



Message from the Director

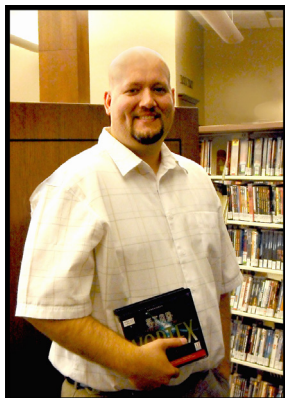
As we strive to make the library an easy to use resource for the community, August will bring some changes to a few of our facilities and a sweeping change to our collection. As I mentioned in the June Newsletter, we received LSTA grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Utah State Library. With these funds, we have contracted with MK Solutions to provide us with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) and self-checkout technologies.

Last month we received 450,000 labels so that we can begin tagging our entire collection with RFID chips. This process change will make it so that it does not take as long to check out items. Instead of checking each item out one at a time, you can check out stacks of items in half the time. It should also help our staff check in items faster, which means that items are returned to the shelf and available to check out faster.

In addition to RFID, we are installing self-checkout machines at all of the larger branches. Whether you are a do it yourself type or you just want to escape the lines and check out faster, the self-checkout machines are another service resource. We will continue to have staff available at the desk to serve patrons who need to pick up holds, apply for a new library card, discuss issues and concerns, etc., but the self-service option is a fast-track option to check out and go.

The small branches will not be receiving self-checkout because there are generally not lines for service, but all the libraries will have the new RFID readers at the circulation desk. The overall checkout experience, whether using self-checkout or the circulation desk, should be faster.

There will be some construction as the self-checkout machines and RFID enabled book drops are installed. There will also be a few teams in each branch retagging the collection. So "pardon our dust" as we upgrade the library with this new technology.



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Summer Reading Review

One of the most successful library programs locally and nationally is the Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP). CSLP is a grass roots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

Why is Summer Reading so important? It helps children retain their reading skills during the summer vacation. Summer reading loss, sometimes referred to as "the summer slide", refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003).

Studies show that public library summer reading programs enhance student achievement. This year, the Washington County Library System had a record number of summer reading participants, with an increase in registration in every branch.

Children, teens, and adults throughout the County participated in a wide variety of programs. These special events ranged in scope from craft days and magic shows to exciting stories told through entertaining avenues. Each of these events reinforced the mission of the Summer Reading Program, to help retain and improve reading skills with engaging and educational programming.

The programs infused the children with excitement, sparked their imaginations, and created a purposeful way to help families focus on the importance of literacy.

The Library System would like to thank the volunteers, presenters, and sponsors that participated in creating one of the most fun and exciting Summer Reading Programs to date!



Members of the 501st Legion greet young Star Wars fans at the Hurricane branch.



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Library Branch Information

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| St. George Library 88 W. 100 S. 435-634-5737 | Springdale 126 Lion Blvd. 435-772-3676 |
| Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 8:00 | Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 |
| Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 | Friday 10:00 - 5:00 |
| | Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 |

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| Santa Clara 1099 N. Lava Flow 435-986-0432 | New Harmony 34 S. 2900 E. 435-867-0065 |
| Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 | Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 |
| Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 | Friday & Saturday 10:00 - 4:00 |

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| Washington 220 N. 300 E. 435-627-2706 | Enterprise 393 S. 200 E. 435-878-2574 |
| Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 7:00 | Monday 10:00 - 6:00 |
| Friday and Saturday 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 |



Did you know that August is National Family Fun Month? This means that during the month of August, you will be legally required to have as much fun as possible with your family. (Well, maybe not legally required, but it is a good idea, right?)

There are plenty of things you can do as a family: go to the park, go swimming, biking, hiking, build giant forts out of couch cushions and blankets... Or, if you're unrepentant homebodies, you can relax and watch a movie in your living room. With some popcorn, comfortable seating, and dim lighting, you've got yourselves a perfect night of family fun. Here are a few new DVDs that might help:

| MOVIES: | TV SHOWS: |
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| THE ADVENTURES OF PEPPER & PAULA | ANIMAL CHILDHOOD [Documentary] |
| BARK RANGER | CURIOUS GEORGE |
| PAUL BLART: MALL COP 2 | JOHN DENVER: COUNTRY BOY |
| RED ARMY [Documentary] | [Documentary] |
| SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL | THE SAGEBRUSH SEA |
| TINY: A STORY ABOUT LIVING SMALL | [Documentary] |
| [Documentary] | SHOCKING SHARKS [Documentary] |
| WOMAN IN GOLD | |

As always, DVDs are FREE to check out with a Washington County Library card. Don't delay your night of family fun any longer than you need to. Stop by and pick up something up today!

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

New York Times Best sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

Fiction:

1. *GO SET A WATCHMAN*, by Harper Lee.
2. *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN*, by Paula Hawkins.
3. *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*, by Anthony Doerr.
4. *ARMADA*, by Ernest Cline.
5. *THE ENGLISH SPY*, by Daniel Silva.
6. *CODE OF CONDUCT*, by Brad Thor.
7. *NAKED GREED*, by Stuart Woods.
8. *THE NIGHTINGALE*, by Kristin Hannah.
9. *THE RUMOR*, by Elin Hilderbrand.
10. *NEMESIS*, by Catherine Coulter.

