



Message From The Director

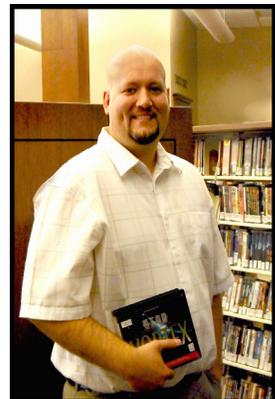
Video games are everywhere! They are on our phones, our laptops, gaming platforms, etc. It's everywhere, and it is very popular. This is why we have tried to use gaming in the library to connect with our patrons. When I first stepped in as director, games were not allowed on the computers. The main reason was that it slowed down our internet. But as we have improved our internet speeds, and evaluated other libraries, it seemed like a good step to relax that rule.

Now we have virtual reality headsets in the library. They come with a manufacturer warning that highlights 13 and up, so we follow that. Children ages 13 and up can access our virtual reality equipment. There is a lot of fun, educational apps available, like the Google Maps app that lets you be anywhere in the world, virtually. There is even a solar system app that lets you go out of this world, virtually.

Having said that, some games have little to do with education but are more for fun. Games like Beat Saber and Vader Immortal. My one stipulation when we bought them, I didn't want first-person shooters in the library. We have had requests, but it just seemed out of place in a library setting.

However, there is this little thing called the law, the first amendment, which reinforces that I am not allowed to censor library materials (including electronic) based on content. Therefore, to stay in line with the law and our policies, we will not discriminate based on content. That includes first-person shooters. We have decided not to purchase mature content, as we allow 13-year-old children to use the devices, but if it is rated teen, depending on space and popularity, it might be on the headset.

Parents do have the ability to restrict the access of their minor children. If you have concerns about your minor using the headsets, you can speak with a manager, and they will put a note on their account.



We hope you enjoy the resources available to you within the library and hope to see you soon (not virtually)!

Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Un~Bound*

2021 UPCYCLED BOOK ART CONTEST



The Washington County Library System invites you to show us your creativity in recycling and re-imagining an old book! Join us for the sixth annual "Un~Bound" book art contest. Take an old book, remake it into an original work of art, and win one of many prizes!

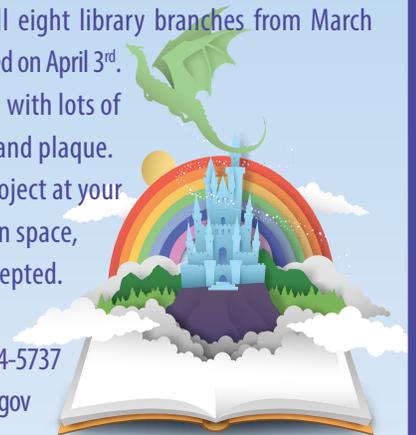
The contest is open to residents of Washington County ages 5-105. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups for kids, teens, adults, senior citizens and special needs.

Entries will be accepted at all eight library branches from March 25th-31st, with winners announced on April 3rd.

Winners will receive a gift bag with lots of goodies, including a gift card and plaque.

Pick up a free book for your project at your library branch! Due to limits on space, hanging entries cannot be accepted.

For more information, call 435-634-5737 or visit www.library.washco.utah.gov



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Whether you're thrilled or disappointed with the change (or just sort of 'meh' about it), we now have a new president in the White House. And while the transfer of leadership can feel like a huge deal, we all know the real reason presidents are important: to give us a reason to have a day off on the third Monday of February! (Ok, ok, we know that it's specifically to celebrate Washington's birthday, but close enough!) And with all of that extra free time, we know you'll need something entertaining to do. Why not check out a DVD from the library? Here are a few we've added recently that you could use to fill those hours:

MOVIES AND TV:

- HONEST THIEF
- INFIDEL
- JIU JITSU
- THE LAST SHIFT
- LEGO JURASSIC WORLD: DOUBLE TROUBLE
- MADE IN ITALY
- PERRY MASON. SEASON 1 (Matthew Rhys version)

DOCUMENTARIES:

- 17 AND LIFE DOESN'T WAIT
- ALWAYS IN SEASON
- ATTLA
- BARBARA RUBIN & THE EXPLODING NY UNDERGROUND
- THE CONDOR & THE EAGLE
- DREAMERS (Adaptation of children's book)
- FATHER'S KINGDOM

Because Presidents' Day celebrations can be super expensive (especially if you decide to dress your entire family (including your 5 dogs) like George Washington for the occasion), DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So put on your white wig and tricorne hat and mosey down to the library to pick up a few DVDs to make your Presidents' Day celebration top notch!

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.

Employee Spotlight

I am happy to announce the Employee Spotlight for January 2021 is Karen Crawford from the Springdale branch!



Karen Crawford is a long-time employee of the Washington County Library system. This past November she celebrated 10 years working for the Springdale Branch.

Karen is very devoted to the Springdale library and is a favorite among the community. She always has a smile on (under her mask 😊) and is always happy to help with anything.

