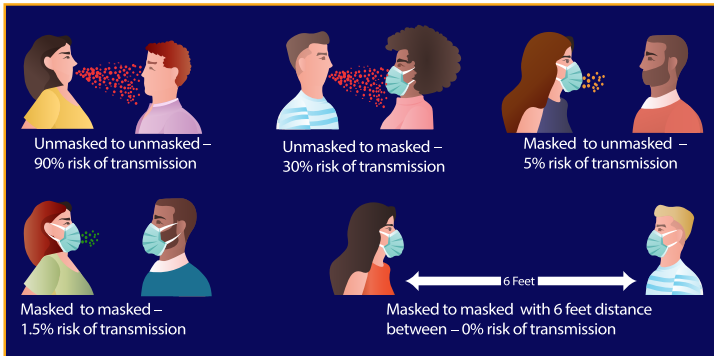




Message From The Director

Did you know that Butch Cassidy was born and raised in Beaver? What? I was born and raised on a farm/ranch in Florida, often with a Louis L'Amour book in my hand. Steak, potatoes, and the stories of a wild west, including Butch Cassidy and the Sun Dance Kid! I spent my share of time running around the farm with a bandana and a Red Ryder BB gun (that may have gotten me into a little bit of trouble as a kid).

Fast forward to present day, and I find myself rocking the bandana again. I'll be honest, I feel a little Wild West walking around with a bandana on my neck or over my nose. Fortunately, I've matured a bit, and no longer have that BB gun, but laugh as I walk into a bank wearing my bandana! Wow have things changed! COVID...meh. I saw an interesting graphic about the utility of masks.



In other words, you protect yourself and others by wearing a mask. Researchers at BYU found that there is convincing evidence from multiple controlled experiments and field observations that wearing a mask reduces the transmission of COVID-19. They summarized that masks prevent infected people from spreading the virus, are highly safe, and could be the most powerful and cost effective tool to stop COVID-19 and accelerate economic recovery.

Many stores are now requiring masks of their customers. The library requires our workers to wear masks to protect both our patrons and our staff. We are cleaning, sanitizing, and striving for safety within the library.

I strongly encourage patrons to return the courtesy, and protect the library employees by wearing a mask. Whether rocking the bandana, a medical procedure mask, N-95, homemade, or store bought, please join us at the library...with your mask.

Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



Back to School @ Your Library

These are stressful times, and we can be sure that this back to school season will be like none other before it. Stress and anxiety can happen when it is time to begin a new year, and compounding that with the uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is bound to be some apprehension about going to school. One of the best tools for students preparing to face this new experience is a library card! A library card gives access to a world of free resources to students of any age.

Books with school-related themes and settings are a natural choice for the first weeks of school and may help relieve some of the nervousness that occurs when facing a new situation. Here are some suggested titles to help your child get ready to launch into the school year ahead:

Preschool

- Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
- Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins
- Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by James Dean
- How Do Dinosaurs Go To School by Jane Yolen

Kindergarten

- Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London
- Kindergarten Rocks by Katie Davis
- Lookout Kindergarten, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson
- A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper
- First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

Elementary

- Follow the Line to School by Laura Ljungkvist
- Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Middle School

- Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja by Marcus Emerson
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- 6th Grade Can Really Kill You by Barthe DeClements

High School

- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Schooled by Gordon Korman
- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

There are hundreds of titles to choose from at the library, and you can find books, research assistance, language tutorials, and personalized assistance by a genuine librarian available at your library branch. Check it all out @ Your Library!

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Do you still believe in snow? Here at the library, we have officially lost our certainty that cold weather exists. And ice? That falls from the sky?!? Totally preposterous. Okay, okay—technically, we know that snow is an actual real thing—we just don't BELIEVE in it anymore. If you too are having a hard time remembering that there is any weather other than "It's a blasted OVEN outside," we suggest cooling off at home (with the thermostat set somewhere near 62°) with one of our library DVDs. For instance, you could pick from any of these recently added selections, or thousands more:

MOVIES:

- BEECHAM HOUSE
- MURDOCH MYSTERIES. SEASON 13
- RICHARD JEWELL
- SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- THINK LIKE A DOG
- WAVES
- THE WAY BACK (Ben Affleck version)

DOCUMENTARIES:

- ANCIENT ALIENS. SEASON 12, VOL.2
- ANIMAL ESPIONAGE
- BEARS
- BECOMING NOBODY
- BLOOD SUGAR RISING
- CREATING WOODSTOCK: THIS IS HOW IT REALLY HAPPENED
- TAI CHI FIT OVER 50: BALANCE EXERCISES

There's no need to stop believing in EVERYTHING. Some things are still FREE, such as DVDs with your Washington County Library Card. So brave the oven outside, if only briefly, borrow a DVD, then settle in to the air-conditioned comfort of your own home.

