

Message from the Director

Having just finalized our statistics for 2015, I would like to take a moment to discuss our 2015 budget.

On average, taxpayers pay about \$33 for use of the library, depending on the value of your home. You may be surprised to learn that in 2015, that equated to about \$3.4 million. That is a small increase from 2014 because Washington County is growing (more taxpayers = more money).

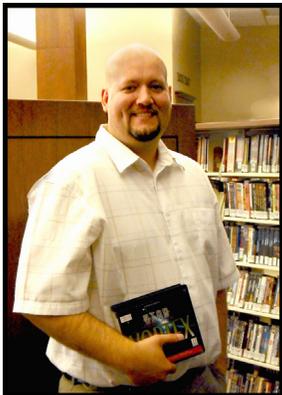
The real question is, what did we do with your investment? A good chunk of the money went to manpower. Our goal is to provide library resources to everyone in Washington County, so we have seven branches spread out to provide library services to our residents.

Each branch needs to be staffed with enough people to manage the collection, provide customer service to the library patrons, manage the daily operations, and more. With about 70 employees, we paid \$1.6 million for salaries and wages.

Almost \$800,000 was spent in building maintenance/repairs, utilities, internet, computers, programming, and other normal operating costs. We work hard to ensure that you have the resources and facilities to meet the needs of the Washington County community. Part of that \$800,000 includes the installation of RFID and self-checkout, which should provide another checkout service option and speed up our service capabilities.

Finally, we spent almost \$550,000 to cultivate the collection. That is almost 15% of the budget spent on buying new books, CDs, DVDs, ebooks, databases, periodicals, playaways, and other items for public use. We are constantly refreshing the collection to provide customers with new and exciting items for checkout. Have you had a chance to checkout our WiFi Hotspots?

So you have a choice, you can go buy that book you'd like to read, that book on CD you'd like to listen to, that ebook to download on your device, or whatever else you have your eye on...or you can come to the library and take advantage of your investment. We are here to serve you, and look forward to seeing you, your friends, and your neighbors in the library. Spread the word!




Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Un-Bound

2016 UPCYCLED BOOK ART CONTEST



TAKE AN OLD BOOK  REMAKE IT   WIN 

In Celebration of the National Library Week theme "Libraries Transform", the Washington County Library System wants you to show your creativity in transforming an old discarded book into a piece of art!

The contest is open to residents of the County ages 5 to 105. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: Kids (5-12), Teen (13-18), and adults (19+). Winners in each age group will win a gift card. The award amounts are: First Place \$25, Second Place \$15, Third Place \$10 and Honorable Mention \$5.

There are no rules on how to alter your book - you can add to, carve, cut up, fold, paint, collage or transform the book in whatever fashion you desire. Projects can be turned in to any library branch on March 30th & 31st. Judging will be completed on April 2nd by a jury. For contest specifications and entry forms, visit your local branch or log onto: www.library.washco.utah.gov.



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 5th and running to April 9th

Readers who register for the Cover to Cover Club at one of the library'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! For more information about the program, speak to a Children's Librarian.

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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
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	



New York Times Best sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

Fiction:

1. *COMETH THE HOUR*, by Jeffrey Archer.
2. *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*, by Anthony Doerr.
3. *THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN*, by Paula Hawkins.
4. *THE NIGHTINGALE*, by Kristin Hannah.
5. *BROTHERHOOD IN DEATH*, by J. D. Robb.
6. *NYPD RED 4*, by James Patterson and Marshall Karp.
7. *FIND HER*, by Lisa Gardner.
8. *MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON*, by Elizabeth Strout.
9. *GO SET A WATCHMAN*, by Harper Lee.
10. *ROGUE LAWYER*, by John Grisham.

Nonfiction:

1. *WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR*, by Paul Kalanithi.
2. *A MOTHER'S RECKONING*, by Sue Klebold.
3. *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
4. *THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY*, by Pope Francis with Andrea Tornielli
5. *THE ROAD TO LITTLE DRIBBLING*, by Bill Bryson
6. *DARK MONEY*, by Jane Mayer
7. *AND THEN ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE*, by Richard Engel
8. *CONVICTION*, by Juan Martinez
9. *ORIGINALS*, by Adam Grant
10. *BEING MORTAL*, by Atul Gawande.

Library Employee of the Month

The employee of the month for January 2016 is Gloria Larson. Recently Gloria and Grace Mann were recognized and featured in the Southern Utah Life section of the Spectrum. The article was titled, "Story time is More Than Just Reading to Kids."

The article quotes Gloria's feelings about the importance of story time. "There are so many benefits the kids get from (story time), said Larson. The basics in reading, and in the social aspect... It's a gateway to help them learn how to handle social situations. And the reading – it's such a basic foundation for life."

Not only does the article reflect the writer's perspective, but the author also highlighted positive feedback received from other patrons who attend Gloria's story time. The positive image portrayed to the community is a valuable tool in inviting our patrons back and new patrons into the library. Gloria's professional approach to her position as children's librarian and her support for the children has a significant impact on the community and the library.

Gloria has recently been selected to serve as the youth services committee chair this year, and we expect great things as she helps plan and coordinate the summer reading program and other programs across the county.

Please congratulate Gloria the next chance you get.



