



Message From The Director

Library Christmas Magic

It seems there is no better time of the year than Christmas, as the holiday season fills the air with magic and wonder. Included is a wish as the song says for peace on earth, and goodwill to mankind. This December, we would invite all to step into the library and participate in a Children's Christmas Storytime, a Christmas craft, or a Christmas classic you check out for your family. That classic could be a movie, or a book that could help the season be filled with magic for you and your loved ones.

Are you looking for some recommendations to check out at the library for Christmas? Christmas magic seems to come to life as we share stories, or listen to music—and the library is filled with the enchantment that helps make Christmas. We have bins of CDs with Christmas music, children's and adult books from some of history's best authors, movies that can move you into the spirit of Christmas past. Some suggestions of items you might like:

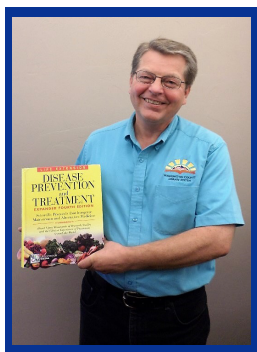
Movies: It's a Wonderful Life with Jimmy Stewart, White Christmas, Home Alone, Christmas Story, Polar Express (original short), How the Grinch Stole Christmas (original cartoon version), The Muppet Christmas Carol, and Christmas Oranges.

Christmas Music: Christmas Once More (Carpenter's), A Heritage Christmas, A Christmas Celebration by Celtic Woman, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Pentatonix: That's Christmas to Me, and Bring Crosby.

Children's books: Polar Express, Merry Christmas Mom & Dad, Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Santa's First Christmas, Who Will Pull Santa's Sleigh.

Adult books: A Christmas Carol by Dickens, The Mansion by VanDyke, The Story of the Other Wise Man, or a more recent book called--The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year.

These are just a few recommendations, and if you are searching for the perfect holiday item, we have staff to help fill your need for reads. Just like Santa, our librarians have lists and have curated a collection of items. They may include magical books for every reader, from heart-warming holiday stories to fantasy novels that transport you to enchanted worlds. Come browse our magical selection, or ask a librarian to help you find your next Christmas read.



We thank our patrons old and young, and hope you find some of the simple joys of life this Christmas season. Merry Christmas from the library!

Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Holiday Movies @ Your Library

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! The holiday season is here, bringing merriment, joy, gift-giving, and quality time with loved ones. As you gather with family and friends, don't forget to add a sprinkle of cinematic magic to your celebrations with these favorite holiday movies—available @ your library:

🎁 It's a Wonderful Life (1946) ~ Frank Capra's timeless classic about George Bailey, whose life is forever changed when an angel shows him just how much one person can mean to the world.

🎁 A Christmas Carol ~ Follow Ebenezer Scrooge on his haunting journey through Christmas Past, Present, and Future in Charles Dickens' classic tale, available in animated and live-action versions.

🎁 A Christmas Story (1983) ~ Join Ralphie Parker in his hilarious quest for a Red Ryder BB gun, as he navigates the ups and downs of a 1940s Christmas.

🎁 Elf (2003) ~ Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, the human elf who brings Christmas cheer to New York City while reconnecting with his long-lost father.

🎁 The Polar Express (2004) ~ Based on Chris Van Allsburg's enchanting book, this story of a young boy's magical trip to the North Pole reminds us all to believe in the wonder of Christmas.

🎁 How the Grinch Stole Christmas ~ Dr. Seuss's beloved tale is available in three unforgettable versions: the 1966 animated classic, the 2000 live-action film, and the 2019 animated The Grinch. Discover how even the grumpiest Grinch can find the true meaning of Christmas!

All these holiday favorites and more await you at the library—stop by and let the holiday spirit shine!



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Dewey Lewis & The Movie News

Ho, Ho, HOLIDAY MAGIC ALERT! The most wonderful time of the year has arrived, and it's time to cozy up with some holiday cheer from the library! Whether you're craving the swoon-worthy charm of a romcom like *While You Were Sleeping* or the timeless warmth of *It's a Wonderful Life* we've got your festive flick fix covered! Want to unwrap something new? Check out these fresh movies and TV shows, perfect for sharing laughs, gasps, and cozy vibes with family and friends this holiday season. Let the binge-watching begin!

MOVIES

- Haul Out the Holly: Lit Up
- Christmas Island
- Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
- You Gotta Believe
- Trap
- Speak No Evil (James McAvoy version)

TELEVISION

- House of the Dragon - Season 2
- Legend of Zelda- Complete Series
- Moonflower Murders
- Thomas and Friends: The Christmas Letter Express

Holiday Budget Saver Alert! We know the season of giving can leave your wallet feeling a little Grinchy, but fear not—our DVDs are the gifts that keep on giving, and just like Santa, we don't charge a thing! That's right, with your Washington County Library Card, you can take home holiday cheer for FREE!

Swing by after you've tackled your Christmas shopping or before heading to that festive holiday party. Load up on movies that bring joy, laughter, and a little ho-ho-ho to your home! Let's make this season merry and bright—without spending a sleigh-load!



Spread Holiday Cheer: Join the Washington County Library System's Donation Drives!

This holiday season, the Washington County Library System is teaming up with local charities to bring comfort, joy, and support to those in need. Your generosity can make a difference!

We're collecting essentials, gift cards, and toys, which will be distributed to organizations helping individuals, families, and furry friends. Even if your branch doesn't have a Giving Tree, all donations will be forwarded to participating branches for distribution.

