



Message from the Director

It seems to me that we all need a way to disconnect from reality from time to time. When I was about 12 years old, Louis L'Amour was my escape. I enjoyed the instant action and the wild west atmosphere as I grew up in the humid Florida woods. No matter what I was doing, I always had a book on hand. Reading a good book is an excellent way to temporarily escape from the stresses and demands of the world.

These days most of my reading is for educational purposes, but I always have a book on CD playing as I travel from point A to B. My interest has changed from the wild west to outer space, with varying authors including Lois McMaster Bujold, David Weber, Orson Scott Card, and others. Whatever you like to read, whatever format you prefer, the library is the place to find your escape.

Most of you who read this newsletter are card holding members of the library. We have over 80,000 residents of Washington County who take advantage of our library resources. Furthermore, we have some non-residents who pay on an annual basis. For example, my mother, who still lives in Florida, was so impressed with our eBook selection that she pays the annual cost to be a Washington County library card holder.

Though many of you take advantage of the library resources, as of 2013, the US Census Bureau tracked approximately 147,800 residents in Washington County, and we are still growing. That means more than 60,000 residents still don't own a library card. Every year, across the nation, September serves as library card sign-up month.

It's an opportunity to share the benefits of library card ownership with our friends, family, and neighbors. Whether they like fiction, nonfiction, mystery, fantasy, romance, or Sci-Fi, whether they like books, audio books, eBooks, Playaways, or videos, and whether they need information or just a place to escape, the library is available for all. Please share! We look forward to seeing you all at the library.



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

READ International Literacy Day

If you are reading this newsletter, we celebrate you on Tuesday, September 8th, in recognition of International Literacy Day. The mere act of reading is taken for granted by the billions of people who use it every day in their routine activities. Literacy is the common denominator in a multitude of different facets in our ordinary lives and our extraordinary pursuits.

However, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills. Within the United States, there is an estimated 50 million adults who are unable to perform simple and everyday literacy activities.

Though there is cause for celebration of the 4 billion literate people in our world, there is a silent epidemic of functional illiteracy in today's society. Poor literacy limits a person's ability to comprehend basic everyday tasks, such as: reading medicine labels, bank statements, recipes, filling out job applications, voting in elections, and using a Smartphone or computer.

The Washington County Library System offers many programs to improve literacy. One of these programs is an adult literacy program offered to individuals interested in improving their reading skills. We encourage you to share this information with someone you know who could benefit from this opportunity. There is no charge, other than the cost of your time to commit to learning. Please contact Michelle Hughes for further information at 435-634-5737, ext. 2274.

National Library Card Sign-up Month!

Your library card is the smartest card in your wallet! Your local library holds a wealth of knowledge in various formats and mediums, such as CDs, DVDs, magazines, Internet access, digital books and more - all available at your fingertips! Best of all, it's free! Tell your friends and family that you have the smartest card, and invite them to get their own library card! For more information on how to get a card, log on to our website at www.library.washco.utah.gov or call us at 435-634-5737.



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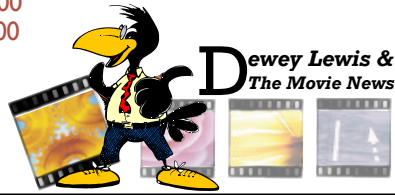
Library Branch Information

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
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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



After months of being baked to our bones like overdone turkeys, we're finally starting to enjoy ever-so-slightly cooler temperatures. Yes, it's September now, and autumn is no longer an impossibility, but an impending relief.

We can finally believe in a season other than summer. While you're waiting for the weather to change, it might be nice to curl up on a couch and watch a DVD from the library. Here are a few recent additions to enjoy:

DOCUMENTARIES:

LIFE IS STRANGE
THE LAST HEROES OF WORLD WAR II
THE HEART OF THE GAME
I AM STEVE MCQUEEN

REALITY TV SHOWS:

BRAIN GAMES - SEASON 5
YUKON MEN. -SEASON 3
DUAL SURVIVAL - SEASON 1
NAKED AND AFRIADI- SEASON 1

MOVIES:

ALPHA AND OMEGA. FAMILY
VACATION
BARELY LETHAL
CHILD 44
HOT PURSUIT
INSURGENT

TV:

JONATHAN STRANGE &
MR. NORRELL -SERIES 1
ONCE UPON A TIME - SEASON 4
PERSON OF INTEREST - SEASON 4
THE WATER DIVINER

Don't forget: DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library card. So beat the heat, just for a little bit longer, and come in to find some DVDs to take home.

-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. *FRICTION*, by Sandra Brown.
5. *ALERT*, by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge.
6. *CIRCLING THE SUN*, by Paula McLain.
7. *THE MURDERER'S DAUGHTER*, by Jonathan Kellerman.
8. *WHO DO YOU LOVE*, by Jennifer Weiner.
9. *SILVER LININGS*, by Debbie Macomber.
10. *THE NIGHTINGALE*, by Kristin Hannah.

