

### Message From The Director

November...Thanksgiving. I think it is great that there is a time set a time to stop and give thanks. From what I hear, according to David Steindl-Rast's TED talk, one of the great secrets of happiness is to have gratitude. I had a chance to attend a library director conference recently where the main presenter focused on happiness habits, in which gratitude was a basic habit that would lead to happiness.

So why do we only spend one month focused on thanksgiving? We should find things to celebrate on a regular basis. Stop, look, and recognize the things in our lives that we should be grateful for. As we do so, we will be happier. I'd like to publicly express my gratitude for three things.

1. I am thankful for those who work in the library. We had training recently focused on providing Platinum Service. The presentation focused on good communication skills, emotional intelligence, meeting/exceeding expectations of patrons. I think the library staff already do a great job serving the community, and was excited to reinforce that focus.

2. I am thankful for our patrons. There are so many people that use and support the library, and we would not be as successful in what we do without your support. That includes those who borrow material, attend programming, use our online resources, use our meeting rooms, visit the makerspaces, virtual reality worlds, and so much more. Thank you for your support.

3. And last, but not least, I'm thankful for donations! People generally donate money and books. We sometimes use the books, or sell them to other interested patrons. From the sales/monetary donations, we were able to build the Hildale branch, build makerspaces in all branches, purchase self-checkout, purchase more books, and so much more. As we consider a new southern border library, donations will play an integral part in making things like that happen. We just received a \$2,000 donation to help pay for a new piano! What?! I am so thankful for so many generous patrons who donate to the library!

Thank you!



Joel E. Tucker, Director  
Washington County Library System

### Gratitude for Libraries

*Our Library System is a continually evolving entity that has become a center for recreation, learning, and community in the county. In a time when the relevance of libraries is often questioned, the Library System has continued to thrive and provide services to our citizens.*

*These services proved to be crucial to our patrons during the COVID crisis that has touched our lives. Checkouts for digital materials has increased, with demand for children and teen e-books growing by 50 percent over the past year. The pandemic has been challenging, but many of our patrons have expressed gratitude for the library for the support the library has offered them.*

*Dana states "Without the library during COVID, suddenly doing homeschooling with my kids would have been overwhelming. We were able to use resources on the library website to help us with school, and having the ability to check out books made all the difference."*

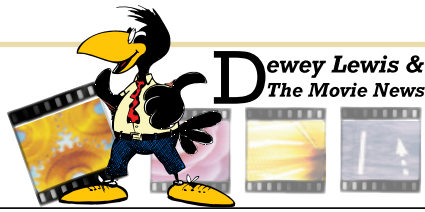
*Elise expressed appreciation for the ebooks and curbside services that the library offered during the shutdown. "The library has been a lifesaver. I had safe access to books and movies, which helped my family to always have sources for education and entertainment. This lifted our spirits and kept us going. Thank you for being there for my family and the community during this craziness."*

*Marianne said "Suddenly losing our employment created a lot of stress in our household. Without money to spare for anything other than food and rent, the library gave us access to books and movies that we wouldn't have been able to afford on our own. It also provided a quiet place for me to go and use the WiFi to find opportunities for employment when the shutdown was over. I can't thank the library enough for all that they do."*

*We are grateful for our patrons and for the opportunity to provide library services to our community. Thank you to those who shared their stories with us, it means so much to us to hear from our patrons.*

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A flawless Black Friday requires extensive planning and preparation. You have to have the right shoes (excellent traction is a must), a hefty stock of caffeine to stay awake and alert for all those early openings, and detailed maps of the layout of each store so you can plan your deal-grabbing down to the inch. After all, only the prepared will be able to nab that \$1,000 TV that's been marked down to \$500, or the next gen console your kid and/or spouse craves, or that horrifying talking robot creature that your 6-year-old insists is the only thing that will make her happy. While the library doesn't generally keep floor plans of local retailers on file, we can help with one aspect of your Black Friday prep: taking a freaking break from it. Seriously. Just take, like, an hour or two and watch a movie or a TV show. Your planning can wait. In fact, here are a few recently added DVDs you might want to try out:

**MOVIES AND TV:**

- THE BLACKLIST. SEASON 8
- BLITHE SPIRIT
- BLUE BLOODS
- THE BOSS BABY: FAMILY BUSINESS
- F9
- WITNESSES
- WHEN CALLS THE HEART. SEASON 8

**DOCUMENTARIES:**

- FIDDLIN'
- FOOD COOP
- GREAT ELECTRIC AIRPLANE RACE
- HINDENBURG: THE NEW EVIDENCE
- PICTURE A SCIENTIST
- THE SHIP THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
- TELL MY STORY

Because traction-y shoes and caffeine stashes are not always cheap, we've been extra sure this year to make sure that DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So take a break from your planning and swing by the library to pick up a DVD! And who knows! You may just find that your planning goes way better after watching it.

-Beth Meyers,  
St. George Library

**Employee Spotlight**

It is my great pleasure to highlight Amanda Curnow as the library Employee Spotlight for October!