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library



Do you want to prepare for AP or College Entrance Exams? Whether you are in elementary, middle, or high school, Learning Express Library has the resources you need to improve your math, reading, writing, science, and other skills.

Learning Express Library also offers resources for college students, including skills reviews for math, reading, grammar, and writing. An if you need assistance preparing for a CLEP exam, there are practice exams for most college classes.

Resources for Adult Learning include modules in math, writing, grammar, and reading. There is also a module to prepare for the test to become a U.S. Citizen. Some learning modules are offered in Spanish as well. Call Jennifer Bowen at the St. George branch for more information on Learning Express at 435-634-5737, ext. 2284

Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to highlight Amanda Rowley as the July employee spotlight for 2020!



Amanda has worked for the WCLS since 2006 and has pretty much done it all. Whether serving customers at the circ desk, managing supplies, coordinating volunteers, developing the periodicals, or in her current role as the children's librarian, in multiple branches, she has always put her whole heart into all she does.

The Summer Reading Program is the highlight of every year, and it's a huge success in Hurricane due in large part to Amanda's efforts towards prizes and programming. Early each year, Amanda contacts the local businesses and collects coupons, gift cards, and prizes from local businesses. She plans the SRP events, calls the presenters, decorates for the Community Room, organizes crafts and activities, and pulls off a great Summer Reading Program!

Whether coordinating a wonderful variety of fun story times (like inviting an accordionist who starts off story times with music and sing-a-longs), or just serving our library patrons with a friendly smile, Amanda helps make the library a joyous place to be!

Amanda has been married for 35 years, loves her four lil' munchkins...er, grandchildren, and enjoys fly-fishing with her husband.

I know that all of our children's librarians do great work during summer reading and throughout the year, as do all our staff in all they do, and Amanda is just one example of the amazing employees we have in the library.

- Joel Tucker,
Director

**Hardcover Best Sellers -
New York Times Book Review**

Fiction:

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
2. *Near Dark* by Brad Thor
3. *The Order* by Daniel Silva
4. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
5. *28 Summers* by Elin Hilderbrand
6. *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley
7. *Axion's End* by Lindsay Ellis
8. *Camino Winds* by John Grisham
9. *Peace Talks* by Jim Butcher
10. *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Nonfiction:

1. *Too Much and Never Enough* by Mary Trump
2. *The Answer Is...* by Alex Trebek
3. *How to Destroy America in Three Easy Steps* by Ben Shapiro
4. *How to Be An Antichrist* by Ibram X. Kendi
5. *The Room Where It Happened* by John Bolton
6. *Untamed* by Glen Doyle
7. *Begin Again* by Eddie Glaude
8. *Breath* by James Nestor
9. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
10. *Educated* by Tara Westover

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Monday through Friday - Story Time 11:00 am
 Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
 Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
 Tuesday, Aug. 4 & 18 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
 Friday, Aug. 7 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
 Wednesday, Aug. 12 & 29 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
 Friday, Aug. 14 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
 Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
 Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 am (Begins Aug. 18)
 Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am (Begins Aug. 19)
 Tuesday, Aug. 11 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 13 - Creative Community for Adults 4:00 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 20 - Unbook Club 4:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - Morning Story Time 11:00 am
 Mondays - Story Time with Miss Jill 1:00 pm
 Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00
 Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
 Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
 Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
 Tuesday, July 14 & 28 - Adult Coloring Club 1:00 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 13 - Fall Vegetable Gardening 6:00 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 20 - Teen Night 5:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Thursdays - Story Time 11:00 am

Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm
 Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am