The Springdale branch had a change in management in late December and the library has been down a clerk. During this past month Karen has stepped up to the plate working several extra hours per week. Karen has been instrumental in making the new transition seamless. In addition, to helping Anna when she gets stuck in Horizon, Karen has helped to keep the children and adult displays current and fresh.

Karen is a resident of Rockville Utah and also works for the water company and is the Rockville town postmaster. Karen has two grown children Hannah and Nate. When Karen isn't busy at work she enjoys sewing, cuddling with her cat, and cooking.

- Joel Tucker,
Director

February Celebrations

Although it has only 28 days and is the shortest month of the year, there is plenty to celebrate in February. While Valentine's Day may be the most well known, there is plenty more reasons to celebrate! Here are a few lesser known holidays this month:

- February 2nd – Groundhog Day – Check out the classic 1993 movie, "Groundhog Day". Feel free to watch it over, and over, and over... or at least as until it's due back at the library!
- February 7th – Kick off one of the biggest days in sports and watch the Superbowl! Whether you plan on watching the big game (or just the commercials), this is a great day to enjoy the company of friends, family, and great food!
- February 9th – National Pizza Day – Celebrate by hosting your own Pizza Making Party! Check out some Pizza cookbooks like Zesty Pizza by Bev Bennett, or go light with Skinny Pizza by Barbara Grunes.
- February 13th – Celebrate the special ladies in your life on Galentine's Day! Gather your girlfriends and visit the library to pick up your favorite reads. Then enjoy lunch or host a Galentine's Day party. This day, which originated on the television show "Parks and Recreation," aims to show appreciation for your female friends.
- February 15th – President's Day – Honoring the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, this day allows for some 3-day weekend fun!
- February 17th – Random Acts of Kindness Day – Whether small or large, known or unknown, random acts of kindness can go a long way. Go out of your way today to be extra kind to others.

There definitely is much more to celebrate in February than chocolate, roses and romance. Try one of these fun celebrations this month!

Library Programs and Events

Library programs will be held contingent upon current COVID mandates and may be canceled without notice. Virtual programs and reading programs are available online. Check your branch for more information and to receive links to log on to virtual programs.

Hurricane Branch

Story Time Walks - available daily during library hours
Thursday, February 4 & 18 - Anime Club (virtual) 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Monday, February 5 - Online Story Time posted
February 1-6 - Take and Make Superbowl Fun Pack for Kids
February 8-13 - Take and Make Valentine for Kids and Teens
Monday, February 19 - Online Story Time posted
February 22-27 - Take and Make Pokemon Craft for Kids

St. George Branch

Story Walks available daily
Tuesday, February 2 - Grab 'n Go Science Club for Kids
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, February 16 - Grab n' Go Art Club for Kids
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, February 18 - 24 - Grab n' Go Teen Activity packets

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Take & Make Guided Journaling - All Ages

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday, February 10 - After School @ the Library 3:30 pm
Thursday, February 11 - TAG Game Night 4:30 pm
Wednesday, February 17 - Anime Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, February 27 - Movie @ the Library 1:30 pm

Washington Branch

Story Walks for Kids available daily
Wednesday, February 3 - Nerd Herd for Teens via Zoom 4:00 pm
Monday, February 8 - Library Techies via Zoom 2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 10 - Virtual Game Day for Teens via Zoom 2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 17 - Impromptu Storytelling for Teens via Zoom 4:00 pm
Thursday, February 18 - Book Ends Book Club via Zoom 4:30 pm
Tuesday, February 23 - Arts & Crafts Club via Zoom 2:00 pm
Wednesday, February 24 - Booklanders Teen Book Club via Zoom 4:00 pm



1000 Books BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free library program that encourages all Washington County families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. The Library System has participated in this program since 2013 and it has been a great tool to promote reading readiness for children.

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary — two important tools when they begin learning to read in kindergarten. How can you read 1,000 Books? It's easy! 3 books a day for 1 year = 1,095 books. Or if you want a more leisurely pace, just read 1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books!

The Library System offers literacy programs for all ages. For more information on 1,000 Book Before Kindergarten or other programs, visit or call your library branch.

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett
2. *The Scorpions Tail*
by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
3. *Neighbors*
by Danielle Steele
4. *Star Wars: Light of the Jedi*
by Charles Soule
5. *The Midnight Library*
by Matt Haig
6. *Where the Crawdads Sing*
by Delia Owens
7. *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*
by V.E. Schwab
8. *Anxious People*
by Fredrik Backman
9. *The Return*
by Nicholas Sparks
10. *A Time for Mercy*
by John Grisham

NONFICTION:

1. *A Promised Land*
by Barack Obama
2. *Greenlights*
by Matthew McConaughey
3. *Caste*
by Isabel Wilkerson
4. *Untamed*
by Glennon Doyle
5. *A Swim In A Pond In the Rain*
by George Saunders
6. *Becoming*
by Michelle Obama
7. *Evil Geniuses*
by Kurt Andersen
8. *How To Be An Antiracist*
by Ibram X. Kendi
9. *You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey*
by Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar
10. *Breath*
by James Nestor

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