Nonfiction:

1. *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
2. *THE WRIGHT BROTHERS*, by David McCullough.
3. *MODERN ROMANCE*, by Aziz Ansari w/ Eric Klinenberg.
4. *DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE*, by Holly Madison.
5. *BEING MORTAL*, by Atul Gawande.
6. *DEAD WAKE*, by Erik Larson.
7. *A FULL LIFE*, by Jimmy Carter.
8. *A TIME FOR TRUTH*, by Ted Cruz.
9. *THE CONSERVATIVE HEART*, by Arthur C. Brooks.
10. *SICK IN THE HEAD*, by Judd Apatow.

Library Employee of the Month

Please join me in congratulating Alisha Burton as the June Employee of the Month!



In June, Alisha instituted a Young Adult Summer Reading program for 2015 that resulted in a higher than normal sign up and attendance. The programs include Zombie face painting with jello-brains to eat, a superhero writing workshop, banana tattoos, an archeologist (though not Indiana Jones), and more. She created and implemented an excellent Teen Summer Reading program, and she is also very involved with the Children's Summer Program.

She is adept at working with children, teens, and their parents. She presents Toddler Time on Thursdays and has done an excellent job of making the St. George story time a success. She revived the Teen Club, which has morphed into a Tween Club, increasing attendance and participation dramatically. Her results have been phenomenal as she has tripled the program attendance. She is involved with the art / science club. Alisha's part is the art component of the club, and she has made this a fun, and well attended program for the library.

Alisha's hard work, art expertise, and assistance in Children's and Young Adult make her an integral component to the Saint George Staff. She aids in the library Amazon book sales, and maintains the St. George Children's Facebook page. Though Alisha is only a part timer...she makes a full contribution to the success and advancement of the library.

Next time you get the chance, please congratulate her on a job well done!

-Joel Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wednesday, August 5 - Story Time 10:30 am
 Friday, August 7 - Movie 1:30 pm
 Wednesday, August 19 - Story Time 10:30 am
 Friday, August 21 - Movie 1:30 pm
 Wednesday, August 26 - Story Time 10:30 am
 Friday, August 28 & Saturday, August 29 - Book Sale

Hurricane Branch

Story Time resumes on August 11 - 11:00 am
 Story Time - Monday thru Thursday - 11:00 am
 Afternoon Story Time - Tuesdays - 1:00 pm
 Fridays - Moms 'n Tots Playtime 11:00 am
 Wednesday, August 5 & 19 - Magic the Gathering Club 3:30 pm
 Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Friday, August 14 & 28 - Anime & Manga Club 3:00 pm
 Saturday, August 29 - "Creating Cool Costumes and Make-up" Workshop 12:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
 Tuesday, August 4 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, August 5 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm
 Thursday, July 9 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, August 19 & 26 - Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - Story Time with Grandpa Steve 10:00 & 11:00
 Mondays - Story Time with Miss Jill 1:00 pm
 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
 Fridays - Spanish Story Time 3:00 pm
 Saturdays - Afternoon Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
 Monday, August 3 - PAWS for Tales 4:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, August 26 - Book Club 7:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Wednesday thru Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
 Saturday, August 8 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
 Thursday, August 20 - Book Ends Book Group 4:30 pm

Back To School @ Your Library!

Summer is drawing to a close, and many children and adults are beginning to anticipate the start of a new school year. Parents are checking items from their to-do lists - buying clothes, gathering supplies, and arranging transportation. During this hectic time, don't forget to make good use of ALL the resources at your library.

You may wonder, 'How can my public library help?' You can find the resources to make sure your children are school-ready this fall at your library. Aside from the material objects that will help them succeed, they may also need some help preparing emotionally.

Many kids - especially kindergartners and teens attending a new school - have some anxiety when it comes to the new school year. The library offers a variety of story books and educational resources that can help ease this transition and reduce the nervousness associated with starting school.

And once school starts, your library card gives you access to homework assistance on the Learning Express or Student Resource database, which can be accessed online from home or at your local library branch. Librarians at each branch are happy to assist in finding the items needed to complete assignments.

Whether your children have some trepidation or are thrilled about the start of a new school year, they'll likely enjoy the programs available at your library branch. Check out all the library has to offer today!



FOREIGN FILM CLUB

'Bethlehem' is the Foreign Film Club movie pick this month. This 2013 Israeli drama film tell the story of the complex relationship between an Israeli Secret Service officer and his teenage Palestinian informant. Shuttling back and forth between conflicting points of view, the film is a raw portrayal of characters torn apart by competing loyalties and impossible moral dilemmas, giving an unparalleled glimpse into the dark and fascinating world of human intelligence.



This film was screened at the Venice Days section of the 2013 Venice Film Festival where it won the top prize! Don't miss this one, put your request in today!

The Foreign Film Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 at the Santa Clara Branch. A discussion of this film will be held on September 2, 2015. For more information, call Pam Zaferes at 435-986-0432.

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