

## Message From The Director

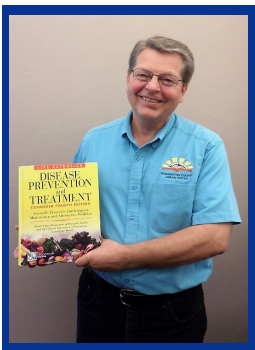
### People with "Sense"

In last month's article in this space I quoted from Dr. Benjamin Franklin. When asked to donate a bell, Franklin responded with an offer of books for the town's residents, acknowledging that "sense was preferable to sound."  
(See: <https://www.sturgislibrary.org/oldest-library/>)

While that was not the direction of the article, I do wish to explore this point a little more in light of the Presidential election season we are currently in. It should be pointed out that in just a few days the outcome will be known and the candidate selected. If you read this article later in the month of November you can then be the judge, of our sense as a nation. Another way to view this is the library provides material on both sides of issues so people can educate themselves and make good choices, but are people doing so?

Now if you are looking for a prediction of the race or the outcome, you will need to look elsewhere. My purpose in exploring Mr. Franklin's comment is to illustrate the value and premise of the library, as viewed by the early founders of the United States of America. The Washington County Library mission states in part our purpose is to provide: "...spaces that promote ideas, inspire lifelong learning, and strengthen communities." (See: <https://library.washco.utah.gov/mission/>)

The founders had confidence in the preservation of our nation, and felt it was made more assured through strong and vibrant libraries. This is illustrated in a letter from Thomas Jefferson to John Wyche as found in the Library of Congress: "I have often thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county, to consist of a few well-chosen books, to be lent to the people of the country under regulations as would secure their safe return in due time." Thomas Jefferson to John Wyche, May 19, 1809 (See: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/thomas-jeffersonpapers/articles-and-essays/selected-quotations-from-the-thomas-jefferson-papers/#:~:text=%22I%20have%20often%20thought%20that,safe%20return%20in%20due%20time.%22>)



In an effort to provide lifelong learning, keep up your reading habits as you make your New Year's resolutions next month.

Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System



November is National Native American Heritage Month. In 1990, Pres. George H. W. Bush signed a bill to make November a month to commemorate and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of the Native Americans.

Join us in celebrating by reading and exploring Native culture. Here are a few titles that are about, written, or illustrated by Native Americans:

#### Easy Readers:

*We Are Water Protectors*  
by Carole Lindstrom

*Berry Song* by Michaela Goed

*The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*  
by Paul Goble

*Finding My Dance*  
by Ria Thundercloud



#### Young Adult:

*Firekeeper's Daughter*  
by Angeline Boulley

*Wolf Mark* by Joseph Bruchac

*The Marrow Thieves*  
by Cherie Dimaline

*Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger



#### Junior Fiction:

*Fry Bread* by Kevin Maillard

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*  
by Kelly Barnhill

*Native American Heroes*  
by Ann McGovern

*Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis & Traci Sorell



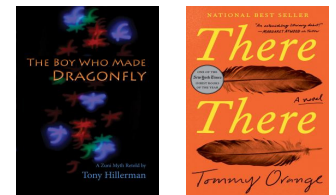
#### Adult:

*The Round House*  
by Louise Erdrich

*The Boy Who Made Dragonfly: A Zuni Myth* by Tony Hillerman

*There There* by Tommy Orange

*Our History is the Future*  
by Nick Estes



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This Thanksgiving, we know you're grateful for family, food, and—let's face it—an escape from family and food (no judgment here). While some folks will be fighting over the last slice of pie, you can be cozied up with an epic movie marathon, courtesy of your Washington County Library card. And the best part? Checking out movies here is as free as your Great Aunt Martha's unsolicited life advice!

Why stress about what to watch on TV when we've got new titles waiting for you—and your wallet stays happily closed? Whether you're in the mood for blockbuster hits, heartwarming family films, or even that artsy documentary you pretend to understand, we've got you covered. Here are a few of the newest films to check out:

**MOVIES**

- Audrey Hepburn Story
- Maxxine
- Quiet Place: Day One
- Harold and the Purple Crayon
- American Fiction
- Boy in the Woods
- Subservience
- Cabrini

**TELEVISION**

- Babylon Berlin - Season 4
- Harry Wild - Season 3
- Castlevania: Nocturne - Season 1
- Curb Your Enthusiasm - Season 12
- Night Agent - Season 1
- Ridley - Season 2

Grab your Washington County Library card and get these new movie titles today! It's like Black Friday, but with way fewer crowds and a lot more popcorn potential. So, this Thanksgiving, let us help you binge-watch in bliss. Your library card is the real MVP—saving you cash one movie night at a time!



