

### Message From The Director

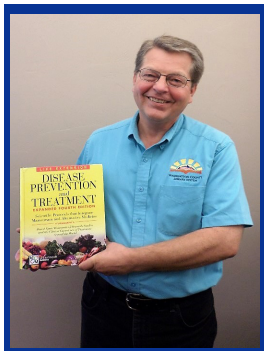
Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

The other week in conversation, the other party used the phrase "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner" and I would like to capitalize on this notion. In June I wrote about Summer Reading 2025 at the library. We had many winners this year throughout the county, and at every library location. The prizes varied in value, from items worth a little to a lot. Now, like me you may be wondering about the origin of such a phrase. Here you go: "The exact origin of the phrase winner winner chicken dinner is disputed, but it may have come from gamblers. The most popular origin story of the term is that a chicken dinner at a Las Vegas casino used to cost \$2, the same amount as a standard bet. So, if you won a bet, you won a chicken dinner." <https://www.dictionary.com/e/slang/winner-winner-chicken-dinner/>

Summer Reading prizes are not the 'something for nothing' mentality of the gambler, but if you read and attend programs you could be a—winner, winner chicken dinner person. At the library, throughout the county we gave away 14,983 awards for participation at our locations. In addition to regular prizes at all locations we had drawings for those who completed the program in the adult, teen, and children's categories. Jamie at the Santa Clara Branch received an iPad, and Becky at the Washington Branch received a Kindle Fire in the adult grand prize drawing for patrons. They are in the photos below:



As listed in the above paragraph, we had far too many winners to list all their names and include all their photos here in this column. You could be asking yourself, but how much reading did that all add up to? The answer is over three million minutes. Throughout the county we had 207 programs for children, 62 programs for teens, and 40 programs for adults. This is a great record, but the most impactful part of it in my mind is the benefit received internally by those who participated and grew through their efforts. Keep your ear to the ground as we will have more things scheduled throughout the year, and we will get to the Summer Reading Program in 2026.




Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System

### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month—and that means it's the perfect time to celebrate the smartest card in your wallet. If you already have one, you know how amazing it is—so spread the word! Encourage your friends and family to sign up and discover the magic for themselves.



A library card isn't just a piece of plastic—it's your all-access pass to adventure, learning, and creativity. Students can kick off the school year with the best study support around, parents can find endless activities to keep kids curious and engaged, and lifelong learners can dive into new hobbies, skills, and interests. It's a small card with big impact, opening doors to opportunities you might not even know exist. No matter your age or stage of life, the library has something to spark your imagination. And the best part? It's completely free!

With a Washington County Library card, your options are endless. Borrow books, eBooks, audiobooks—and yes—even telescopes, GoPros, and Hotspots! Need homework help or want to pick up a new skill? Our online resources cover everything from research and language learning to job training. Unleash your creativity in one of our library makerspaces, or stop by for storytimes, author talks, workshops, and community events that bring people together. From quiet corners to lively programs, the library is a place where everyone belongs.

Imagine all the doors you can open and all the worlds you can explore with just one little card. Why wait? Visit any of our eight library branches today and sign up.

#### Library Board Members:

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## Employee Spotlight

Anyone who has been to the Hurricane Branch of the library system has been sure to notice how clean the building is. This is all thanks to the tireless efforts of Moriah, who has been the cleaning specialist there since March of 2023. Moriah is always making sure the entire building, and its various areas are spick and span. Patrons and staff never have to worry about being distracted while at the library by dirt, trash, or anything else. She is very proactive in identifying ways to make the library cleaner and more appealing to the public. While many might not know her name, patrons are constantly praising the cleanliness of the building. Moriah always makes an effort to do her best work and prepare the library for the next day. She may work alone, but her work is seen and appreciated by everyone using the library daily.



Outside of work, Moriah is a wife and mother of three children that love the Library Summer Reading Program. She loves being outdoors, hunting, rappelling, camping, fishing, hiking, and anything that feeds her adrenaline junky needs. Indoors she enjoys baking, making denim quilts, and listening to audiobooks (because who has time to read?). She was born and raised in Hurricane and is very proud to be a part of the community. The staff of the Hurricane Branch love and appreciate all Moriah does to keep everything bright and shiny and running strong!

- Alan Anderson,  
Director

## Cozy Up with a Mystery This September

September is the season of cozy mysteries, pumpkin spice everything, and that "back-to-school" feeling—even if you're not hitting the books for homework anymore! The library is the perfect place to ease into fall with a fresh stack of reads. Whether you're looking for a new thriller to curl up with, a how-to guide for your next craft project, or a heartwarming story to match the season, we've got shelves full of possibilities.

If you love a good puzzle without the gore, cozy mysteries are a delightful choice for fall reading. Try *"The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie"* by Alan Bradley for a quirky young detective with a love of chemistry. For foodies, *"Arsenic and Adobo"* by Mia P. Manansala serves up a tasty mix of humor, family, and murder investigation. Or step into the charming world of *"A Deadly Inside Scoop"* by Abby Collette, where ice cream and intrigue collide. Each series is lighthearted, full of lovable characters, and perfect for curling up with a blanket and a cup of tea.



And don't forget, the library isn't just about books. From events and clubs to digital resources you can enjoy at home, it's your all-in-one destination to help you enjoy a fun and cozy September.

