



Message From The Director

Welcome 2021! Hopefully you are better than last year! In case you missed it, let us review the “events” and their impacts to the library.

At the beginning of the year, we added parking on the south side of the library in Enterprise. This allows the snow to melt much faster during the winter, and is much safer than walking on ice. We also added parking in New Harmony for the BBQ/Park Pavilion (paid for using RAP tax funds). It's a beautiful picnic/getaway spot with an amazing view; reserve it today by calling the New Harmony branch.

Then COVID hit. Ugg. As public venues, libraries across the country were closing down. We closed down for a short while and cleaned/inventoried our collection. We reopened with curbside and then reopened in full, focusing on masking, cleaning, and social distancing.

We upgraded our inventory management (more touchless) with wands using CARES grant funding, we extended WiFi into the parking lots using CARES funds, we purchased UV book cleaners using CARES funds, and upgraded our Hotspot checkout/availability using CARES funds. We also upgraded our ability to pay fines online, and are putting credit card readers in the small branches.

RBDigital was consumed by Overdrive. I really liked RBDigital, but the good side is that we still have access to many of those eAudio book resources as we already offer Overdrive. Somewhere in there, we got hit with another flood in St. George. Our tech services staff (those who purchase, catalogue, and process new books for the library) were displaced, but still working. Our meeting rooms were closed, but we offer meeting rooms at other branches, and the construction/repairs are underway (pardon the noise).

Did I mention COVID? I hear vaccines are coming to Utah. We are continuing to clean. We encourage the use of masks. We encourage the use of masks. We safely welcome you, your friends, and family to social distance with us at the library, and look forward to when that is no longer necessary. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year, and hope to see you soon!




Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Reading - Your Best Resolution

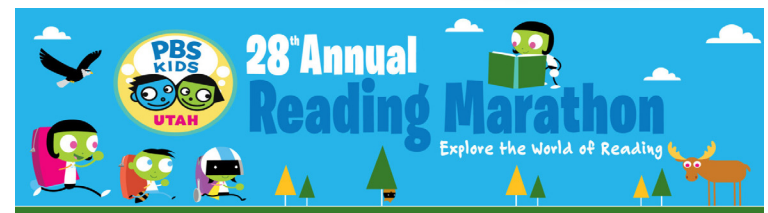
It's resolution time, and in theory, resolutions should make your life less stressful. Will making a resolution to lose weight, make more money, or eat healthier make you more relaxed and stress free? Maybe not. This year, make a better resolution: Read more books! How, you say? Easy - the Washington County Library System is your secret weapon for success. Here are a few ways that you can be successful in your resolution to read more:

Check it out- Find classics and current best sellers through the online catalog. If an item you want is at another branch, the Library System will have it brought by courier to your home branch for convenient pick-up.

Go Online - Download ebooks on Overdrive. With just a couple of clicks, you can download a book to your e-reader, phone, or computer. Best of all, it is available 24/7, and you can stay in your pajamas while you check out your books!

Join a Book Club - Book clubs encourage you to try books you might not choose otherwise, and are a great way to make new friends. Several branches of the Washington County Library System are hosting virtual book clubs for adults and teens.

Make 2021 the year you keep your New Year's resolution and give yourself the gift of reading. Happy New Year!



Kid's age preschool - 6th grade who participated in the KUED Reading Marathon have until January 4, 2021 to turn in their completed reading logs and pick up their adventure pass can be redeemed for a prize at the end of January. For more information, please speak to the Children's Librarian at your branch!

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If 2020 made us realize anything, it's that we can't predict what will happen in the future. (OK, so maybe it's just that I can't predict the future.) So, now that 2021 has at last ushered the misery-sodden coattails of 2020 out the door, maybe the best resolution we can have this year is to really relish the moment we're living in. Are there people you love? Then tell them so! Are there dogs to pet? Then pat those good noggins! Are there DVDs to check out from the library? HECK YES. And as it just so happens, here are a few recently added ones you can check out:

MOVIES AND TV:

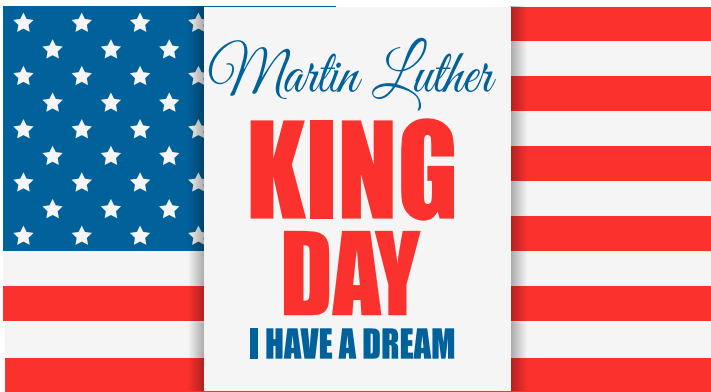
- ANGELS IN EVERY STORM
- BETTER CALL SAUL. SEASON 5
- THE IRISHMAN
- IRON MASK
- MULAN (Yifei Liu version)
- THE NEW MUTANTS
- UPSIDE-DOWN MAGIC

DOCUMENTARIES:

- DOG'S BEST FRIEND. SEASON 1-2
- HIGHLIGHTS: FAMILY FUN!
- JOJO SIWA: D.R.E.A.M. THE CONCERT EXPERIENCE
- RAISE YOUR VOICE
- RIVER CITY DRUMBEAT
- UNSETTLED: SEEKING REFUGE IN AMERICA

Just like spreading love to people and pets, it's FREE to check out DVDs with your Washington County Library Card. So once you've thoroughly nuzzled all the fur babies you know, come on by the library to relish some great DVDs!