*For many of us, Veterans Day means an extra day off from school or work. However, this November 11th, let's take a few moments to reflect on its true purpose: honoring the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.*

*Originally known as Armistice Day, this occasion was established to commemorate those who served in World War I. Following the significant sacrifices made in World War II and the Korean Conflict, it became clear that the day should honor all veterans. With legislation passed in 1954, November 11th was officially recognized as a day to celebrate American veterans of all wars, honoring their patriotism, courage, and commitment to service.*

*The Library System will observe Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th, and will be closed in recognition. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all veterans whose sacrifices make our world safer and brighter. Thank you for your service.*

**New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction**

FICTION:

1. *The Waiting* by Michael Connelly
2. *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks
3. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
4. *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney
5. *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
6. *The Stars are Dying* by Chloe C. Penaranda
7. *Bull Moon Rising* by Ruby Dixon
8. *Identity Unknown* by Patricia Cornwell
9. *A Christmas Duet* by Debbie Macomber
10. *Lies He Told Me* by James Patterson & David Ellis

NONFICTION:

1. *War* by Bob Woodward
2. *Framed* by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey
3. *From Here to the Great Unknown* by Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough
4. *The Message* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
5. *Melainia* by Melania Trump
6. *Be Ready When The Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
7. *Revenge of the Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell
8. *What I Ate In One Year* by Stanley Tucci
9. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
10. *Sonny Boy* by Al Pacino

**Employee Spotlight**

I am pleased to present Miranda Gentry as the employee spotlight for October.

Miranda joined the Washington County Library System family as a staff member earlier in 2023, coming from the Clark County Library System in Nevada. She has a Master's degree in Library Science, and prior library service experience. She gives service with a smile, and is very personable and friendly. She is most often found at the Reference Desk in St. George, but is versatile and also gives service at the Children's Desk. In fact she applied, and was promoted into the position of Reference and Children's Supervisor.



She also oversees the Young Adult Programming, and this group has flourished under her love for teens. They see her enthusiastic spark and love for life, for the library, and just having fun. Miranda relates with them, and they relate with her. The summer reading program, and regular teen events have been embraced and enjoyed by those in attendance. Attendance has increased under her direction.

On a more personal note, the three loves of her life are her husband, her three dogs, and her new home (probably in that order). It may be a toss-up with her nieces and nephews, who think she is a great aunt. She enjoys eating healthy, and insists that her husband is a better cook than her. We are not sure if this is true, but we do know that she understands how to get him involved in the kitchen. All kidding aside, say hi to Miranda including a hearty congratulations for being our October Spotlight. We appreciate her as part of the library team, and love working with her.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director

## Library Programs and Events

### Enterprise Branch

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

### Hildale Branch

Mondays - Story Time 2:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Monday, November 4 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - Creative Kids 3:00 pm  
Saturday, November 16 - Anime Club 2:15 pm  
Tuesday, November 19 - STEM Lab 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 20- Teen's Only Treasure Boxes 3:00 pm  
Thursday, November 21 - Books n' Bites 5:00 pm  
Saturday, November 23 Movie Matinee 1:30 pm

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Friday, November 1 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Thursday, November 7 - Science Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 13 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, November 14 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, November 21 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Monday, November 25 - Zookkeepers Club 1:00 pm

### New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 1:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:15 am  
Friday, November 15 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

### St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am  
Mondays- Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm  
Weds. -Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 pm  
Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am  
Fridays- Toddler Time 11:00 am  
Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 5 & 19 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 & 26 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, November 7 - Adult Program 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Thursday, November 14- Adult Program 6:00 pm  
Thursday, November 21 - Teen Night 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 26- Block Busters Book to Film Club

## Library Programs and Events

### Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm \*Begins on Aug. 21st  
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am  
Friday, November 1 - Root Beer Float Book Club Plus 3:00 pm  
Friday, November 8 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm  
Friday, November 15 - Root Beer Float Club for Kids 3:00 pm  
\*registration required  
Thursday, November 21 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday, November 13 - Book Club 11:30 am  
Thursday, November 14 - Teen/'Tween D&D 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 20- 'Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, November 21 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Monday, November 4 & 18 - Genealogy Fan Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 6 - Teen Planning Meeting 4:00 pm  
Thursday, November 7 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - Homeschooling Program 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 13 - Teen Lego Building Contest 4:00  
Thursday, November 14 - Coding Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 20 - Teen Friendsgiving  
Thursday, November 21 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 26 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING.





