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Message From The Director



I was talking to my wife the other day, and she voiced frustration with some oleanders that were growing out of control. I chopped them down several years back, but from the stumps, they have grown almost taller than my house. They are good for shade, but as my wife tends her garden, she wanted them gone.

So playing the part of the good husband, I sharpened my machete and got to work hacking away. After questioning my blade sharpening skills, my neighbor offered his chainsaw. Boom! One bush down, taken to the dump, 5 more to go. Well, the dump closed, and instead of filling the truck bed and taking trips, I opted for just chopping everything down and making the dump runs later.

Shortly after felling my last oleander shrub, my wife came out and asked me if I was joking. After looking around for what I was doing that might be funny, she asked why I would chop down these oleanders. Yeah, I didn't get the joke either. There were six oleanders, two on the left side of the gate, and four on the right. Apparently, I was only supposed to take out the two, not the four on the right. Yup, not a joke. Fortunately, as I've learned, they grow back, right?

In response to COVID, the library scaled back our offerings and services. Like a good oleander trimming session, we cut out a lot of our in-person programming for safety. Instead, we developed take-home kits and held online book clubs and such. But like those persistent oleanders, it's time to grow back. The library is ready to offer more in-person programming again.

Whether joining us for programming, using our meeting rooms, checking out books about oleanders, learning about

gardening, checking out a hot spot, or the myriad of options available at the library, we look forward to seeing you soon!©

...Is it too soon to spread a rumor about summer reading. There might be a chance to win a Nintendo Switch. Stand by for more details...

Joel E. Tucker, Director Washington County Library System

Read Across America Day and **National Reading Month**

National Reading Month is celebrated every March. The start of this tradition began with "Read Across America Day", also known as "Dr. Seuss Day". During the 1990s, the National Education Association (NEA) advocated for a day to celebrate reading all over the United States and in 1998 the NEA started Read Across America Day on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

One of the most cherished traditions for celebrating Read Across America Day is to read one or more Dr. Seuss books. Reading together forms the building blocks of language, and Dr. Seuss has left us a legacy where we can visit amazing new places and meet unique characters in his books.

Why read? Did you know that reading makes you smarter? It's true! Regular reading can increase a young child's vocabulary by 4,00-12,00 words per year? Reading also slows the decline of memory that comes with age which makes it the perfect activity for everyone.

Reading is also a proven stress reducer. Did you know that reading is more calming than listening to music or going on a walk? And it doesn't take a lot of time, you can reap the benefits of reading with just six minutes a day. Reading also adds excitement to our lives, introducing us to new places and people, some real and some imagined.

As Dr. Seuss says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." So pick up a book and kick off National Reading Month on "Read Across America Day" on March 2, 2021.



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Sequester your sausage and hide your ham, because March 1st is National Pig Day, a day to celebrate our porcine friends! Pigs are surprisingly intelligent, and can be trained to perform tricks, like dogs. Unlike doggos, pigs aren't quite as eager to please their human companions, so they may require time to develop a trust bond with you. But they do love to snuggle, and the indisputably (not really) best pig-cuddling time is watching a bunch of DVDs together! (Yeah, you knew we were going to get to DVDs eventually.) Here are a few recently added DVDs you could use to spend time with your new curly-tailed best friend:

MOVIES AND TV:

- •AMMONITE
- •FATMAN
- •LOVE AND MONSTERS
- SYNCHRONIC
- •TENET
- •WANDER
- •THE WAR WITH GRANDPA
- •YELLOWSTONE, SEASON 3

DOCUMENTARIES:

- •HOW DO MOLECULES STAY TOGETHER?
- •HOW DO YOU STOP A MOVING TRAIN?
- •ISLANDS OF WONDER
- •JEFFERSON MEASURES A MOOSE
- •THE MAYA DEREN COLLECTION
- •NOMAD: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BRUCE CHATWIN

Unlike the upkeep for your new pet pig, DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So come check out a few DVDs from the library to share with your porky pal. We absolutely promise not to mention B-A-C-O-N to them.

-Beth Meyers, St. George Library



Washington County Library System is pleased to partner with In-N-Out Burger to bring you the Cover to Cover Library Reading Program.

The program will begin on Saturday, March 6 and will end on Saturday, April 17,

2021. The program gives families with young readers ages 4-12 an opportunity to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger.

Children who read five books at their grade level receive a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger! For more information or to register for the program, speak to the Children's Librarian at your local library branch.