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library



The Washington County Library System will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th.

Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to present Kelly Evans as the last employee spotlight for 2020. Kelly is a clerk in Enterprise, is always happy and smiling, and epitomizes quality customer service. She brings joy to the library.



In addition to her normal clerk duties, this last month she oversaw the Enterprise Library Giving Tree, gathering donations for 2 local families. Donations included food, clothing, and toys for the kids. With overwhelming support from the community, she received extra items, so Kelly found others in the community to share the joy during the holiday season.

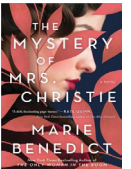
I may have been in Enterprise for the Santa visit, and saw the piles of donations and the work she did to prepare them for the families. She is definitely on Santa's nice list!

Kelly is a wife, mother to 3 boys and an all-around take care of everybody else kind of person! Need a short notice wedding planned? She's got your back 😊! Her oldest boy just left on a mission to Oklahoma and her youngest just turned 8. Her middle boy is just getting his driving license this year, so...WATCH OUT! Thank you Kelly!

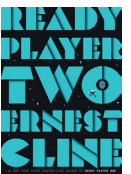
- Joel Tucker,
Director

Fresh New Titles for the New Year

We are all ready to say hello to 2021 and anticipating a fresh new start of a new year. What better way to start your new year than to cozy up with some of our newest titles?



The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict gives a glimpse into the very real disappearance of beloved mystery writer, Agatha Christie. In December of 1926, the queen of mystery disappeared for eleven days. This book mixes fact and fiction in a page turner worthy of Christie herself.



Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline is the sequel to the beloved near-future adventure Ready Player One. Wade Watts embarks on a new quest, one that will take us on a wildly imaginative adventure through the virtual universe.



The Searcher by Tana French is a mystery set in a bucolic Irish village, where a retired Chicago police officer tries to build a new life away from the city.



Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell is a story that reimagines the life of Shakespeare. Set amid the plague of 1580's England, this is a historical novel that will transport you to an era from long ago.

Library Programs and Events

Library programs will be held contingent upon current COVID mandates and may be canceled without notice. Virtual programs and reading programs are available online.

Hurricane Branch

Story Time Walks - available daily during library hours

Santa Clara Branch

Monday, January 4 - Online Story Time posted

January 11-16 - Take and Make Bird Feeders for Kids and Teens

Monday, January 18 - Online Story Time posted

Coloring Contest - Deadline for entries January 25

St. George Branch

Story Walks available daily

Tuesday, January 5 - Grab 'n Go Science Club for Kids

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, January 12 - Pageturners Book Club via Zoom

2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 19 - Grab n' Go Art Club for Kids

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursday, January 17 - 24 - Grab n' Go Teen Activity packets

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am

Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Take & Make & Return 2021 Vision Board for All Ages

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am

Thursday, January 14 - Teen Advisory Group 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 20 - After School @ the Library 3:30 pm

Wednesday, January 20 - Anime Club 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 23 - Movie @ the Library 1:30 pm

Washington Branch

Story Walks for Kids available daily

Wednesday, January 6 - Nerd Herd via Zoom 4:00 pm

Monday, January 11 - Library Techies via Zoom 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13 - Zoom Reader's Theater for Teens via Zoom 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 21 - Book Ends Book Club via video 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 20 - Techno Teens via Zoom 4:00

Tuesday, January 26 - Arts & Crafts Club via Zoom 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 27 - Booklanders Teen Book Club

Via Zoom 4:00 pm

UV Book Cleaners @ Your Library

During the pandemic of 2020, the branches of the Washington County Library System have seen demand skyrocket for their services. The Library System has adapted to the current environment in new and innovative ways to make sure patrons gain vital access to information and necessary services.

To protect our patrons, the Library System has recently installed Ultra Violet (UV) cleaners in each branch. You may have already seen them at your branch. Why use UV sanitizers? UV light disinfection has been around for about 100 years and is an extremely rapid physical disinfectant that is chemical-free and works at the speed of light.

According to International Library Services, these sanitizers kill 99% of Pathogenic Bacteria as well as Coronaviruses and flu viruses such as the Asian Flu, the SARS Virus, MERS, Ebola, Swine Flu, and the Covid-19 Virus.

It sanitizes books in just 30 seconds using UV-C lamps to kill the germs on both the covers and the pages of the books. It reaches the inside pages by blowing high-pressure air to spread the pages.

As we move forward, the Library System will continue to use protocols that will protect patrons from the spread of Covid-19 and other germs that can cause illness.



New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *A Time For Mercy*
by John Grisham
2. *Ready Player Two*
by Ernest Clime
3. *Deadly Cross*
by James Patterson
4. *The Return*
by Nicholas Sparks
5. *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett
6. *Where the Crawdads Sing*
by Delia Owens
7. *Daylight*
by David Baldacci
8. *The Sentinel*
by Lee Child & Andrew Child
9. *The Awakening*
by Nora Roberts
10. *The Law of Innocence*
by Michael Connelly

NONFICTION:

1. *A Promised Land*
by Barack Obama
2. *Greenlights*
by Matthew McConaughey
3. *Humans*
by Brandon Stanton
4. *Becoming*
by Michelle Obama
5. *Bag Man*
by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz
6. *Caste*
by Isabel Wilkerson
7. *World of Wonders*
by Aimee Mezhukumathil
8. *Untamed*
by Glennon Doyle
9. *The Last Days of John Lennon*
by James Patterson with Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge
10. *Is This Anything?*
by Jerry Seinfeld

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