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**1**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Kid's Root Beer Float Plus  
 Book Club \*registration required

**2**  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Tai Chi  
 St. George Library  
 2:00 pm Movie Matinee

**3**

**4**  
 St. George Library  
 1:00 pm Story Time  
 3:00 pm Spanish Story Time  
 New Harmony Library  
 1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 Santa Clara Library  
 4:00 pm Lego Club  
 Hildale Library  
 2:00 pm Story Time  
 5:00 pm Lego Club Plus

**5**  
 Washington Library  
 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
 1:00 pm Homeschooling @ the Library  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 St. George Library  
 2:30 pm Page Turners Book Club  
 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Spanish Story Time

**6**  
 St. George Library  
 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Teen Event  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 3:30 pm Crochet Club  
 5:00 D&D Meet Up  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:00 am Story Time  
 1:00 pm Sit 'n' Stitch  
 Springdale Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 Hildale Library  
 11:00 am Story Time  
 Enterprise Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Youth Activities  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Teens After School

**7**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 6:00 pm Adult Program  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Lego Club  
 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time  
 4:00 pm Chess Club  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
 Springdale Library  
 5:00 pm Junior D&D

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**15**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 New Harmony Library  
 1:00 pm Novel Ideas Book Club  
 Santa Clara Library  
 3:00 pm Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club  
 \*registration required

**16**  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Tai Chi  
 St. George Library  
 2:00 pm Movie Matinee  
 Hildale Library  
 2:15 pm Anime Club

**10**  
 The Library System will be closed on Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

**11**  
 Washington Library  
 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Jr. Dungeons & Dragons  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 St. George Library  
 4:30 pm Art Club for Kids  
 Hildale Library  
 3:00 pm Creative Kids  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Spanish Story Time  
 3:30 pm Chapter One Book Club

**12**  
 Washington Library  
 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Jr. Dungeons & Dragons  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 St. George Library  
 4:30 pm Art Club for Kids  
 Hildale Library  
 3:00 pm Creative Kids  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Spanish Story Time  
 3:30 pm Chapter One Book Club

**13**  
 St. George Library  
 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Teen Event  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 5:00 D&D Meet Up  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:00 am Story Time  
 1:00 pm Sit 'n' Stitch  
 Springdale Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 Enterprise Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Youth Activities  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Teens After School  
 Hildale Library  
 11:00 am Story Time

**14**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 6:00 pm Adult Program  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Coding Club  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Lego Club  
 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time  
 4:00 pm Chess Club  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
 Springdale Library  
 5:00 pm Adult Craft Night

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**22**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time

**23**  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Tai Chi  
 Hildale Branch  
 1:30 pm Movie Matinee  
 St. George Library  
 2:00 pm Movie Matinee

**17**

**18**  
 St. George Library  
 1:00 pm Story Time  
 3:00 pm Spanish Story Time  
 New Harmony Library  
 1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 1:00 pm Zookeepers' Club  
 Hildale Library  
 2:00 pm Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 4:00 pm Family History Fan Club

**19**  
 Washington Library  
 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
 2:00 pm Arts & Crafts Club  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 St. George Library  
 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Spanish Story Time  
 Hildale Library  
 3:00 pm STEM Lab

**20**  
 St. George Library  
 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Teen Event  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 5:00 D&D Meet Up  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 Hildale Library  
 11:00 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Teen Activity  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:00 am Story Time  
 1:00 pm Sit 'n' Stitch  
 Springdale Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Tween Book Club  
 Enterprise Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Youth Activities  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time  
 3:00 pm Teens After School

**21**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 5:00 pm Teen Night @ the Library  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:30 pm Book Ends Book Club  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Reading with Molly  
 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time  
 4:00 pm PAWS for Tales  
 4:00 pm Chess Club  
 New Harmony Library  
 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class

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**29**  
 St. George Library  
 11:00 am Toddler Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time

**30**  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Tai Chi  
 St. George Library  
 2:00 pm Movie Matinee

**24**

**25**  
 St. George Library  
 1:00 pm Story Time  
 3:00 pm Spanish Story Time  
 New Harmony Library  
 1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 Hildale Library  
 2:00 pm Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 4:00 pm Family History Fan Club

**26**  
 Washington Library  
 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
 Hurricane Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Jr. Dungeons & Dragons  
 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
 St. George Library  
 4:30 pm Art Club for Kids  
 Santa Clara Library  
 10:30 am Spanish Story Time

**27**  
 St. George Library  
 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
 Washington Library  
 10:30 am Story Time  
 4:00 pm Teen Event  
 Hurricane Library  
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