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

### FICTION:

1. *For Richer For Poorer* by Danielle Steele
2. *We Are All Guilty Here* by Karin Slaughter
3. *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
4. *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman
5. *Onyx Storm* by Rebecca Yarros
6. *Not Quite Dead Yet* by Holly Jackson
7. *The Fallen & The Kiss of Death* by Carissa Broadbent
8. *The Pumpkin Spice Cafe* by Laurie Gilmore
9. *Scarred* by Emily McIntire
10. *Kiss Her Goodbye* by Lisa Gardner

### NONFICTION:

1. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
2. *Cudi* by Scott "Kid Cudi" Mescudi
3. *Semi-Well-Adjusted Despite Literally Everything* by Alyson Stoner
4. *On Power* by Mark Levin
5. *The Fort Bragg Cartel* by Seth Harp
6. *The Idaho Four* by James Patterson and Vicky Ward
7. *Everything Is Tuberculosis* by John Green
8. *Black AF History* by Michael Harriot
9. *Outlive* by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford
10. *Abundance* by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson



Lights, camera, library card! This September, our DVD shelves are rolling out the red carpet with a fresh lineup of movies and TV shows just waiting for their big debut in your living room. Whether you're into pulse-pounding blockbusters, swoon-worthy dramas, or binge-worthy series that make you say "just one more episode" (five hours later), we've got you covered. And the best part? Every title comes with the perfect price tag—FREE—with that trusty little library card you already hold.

### MOVIES

- How To Train Your Dragon (Mason Thames version)
- Freaky Tales
- Jane Austen Wrecked My Life
- Accountant 2
- Mcveigh
- Knight Life (Documentary)

### TELEVISION

- Death Valley - Season 1
- You - Seasons 1-7
- Good Girls Guide to Murder - Season 1
- Step By Step - Season 1
- 1923: A Yellowstone Origin Story - Season 2

Why shell out for streaming subscriptions when your library can play director of your own at-home film festival? Stack up your snacks, fluff those pillows, and get ready to queue up the best of Hollywood (and beyond). Cinephiles, casual viewers, and everyone in between—this is your chance to explore new favorites and revisit classics without spending a single dime. Your ticket to the best seat in the house isn't sold at the box office...it's tucked inside your wallet!

## Library Programs and Events

### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesday, September 3 - Anime Club 4:45 pm  
Monday, September 8 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 10 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 16 - Art for Kids 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 17 - Teen Program 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 23 - Kid Science 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 24 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Thursday, September 25 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm  
Saturday, September 27 - Afternoon Movie 1:30 pm  
Monday, September 29 - Trivia Night 5:00 pm

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursday- Story Time 10:30 am  
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - D&D Meet Up 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Friday, September 5 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 9 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Monday, September 15 & 29 - Board Games for Adults 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 10 & 24 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 11 & 25 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 18 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 23 - Teen Time 4:00 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, September 19 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm  
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am  
Saturday, September 6 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm  
Friday, September 12 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Monday, September 8 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 9 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 18 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Friday, September 19 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 3:00 pm \*sign-up required  
Tuesday, September 23 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday, September 10 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am  
Wednesday, September 24 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 25 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

## Library Programs and Events

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Teen Activities - Wednesdays 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 4 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 11 & 25 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 16 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, September 23 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm

### St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 3:00 pm  
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, September 2 & 16 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, September 4 - Adult Program "Book Bingo" 6:00 pm  
Monday, September 8 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 9 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Tuesday, September 9 & 23 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, September 11 - Adult Program "Of Dinosaurs and Men" 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 17 - Chapters and Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 18 - Teen Night @ the Library "Potion Bottles" 4:30 pm  
\*sign-up required  
Tuesday, September 23 - Block Busters Book & Movie Club 6:00 pm  
Thursday, September 25 - Adult Program "Apothecary Bottles" 6:00 pm  
\*Sign-up required

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## October Writing Workshops

*Write-On, St. George (our local chapter of the League of Utah Writers), is partnering with the St. George Library to celebrate the written word in October. Instead of just one big workshop, you'll have the chance to hear from four talented speakers on different nights throughout October. Each event will bring fresh insights into the craft of writing—whether you're a seasoned author, a curious beginner, or simply a lover of stories. So save the date for one or all of these amazing workshops. Here's what's coming up::*

*Tuesday, Oct. 7th - 6:30 pm - Presenter Lora Stead  
"Tackling Subjects that are Personal and Difficult to Share"*

*Learn five essential tips for writing about sensitive topics—grief, trauma, or other challenges—while creating a safe space for truth-telling. Perfect for memoir, essays, or any heartfelt nonfiction.*

*Tuesday, Oct. 14 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Wendy Womack  
"We Need to Talk: Writing Authentic Dialogue"*

*Dialogue should sparkle, not stumble! Wendy Womack, writer and filmmaker, will share techniques to make your characters sound real, distinct, and unforgettable.*

*Monday, Oct. 20 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Joe Gordon  
"How to Successfully Fail: At Your First Attempts"*

*Failure isn't the end—it's the beginning! Joe Gordon, president of Write-On, will explore how to embrace mistakes, keep momentum, and turn missteps into growth.*

*Wednesday, Oct. 29 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Sara Flannery Murphy  
"From Reading to Writing"*

*Acclaimed novelist Sara Flannery Murphy (The Possessions, Girl One, The Wonder State) will share her journey from avid reader to published author, offering inspiration for anyone dreaming of writing their own book.*

*Come celebrate Book Festival Month with us—be inspired, meet fellow creatives, and discover new ways to bring your stories to life!*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 	<b>1</b>  <b>THE LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY</b>	<b>2</b>  Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time 4:00 pm Sports Trivia Event Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Sit n' Stitch St. George Library 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids	<b>3</b>  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 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time	<b>4</b>  St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Adult Program - Book Bingo Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm PAWS for Tales Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Science Club for Kids Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class	<b>5</b>  St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 3:00 pm Readers Circle Book Club 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons	<b>6</b>  Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Curious Minds Book Club St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee
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