- * St. George Library: Collecting for The Dove Center and St. George PAWS
- * Santa Clara Library: Collecting for the Angel's Landing Foundation
- * Washington Library: Collecting for the Family Support Center
- * New Harmony Library: Collecting for the Iron County Care and Share

Look for our Giving Trees by the circulation desks! Each ornament lists a needed item — choose one, and return your donation between December 1st and December 21st.

Together, let's bring hope and happiness to our community. Thank you for your kindness and support!

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *The Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny
2. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
3. *In Too Deep* by Lee Child and Andrew Child
4. *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks
5. *The Waiting* by Michael Connelly
6. *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
7. *Under the Oak Tree, Volume 1* by Suji Kim
8. *Things We Never Got Over* by Lucy Score
9. *Things We Left Behind* by Lucy Score
10. *Things We Hide From The Light* by Lucy Score

NONFICTION:

1. *Melania* by Melania Trump
2. *Framed* by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey
3. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
4. *Confronting the Presidents* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
5. *Be Ready When Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
6. *From Here To The Great Unknown* by Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough
7. *The Message* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
8. *War* by Bob Woodward
9. *Revenge of the Tipping Point* by Malcom Gladwell
10. *Brothers* by Alex Van Halen

Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Melissa Thompson as the employee spotlight for November.

Melissa was brought onto the staff as a custodian for the Washington County Library System in 2022, as we prepared to move the cleaning staff in-house, instead of contracting for the service. She was a standout in the interview process due to her prior cleaning experience at a school building.

Melissa is a licensed Respiratory Therapist, but has chosen to stay home and raise her daughter. She was looking for some off hour work that fit her schedule, and it has been our gain. The face of a custodian is most often hidden from the public view, due to scheduling; however, their work is on display daily.

She hails from Gillette, Wyoming, and her three loves are: her husband, her daughter, and her dogs. Her daughter is now five, and keeps Melissa hopping between all the stuff a mother does. She reports they are an outdoor family: loving dirt bike outings, hiking trails, and most of all time with each other. This time of year her husband is one of Santa's best helpers, and he dutifully makes his rounds delivering packages in his brown uniform (UPS). Melissa recently took a fun girls trip with her daughter, meeting other women of the family in San Diego for an exciting get-a-way.

Congratulations to Melissa for being recognized as our November Spotlight. We appreciate her as part of the library team, and the behind-the-scenes work she does to keep the library looking good.

- 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, December 2 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm
Friday, December 6 - Cosmere Fest 1:00 pm (adults and teens 12+)
Tuesday, December 10 - Creative Kids 3:00 pm
Thursday, December 12 - Christmas Craft Party
5:00 pm (age 10 and older)
Wednesday, December 18 - How the Grinch Stole Storytime 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 19 - Movie Matinee 1:30 pm
Saturday, December 21 - Anime Club 2:15 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am
*no story time on 12/24 & 12/26
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 5 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 11 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, December 12 Lego Club 4:00 pm
Friday, December 13 - Author Event with Rebecca Connolly 3:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17 - Story Time with Santa 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 18 - Teen Holiday UNO Tournament 4:00 pm
Thursday, December 19 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Monday, December 23 - 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, December 6 - Candle Pouring 1:00 pm
Friday, December 20 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays- Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm
Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 3:00 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
Monday, December 2 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 3 & 17 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, December 5 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 10 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, December 12- Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 17 - Block Busters Book to Film Club 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 19 - Teen Night 5:00 pm

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Santa Clara Branch

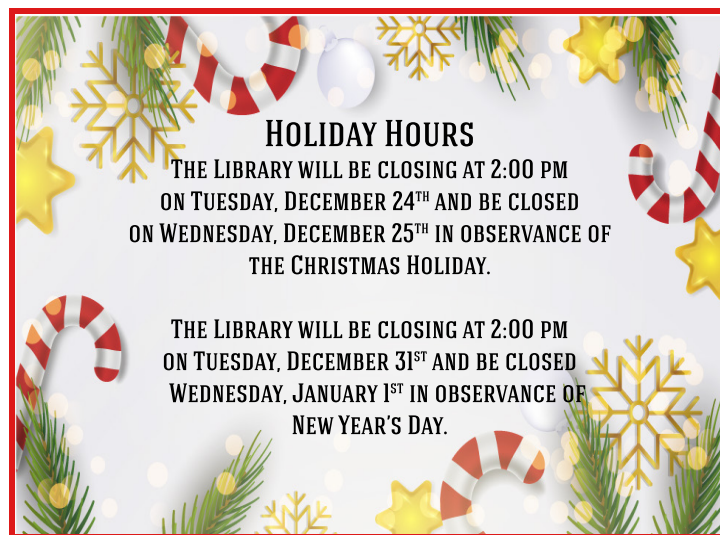
Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm *Begins on Aug. 21st
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
Tuesday, December 3 - Deck the Library with the Grinch 4:00-6:00 pm
Friday, December 6- Root Beer Float Book Club Plus 3:00 pm
Monday, December 9 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Tuesday, December 17 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Thursday, December 19 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm Friday, December 20
- Root Beer Float Club for Kids 3:00 pm
*registration required

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 11 - Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, December 12 - Teen/Tween D&D 5:00 pm
Wednesday, December 18- 'Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, December 19 - Story Time with Santa 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 26 - Adult Paint Night 5:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesday, December 3 - Holiday Stress Program 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 4 - Teen Planning Meeting 4:00 pm
Thursday, December 5 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 10 - Homeschooling Program 1:00 pm
Wednesday, December 11 - Teen White Elephant Party 4:00 pm
Thursday, December 12 - Coding Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 18 - Teen Crab Soccer
Thursday, December 19- Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 24 - Children's Christmas Party 10:30 am
Saturday, December 28 - Teen Ugly Sweater Party 4:00 pm
Monday, December 30 - Teen Movie 4:00 pm



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