New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 13 - Botanical Embroidery 1:00 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 27 - Not Your Mother's Book Club 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time Walk 10:30 am
 Fridays - Story Time Walk 10:30 am
 Wednesday, Aug. 5 - Nerd Herd Teen Program 4:30 pm
 Monday, Aug. 10 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, Aug. 12 - Short Film Festival 4:30 pm
 Wednesday, Aug. 19 - Techno Teens 4:30 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 20 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
 Tuesday, Aug. 25 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
 Wednesday, Aug. 26 - Teen Event 4:30 pm
 Thursday, Aug. 27 - Author Talk - Eileen Telford 6:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 18 - Writers Group 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, Aug. 26 - Anime Club 5:00 pm

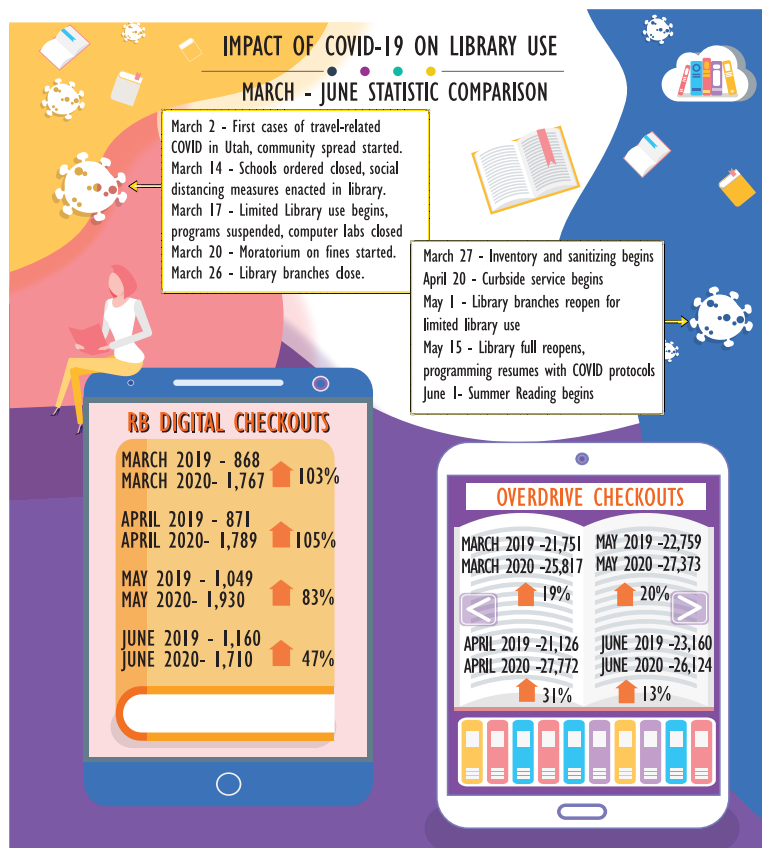
Library Resources During COVID Closure

COVID-19 has changed our lives dramatically, closing businesses, schools, and libraries around the globe. According to data provided by UNESCO, library closures affected more than half of the world's population. Because our libraries play such a vital role in keeping their patrons educated, connected, and entertained, the library staff have been working around the clock to find ways to keep services going despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic. One area of focus was our digital collections. The Library recently spent \$29,900 in grant funds to enhance the digital collections for our patrons.

Access to digital library resources allowed our patrons to continue to read without disruption. Educational databases were available for children who were unable to physically attend school, and the digital library offered patrons access to fiction and nonfiction titles during the shutdown.

According to Overdrive, e-book checkout throughout the U.S. increased by nearly 50 percent since March 9. Audiobook checkouts are also up 14% nationally — not quite as large of an increase, likely because fewer people are commuting to work.

Demand for children's e-books has more than doubled during this period. By comparison, e-book checkouts for adult fiction across the U.S. have grown by more than a third, and young adult fiction by more than 50 percent. There have been more checkouts of children's books than adult nonfiction on weekdays since the week of March 22. The patrons of Washington County Library System outpaced their national counterparts, with digital checkouts increasing by margins well beyond the national average. This trend continued even after the Library System reopened. Here are some statistics showing the increased use of digital items during the COVID-19 shutdown.



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