-Joel Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

As we all know, it is very difficult to catch a leprechaun. The rewards for doing so, of course, are manifold: wishes, gold, and possibly a very small friend to call your own, depending on how friendly (and forgiving) the leprechaun is. But, given how unpredictable wishes are, and how the value of gold has dropped a bit in recent years, it may be better to leave off trying to catch a leprechaun for now.

Instead, you could try to capture a DVD from the library. It's much easier, requires only a library card, and is less likely to go horribly awry. We've got a few ideas for DVDs to capture right here:

MOVIES:

BIG STONE GAP
BRIDGE OF SPIES
CAPTIVE
THE LAST WITCH HUNTER
LOVE THE COOPERS
OUR BRAND IS CRISIS
SUFFRAGETTE

DOCUMENTARY/REALITY:

AMY
DOWNWINDERS
HE NAMED ME MALALA
A LEGO BRICKUMENTARY
BACK IN TIME
LOST RIVERS

If you have gotten gold from a leprechaun, you won't have to spend any of it to check out a DVD. They're FREE to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. Come on by on St. Patrick's Day, or any other day of the week (Mon-Sat) to try your hand at DVD capture. You'll be sure to have a better time than trying to capture a leprechaun.

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

Library Programs and Events

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
Thursdays - Wii Afternoon 3:00 pm
Fridays - Moms 'n Tots Playtime 11:00 am
Friday, March 5- Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 9 & 23 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Friday, March 11- Anime Club 3:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:15 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Tuesday, March 1 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Wednesday March 2 - Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 2 - Foreign Film Club 5:30 pm
Thursday, March 3 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Wednesday, March 9- Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm
Friday, March 11 - Art Club for Kids (5-11 years) 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 16- Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm
Thursday, March 17- P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 23- Anime/Gamer Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 30 - 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,
Wednesday, March 16 - Healthy Eating Seminar 6:00 pm
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 7 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Thursday, March 10 - Gardening - Cool Season Vegetables 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 17 - Gardening - Warm Season Vegetables 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 17 - Teen Event - Book Art & Calligraphy 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 23 - Nutrition for Brain Health 6:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesday thru Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 10 - An Evening with Quilter Janey Argyle 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 12 - Mother-Daughter Book Club 3:00 pm
Thursday, February 18 - Book Ends Book Group 4:30 pm
Friday, March 18 - Teen Game Night 4:30 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm
Monday, March 7- Kolob Korner Book Club

Springdale Branch

Wednesday, March 30- Book Discussion Group 7:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Fridays - Music and Movement (ages 0-6) 9:30 am
Fridays - Afternoon Movie Matinee 1:00 pm
Wednesday, March 2 - The Other Side of the Story - Fairy Tales 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 9 - Art Club 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 16 - The Other Side of the Story - Fairy Tales 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 23 - Youth Book Club 2:30 pm
Wednesday, March 30 - The Other Side of the Story - Fairy Tales 2:30 pm

Gardening Workshops @ Your Library!



Learn how to plant and maintain a garden through the seasons with free workshops @ your library. Join us as Rick Heflebower, Horticulture Extension Agent for Utah State University presents information on how to plant and care for cool and warm season vegetables.

Planting and Care of Cool
Season Vegetables
Thursday, March 10, 2016
6:00 - 7:30 pm
St. George Library
Community Room B

Planting and Care of Warm
Season Vegetables
Thursday, March 17, 2016
6:00 - 7:30 pm
St. George Library
Community Room B

Plan on attending one or both of these informative workshops. For more information, please call Ruth Tanner at 435-634-5737, ext. 2284.

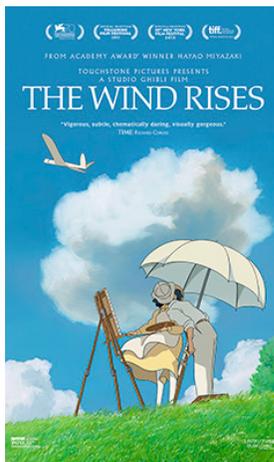


"The Wind Rises" is a fictional biopic of Jiro Horikoshi, designer of Japanese fighter planes used in World War II and is the Foreign Film Club's movie pick for this month.

The final feature-length film in director Hayao Miyazaki's impressive filmography and animated by Studio Ghibli, it is an adaptation of Miyazaki's manga of the same name and loosely based on a 1937 short story by Tatsuo Hori.

Inspired by the Italian aircraft designer Giovanni Battista Caproni, Jiro Horikoshi longs to build and design airplanes. While on his revolutionary pursuit, Horikoshi contends with the Great Kanto Earthquake, the Great Depression, love, illness and world war. The film is a breathtaking depiction of a remarkable man's quest to become one of the most innovative aeronautical engineers in history.

Touchstone Pictures released the film for North American audiences in 2014 and cast the voices of actors such as Joseph Gordon-Levitt (3rd Rock from the Sun, Inception), Emily Blunt (Edge of Tomorrow), John Krasinski (The Office, 13 Hours), Martin Short and many others. It won an Academy Award nomination for best animated feature film, a Golden Globe nomination for best foreign language film and the 2014 Japan Academy Prize for animation of the year.



The Foreign Film Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 in the Community Room at the Santa Clara Library. A discussion of this film will be held on April 4, 2016. For more information, call Molly DeWolff at 435-986-0432.

