY]
THE IMITATION GAME
INTERSTELLAR
STAND YOUR GROUND

NEW DVDS FOR THE FAMILY

ANNIE (JAIME FOXX VERSION)
MEET THE MORMONS [DOCUMENTARY] (DVD & BLU-RAY)

As always, DVDs check out for FREE with a Washington County Library card, so be sure to make the library one of the major stops on your summer itinerary

-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. *THE LIAR*, by Nora Roberts
3. *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*, by Anthony Doerr.
4. *EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES*, by Lisa Scottoline
5. *THE STRANGER*, by Harlan Coben.
6. *THE NIGHTINGALE*, by Kristin Hannah.
7. *MIRACLE AT AUGUSTA*, by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge.
8. *AT THE WATER'S EDGE*, by Sara Gruen.
9. *A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD*, by Anne Tyler.
10. *HOT PURSUIT*, by Stuart Woods.

Nonfiction:

1. *THE ROAD TO CHARACTER*, by David Brooks.
2. *BILL O'REILLY'S LEGENDS AND LIES*, by David Fisher.
3. *DEALING WITH CHINA*, by Henry M. Paulson Jr.
4. *DEAD WAKE*, by Erik Larson.
5. *THE RESIDENCE*, by Kate Andersen Brower.
6. *BEING MORTAL*, by Atul Gawande.
7. *A CURIOUS MIND*, by Brian Grazer and Charles Fishman.
8. *BETWEEN YOU & ME*, by Mary Norris.
9. *HIS FOR HAWK*, by Helen Macdonald.
10. *CAPITAL DAMES*, by Cokie Roberts.

The Children's Corner

May is here and a lot of exciting events are happening - Cinco de Mayo on May 5th, Mother's Day on May 10th, School is out on May 22nd, and Memorial Day is May 25th!

When growing your little reader, no matter what your child's age, reading together with your child—or shared reading—is the single most important activity that you can do to help your child get ready to read.

Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read.

Reading books together introduces children to "rarer" words that they may not hear in everyday conversation. Knowing more words helps children become better readers.

Shared reading develops a love of reading and an appreciation of books. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.

This month the Library brings you the letter "Y"! Easy reader and picture book readers try books by these authors: Yates, Yee, Yep, Yolen, and Young.



Chapter book readers check out books by: Yaccarino, Yankovic, Yin, Yolen, You, Yoon, Young, Yorinks, and Young.

I will say farewell with this month joke from the May Highlights Magazine. "Knock, Knock." "Who's there?" "Little old Lady." "Little old Lady Who?" "Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!"

- 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, May 4- Paws for Tales 4:00 pm
 Tuesday, May 5 Science Club for Kids 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 12 - Page Turner's Book Club 2:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 12- Art Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 19 - Science Club for Kids - 6:30 pm
 Thursday, May 21- "Tween Thursday 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, May 26 - Science Club for Kids - 6:30 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesday's - Story Time 12:00 pm
 Monday, May 11 - 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, May 1 - Anime & Manga Club 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Saturday, May 2 - The Science of the Superhero 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 6- Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30 pm
 Friday, May 15 - Anime & Manga Club 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Thursday, May 7- Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 13 - Magic: The Gathering Club 3:30
 Thursday, May 21 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Friday, May 29- 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
 Friday, May 1 - The Science of the Superhero 1:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
 Wednesday's - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Tuesdays- Toddler Time 10:15 am
 Saturday, May 2 - The Science of the Superhero 1:00 pm
 Tuesday, May 5- Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, May 6 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, May 6 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 13 - Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Friday, May 15 - Science Club for Kids 4:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 20- Anime-Gamer Club 3:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Wednesday thru Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
 Friday, May 1 - The Science of the Superhero 4:00 pm
 Saturday, May 9 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
 Thursday, May 21 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 27 - Book Club 7:00 pm

Library Employee of the Month

Please join me in congratulating Megan Liles as the March employee of the month!



This last month Megan created a promotional display for read-alike audio books. Using various website resources, she identified books covering 5 different genres, had posters with a retro chalkboard designed to highlight the various fictional audio books with brief summaries. Audio books were pulled out from each genre and exhibited alongside the labels, resulting in high checkouts of those items.

Megan also plays a major role in the Page Turner's Book Club in St George. As a result of her perseverance in helping to coordinate and facilitate the book club over the past four years, participation has increased from 5 to 20 attendees. Using the Utah State Library Book Buzz resources, she researches subject matter, historical background, the author, and ensures that there are enough copies available for use.

Additionally, Megan has recruited a volunteer team of book cleaners. They are provided with a cart of books, usually children's materials, and ensures that the books are "refreshed" on a consistent basis.

Megan always gives 100% in everything she does, whether is working at circ, in children's or in the book club. Please congratulate Megan as the library's employee of the month!

-Joel Tucker, Director
 Washington County Library System



'The Rocket' (2013) is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick this month. This powerful and deeply moving drama takes place in Laos where a young boy is believed to bring bad luck to everyone around him so he and two friends take off to find a new home. After a calamity-filled journey through a land scarred by the legacy of war, to prove he's not bad luck he builds a gorgeous, high flying rocket emitting triumphant bursts of color out of refuse left by the war.

'The Rocket' has received 28 awards including (AFI FEST) Best International Feature Film (2013) and was the official submission of Australia to the Oscars 2014 best foreign film category. See it, your library has it.



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.

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