Nonfiction:

1. *PLUNDER AND DECEIT*, by Mark R. Levin.
2. *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
3. *THE WRIGHT BROTHERS*, by David McCullough.
4. *BEING MORTAL*, by Atul Gawande.
5. *YOU'RE NEVER WEIRD ON THE INTERNET (ALMOST)*, by Felicia Day.
6. *MODERN ROMANCE*, by Aziz Ansari with Eric Klinenberg.
7. *DEAD WAKE*, by Erik Larson.
8. *A FULL LIFE*, by Jimmy Carter.
9. *MY FIGHT/YOUR FIGHT*, by Ronda Rousey with Maria Burns Ortiz.
10. *THE ROAD TO CHARACTER*, by David Brooks.

Library Employee of the Month

Please join me in congratulating Grace Mann as the July Employee of the Month!



Summer time is our busy time where we are all working with the Summer Reading Program and its impact on the library usage. As the children's librarian, Grace was in the thick of it for the month of July. She did a great job planning, organizing, and implementing the summer reading program for the St George branch.

In St George, over 1,000 children signed up for the summer reading program, and over 200 of those children finished the program. The weekly activities were fun and entertaining, and drew a large crowd every week. Programs included an "INCREDIBLE" array of activities including the Home Depot crafts, Karate, a policeman with his police dog, music, paws for tales, movies, and magic.

Grace has always done a superb job, having a special affinity for children of all ages. She loves them all, and the children feel it and engage well with her. In addition to the summer reading program, Grace continued to run her normal story times (4 per week), helped with supervising volunteers, and directed shelving for two part time pages. With Alicia Burton's assistance, Grace has instituted a Science and Art Club on Tuesday nights. She runs the science portion of the activity with entertaining and educational experiments.

Grace is a joy to work with at the St George branch and a true asset to the Library System.

-Joel Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
 Fridays - Music and Movement (ages 0-6) 9:30 am
 Fridays - Afternoon Movie Matinee 1:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 2 - Youth Art Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 9 - Youth Readers Theater 3:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 15 - Book Club for Adults 8:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 16 - Youth Science Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 23 - Youth Book Club 3:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Story Time 11:00 am
 Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
 Tuesdays - Table Top Gaming Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesdays & Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
 Fridays - Moms 'n Tots Playtime 11:00 am
 Thursdays - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
 Friday, September 11 - Anime & Manga Club 3:00 pm
 Friday, September 18 - Reader's Circle Book Club 4:00 pm
 Friday, September 18 - Fanatiku Fall Social 7:00 pm
 Saturday, September 19 - "Creating Cool Costumes and Make-up" Workshop 12:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm
 Friday, September 11 - Movie @ the Library 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 15 - AARP Smart Driver Course 10:00 - 2:00

Santa Clara Branch

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
 Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:15 am
 Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Wednesdays - Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 1 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 2 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm
 Thursday, September 3 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Friday, September 11 - Art Club for Kids (5-11 years) 4:00 pm
 Thursday, September 17 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 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 - Children's Spanish Class 3:00 pm
 Saturdays - Afternoon Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 9 - Author Shallee McArthur Workshop 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Author Liz Adair Workshop 6:00 pm
 Thursday, September 17 - Tween Movie "Labyrinth" 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 29 - Cooking with Herbs 6:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time with Miss Molly 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 30 - Book Club 7:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
 Wednesday thru Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
 Saturday, September 12 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
 Thursday, September 17 - Book Ends Book Group 4:30 pm

Summer Reading Grand Prize Drawing

This year's Summer Reading program ended with a record number of participants completing all eight weeks of the program. The names of all of the Young Adult and Adult participants who completed the program were sent in from every branch for a chance to win the Summer Reading grand prize.



Assistant Library Director Alan Anderson presents Brekken Abbott with his gift

With over 300 names in the drawing, Brekken Abbott was the lucky winner of the Young Adult drawing, and was awarded a \$50 gift card to the Megaplex Theaters.



Washington Reference Librarian Lorie Wornack presents Elisha Wintch with her gift basket.

The grand prize winner for the Adult Summer Reading program was Elisha Wintch, who won a gift basket valued at \$75 sponsored by Dillard's.

We would like to congratulate every participant in the Summer Reading Program for their efforts and encourage everyone to participate again next year!

FOREIGN FILM CLUB

"Two Lives" is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick this month. This German dramatic thriller film takes place in 1990 when the Berlin Wall just crumbled. Kathrine is a war child – the result of a romance between a Norwegian woman and a German occupation soldier during World War II. She enjoys a happy family life with her mother, her husband, daughter and granddaughter. But when a lawyer asks her and her mother to testify in a trial against the Norwegian state on behalf of the war children, she resists.



Gradually, a web of concealments and secrecy is unveiled, until Kathrine is faced with losing everything, and her loved ones are forced to take a stand: what matters more, the life they have lived together, or the lie it is based on?

The Foreign Film Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 at the Santa Clara Branch Library. A discussion of this film will be held on October 7, 2015. For more information, call Pam Zaferes at 435-986-0432.

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