Employee Spotlight

I'm pleased to announce the employee spotlight for March 2021 is Ruth Barlow!

Ruth has worked at the Hildale Branch for three years and is a valuable member of the library team. She is a wonderful asset to our patrons in helping them find



new and fun books they have not read before. She can provide great recommendations to our patrons because she reads on average five books a week.

Ruth works hard to keep things in the library organized and tidy and works hard to keep the library material in good condition. She is working to increase our library's programming offerings, including passive STEM projects that kids can do in the library. Her favorite thing about working in a library is that she gets to meet and talk to new people and expand her imagination.

Outside of the library, Ruth loves to read and be with her family. She loves reading romance and suspense novels. Something you might be surprised to know about her is she loves Scottish dancing. She is excited about her upcoming vacation this fall when she and her sisters will be taking a cruise in the Bahamas. Join me in congratulating Ruth!

- Joel Tucker,
Director

National Women's History Month

In 1987 the U.S. Congress designated March as National Women's History Month. This creates a special opportunity to recognize and celebrate the often-overlooked achievements of American Women. The theme for 2021 is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced", which continues the theme of 2020 since most of the events from last year were canceled due to COVID. This honors the centennial celebration of the women who fought to win suffrage rights for women.

The 2021 National Women's History theme presents the opportunity to honor women who have shaped America's history and those who are shaping its future with their efforts to promote women's rights.

This year marks the 101st anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which was added to the U.S. Constitution and established the right for women to vote in all states. Join us this year in celebrating Women's History Month throughout March.

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesdays (by appointment) - AARP Tax Help Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm Thursday, March 4 & 18 - Anime Fannatiku via Discord 4:00 pm Friday, March 5 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm Wednesday, March 10 & 24 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm Thursday, March 11 & 25 - Lego Club 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 17 & 31- Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 am Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am (beginning on 3-18) Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am Tuesday, March 9 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 (available in person and via Zoom) Saturday, March 5 & 27 - Online Story Time posted March 5-13 Take n' Make Leprechaun Trap (bring back your project for display by March 13) March 10 - 11 - Spring Break Book Art Craft Saturday, March 13 - Red Bramble Celtic Music Concert 1:30 pm March 29-April 3 Take n' Make Easter Craft

St. George Branch

Mondays - Story Time 11:00 am & 1:00 pm Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 pm Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am Tuesday, March 2 - Grab 'n Go Science Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 9 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm (Also available via Zoom) Tuesday, March 16 & Wednesday, March 17 - Adult Grab n' Go Craft Tuesday, March 16 - Grab n' Go Art Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm Thursday, March 18 - 24 - Grab n' Go Teen Activity packets

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am Wednesdays - Youth Activities 2:45 pm Tuesday, March 16 - Virtual Author Event 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 16 - Community Book Club 8:00 pm Wednesday, March 17 - Book Art Workshop 2:45 pm

New Harmony Branch

Take & Make Book Art Projects - All Ages Wednesday - Story Time 12:00 pm - beginning March 17

Hildale Branch

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

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am Wednesday, March 3 - Nerd Herd for Teens 4:00 pm Monday, March 8 - Library Techies 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 10 - Wii & Switch Games for Teens 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 17- Techno Teens Photo Contest 4:00 pm Thursday, March 18-Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm Tuesday, March 23- Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 24 - Teen Bookend craft 4:00 pm Thursday, March 25 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 31 - Booklanders Teen Book Club 4:00 pm





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

New York Times Best Sellers -Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

- 1. The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- 2. Faithless in Death by J.D. Robb
- 3. The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- 4. The Sanatorium
- by Sarah Pearse 5. The Vanishing Half
- by Brit Bennett 6. The Invisible Life of Addie
- LaRue by V.E. Schwab 7. The Russian by James
- Patterson and James O. Born
- 8. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- 9. The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles 10. Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

NONFICTION:

- 1. Walk In My Combat Boots by James Patterson & Matt **Eversmann with Chris Mooney**
- 2. Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson with Michelle Burford
- 3. A Promised Land by Barack Obama
- 4. Think Again by Adam Grant
- 5. Four Hundred Souls edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
- 6. Greenlights
- by Matthew McConaughey
- 7. Unmasked by Andy Ngo
- 8. Caste
- by Isabel Wilkerson 9. Untamed
- by Glennon Doyle
- 10. Between Two Kingdoms by Suleika Jaouad

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