Amanda first joined the library as a part time clerk in St. George, but when she moved to Cedar City, the drive from Cedar to St. George became a tad bit difficult to manage. So when a part time clerk position opened in New Harmony, she transitioned to the small branch setting. As a small branch has only 3 staff (including the manager), that gave Amanda the opportunity to really showcase her artistic talent and creativity! If you get the chance, make sure to ask her about her henna skills!

Amanda is industrious, a friendly customer service professional, and an integral part of the New Harmony Branch. Patrons appreciate her willingness to make excellent suggestions for one of the most important questions we get, "what should I read next." During Summer Reading, Amanda planned various activities for the adult patrons that were well-received. She recently restarted the New Harmony Branch book club. She researched titles that were fun for the patrons attending the group. She has done such a great job, that we promoted her to a full time position in the St. George branch. We are excited to see her rock her new position.

In her spare time, aside from showcasing her henna business, and caring for two kids, she likes to play pool and hang out with friends. Amanda is just one example of the great work happening in the library. When you get the chance, congratulate Amanda on a job well done...and the new promotion!

- Joel Tucker,  
Director



November is National Picture Book Month! The picture book is often a child's first experience of looking at and reading art and words. Picture books for young readers are building blocks that promote literacy, vocabulary skills, and sentence structure.

Children learn to read pictures before they learn to sound out words or read full sentences, and for the very young, the partnership between pictures and text helps them take in and find pleasure in a narrative. The rhythm and rhyme of picture books makes them easy to understand and fun to read aloud, allowing children to learn words quickly. In addition, reading the same story repeatedly increases vocabulary by 12%.

The Washington County Library System invites you to join the celebration and check out some picture books @ your library!

## VETERANS DAY

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
TO OBSERVE  
VETERANS DAY

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

## Library Programs and Events

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays, Nov. 1 & 15 - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Tuesdays, Nov. 9, 16, & 23 - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm  
Friday, Nov. 5 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 3 & 17 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 4 - Tween Time 11:00 am  
Wednesday, Nov. 10 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 4 & 18 - Lego Club 4:00 pm\* moved to 1st and 3rd  
Thursday for November  
Thursday, Nov. 18 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm  
Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am \*no Toddler Time 11/23  
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am \* no Story Time on 11/24  
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm \* no Teen Time 11/24  
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Monday, Nov. 8 - Homeschoolers @ the Library 10:30 am  
\*please register  
Monday, Nov. 8 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm  
Friday, Nov. 12 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 18 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Crafts - All Day Event

### St. George Branch

Mondays - Spanish Story Time 11:00 am  
Mondays - Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 pm  
Thursdays - Toddler Time 11:00 am  
Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am  
Monday, Nov. 1 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 2 & 16 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 4 - World History Trivia Night 6:00 pm  
Friday, Nov. 5 - ASL Storytime 10:00 am  
Saturday, Nov. 6 - Movie Matinee "Space Jam 2" 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 & 23 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 & 23 - Coloring Club for Adults 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 10 - Fall Flavors Cooking Seminar 6:00 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 13 - Movie Matinee "In the Heights" 2:00 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 18 - Teen Advisory Group 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 18 - Teen Activity 5:00 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 20 - Movie Matinee "Spirit Untamed" 2:00 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 27 - Movie Matinee "Boss Baby-Family Business" 2:00 pm

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### Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am \* no Story Time on 11/24  
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm \* no activity on 11/24

### Springdale Branch

Story Time - by appointment - call to schedule at 435-772-3676  
Thursday, Nov. 4 - Anna Willoughby presentation  
"Tourism Impacts on Park Wildlife" 6:30 pm  
Monday, Nov. 8 - Book Discussion 10:00 am

### New Harmony Branch

Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 2:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm \* no story time on 11/24  
Fridays, Nov. 5, 12, & 19 - Tales for Tails - 12:00 pm  
Friday, Nov. 19 - Teen Activity 2:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesday-Friday - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday, Nov. 3 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm  
Monday, Nov. 8 - Library Techies 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 9 - Home Schooling Program 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 10 - Teen Ice Cream Social 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Techno Teens 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Nov. 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, Nov. 23 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 24 - Booklanders Teen Book Club 4:00 pm

### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesday, Nov. 3 - After School at the Library 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Nov. 24 - After School at the Library 4:00 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 27 - Movie Matinee "The Last Mimzy" 12:00 pm



For most of us, Veterans Day means a chance to enjoy an extra day off from school or work. However this November 11th, be sure to spend a few minutes on its true purpose, by acknowledging the men and women who have served in our armed forces. These include the members of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and the Coast Guard.

Previously known as Armistice Day, it was originally meant to commemorate the veterans of World War 1. After the the second World War and the Korean Conflict, many people felt that it should include all veterans. With the approval of legislation in 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

The Library would like to acknowledge all of the brave men and women who sacrifice everything to make this world a safer place for the rest of us. We are grateful for your service.

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