

## Message From The Director

It's the most wonderful time of the year, or at least that is how the Christmas song goes. And while I recognize that not everyone celebrates Christmas, I would have to agree with the song. People seem to be more giving, generally nicer to each other, and just in a good mood. Generally speaking, right? As I think about this general expression of happiness, joy, good sentiment, etc. (synonyms for the word emotion), I can't help but think about emotional intelligence. One of the hats I juggle is as a student, and Emotional Intelligence is my current focus of study.

Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand, and control emotions. As a simple example, when a toddler is screaming/crying because it's time to leave the library, we can 1. Recognize the emotions, 2. think about and understand the source of those emotions, and 3. try control the emotion (trying to calm them by telling them we can come back tomorrow). Easier said than done though. Sometimes people are good at hiding their emotions, sometimes without context it might be difficult to know what emotion is being expressed (tears of joy, anger, sadness, etc.), and controlling emotions can be very difficult. When the adrenaline kicks in, it can be hard to think about anything, let alone control emotions in ourselves. At least that is the gist of what I have been studying.

So though you may be experiencing the emotions of joy, love, and happiness during this holiday season, please refrain from cartwheeling into the library. We are a great place to visit, which can elicit great joy, but we don't want to hurt anyone with our flying feet. If someone does something that makes you angry, think about it for a minute, think about different possible reasons why they did what they did, and choose not to be angry. It's your choice. And if you find yourself sad or lonely during the holidays, I'm sorry to hear, and I invite you to come hang out with us at the library. Hopefully we can help you find the joy of a good book, enjoy some of our wonderful programming, or just see a friendly face.



Happy holidays!

Joel E. Tucker, Director  
Washington County Library System

## Holiday Movies @ Your Library

It's that time of the year again~ the holiday season is upon us, and with it comes merriment, joy, gift-giving, family, and friends. As you gather with family and friends, enjoy some of our favorite holiday movies that are available @ your library:

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) ~ Director Frank Capra's classic tale of George Bailey, a desperate man who is visited by an angel who shows him how important one life can be.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL ~ Charles Dickens tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, who thinks Christmas is humbug until he is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Available in many animated and live action versions.

A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983) ~ This movie follows the exploits of Ralphie Parker, who dreams of getting a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Based on the writings of Jean Shepherd.

ELF (2003) ~ Will Ferrell plays the part of Buddy, a toddler who was accidentally brought to the North Pole and raised among Santa's elves, who finds his real father in New York City and infuses those he meets with the spirit of Christmas.

THE POLAR EXPRESS (2004) ~ Based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, this is the story of a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary trip to the North Pole and learns that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS ~ The classic story by Dr. Seuss is available in the original animated version (1966), as well as the live action movie (2000), and the newest animated version "The Grinch" was released in 2019. Find out how the mean, green Grinch finds the spirit of Christmas.



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While it's true that winter in Washington County is, on the whole, a mild affair, it's still nice to find ways to ward off the winter chill and get a bit cozy. To that end, may we suggest celebrating some of the following holidays? First, there's National Sock Day on December 4th, during which you must don your fuzziest, warmest, most sockiest socks. Then, on December 7th, we have National Letter Writing Day, a day on which to feel all cozy while you think warmly about your friends and family and how they will probably be unable to read your truly terrible handwriting. December 13th and 15th are National Cocoa Day and International Tea Day Respectively, and truly, there is nothing cozier than holding a warm mug of something while you, for instance, watch a DVD you checked out from the library! (Hah! You see what we did there?) For some DVD ideas, here are a few of our most popular recent additions:

**MOVIES AND TV:**

- BLACK WIDOW (Scarlett Johansson)
- CRUELLA (Blu-ray & DVD)
- FREE GUY
- GREEN KNIGHT
- JOE BELL
- NEEDLE IN A TIMESTACK
- SNAKE EYES: G.I. JOE ORIGINS
- STILLWATER

**DOCUMENTARIES:**

- 7 YARDS: THE CHRIS NORTON STORY
- ALL THE STREETS ARE SILENT
- DISCOVERING YOUR WARRIOR SPIRIT WITH D.J. VANAS
- DOWN A DARK STAIRWELL
- DOWNING OF A FLAG
- EPICENTRO
- FISH & MEN

Because we know you're saving up for the extra-nice stationary for National Letter Writing Day, DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So don't forget to don your ugliest sweater (for National Ugly Sweater Day on December 17th, of course) and come by the library for the coziest of DVDs.

-Beth Meyers,  
St. George Library



**Employee Spotlight**

Please join me in congratulating Jessica Johnson as the library spotlight for November.



Jessica is fairly new to the library system, starting back in June as a clerk in Hurricane, but has jumped in with both feet! She enjoys helping patrons at the circulation desk and provides that excellent platinum service to the patrons of the library! In addition to serving at the circ desk, she creates the new weekly DVD poster and flyer for Hurricane based on Beth's Monday emails with the latest DVD titles. The patrons use these popular lists to find preferred movies within the system.

During Summer Reading, Jes created four Scavenger Hunt lists for the children's librarian. She also learned how to navigate the ReadSquared program and helped enter patrons' progress into it daily. Last month, Jes volunteered to take on the responsibility of teen librarian and has already initiated three teen programs: a scavenger hunt for trolls in the YA area, a scavenger hunt to find answers to questions about books in the YA area, and a YA Book Club (which will have its first meeting in January to discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak). Jes created a display with audios and books of this title and contacted local schools to advertise the new program.

Jes is married and has a daughter named Briar-Rose who is turning four next week. She has two cats, a dog, and enjoys reading historical non-fiction. Please congratulate her when you get the chance

- Joel Tucker,  
Director



The Washington County Library System is working together with local charities to help those in need during the holidays. The libraries will be collecting donations of warm winter scarves, hats, mittens, and small baby blankets, non-perishable food items, and other necessities. Check

with your branch to find out what charity they are supporting and what items are needed for that charity. Branches that do not have a giving tree set up will accept donations and send them to a branch to add to the donated items to be distributed.

Your generosity will support the Dove Center, Switch Point, Canyon Creek Services, and other local charities that assist those in need. The Library System would like to thank all of the patrons and community members who support these efforts!

## Library Programs and Events

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays, Dec. 20 & 27- Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Tuesdays, Dec. 14, 21, & 28 - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm  
Friday, Dec. 3 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 15 & 29 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 2 - Tween Time 11:00 am  
Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 9 & 23 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Christmas With Santa 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Thursday, Dec. 16 - 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 on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wed. - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am \*no Story Time on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm \* no activity on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 11 - Teen Holiday Party 1:00 pm  
Monday, Dec. 13 - Home Schoolers @ the Library 10:30 am  
\*Please register  
Monday, Dec. 13 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 16 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 18 - Grinch vs. Santa Holiday Party 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 28 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm  
\*Registration is required

### 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  
Wed., Dec. 1 - Lithophanes and 3D Printed Gifts 6:00 pm  
Friday, Dec. 3 - ASL Storytime 10:00 am  
Monday, Dec. 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 4 - Movie Matinee "Home Alone" 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 & 28 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 & 28 - Coloring Club for Adults 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 11 - Movie Matinee "Elf" 2:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 16 - Teen Paint Night 5:00 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 18 - Movie Matinee "The Grinch" 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 21 - Children's Holiday Party 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 21 - Adult Christmas Karaoke Party 6:00 pm

## Library Programs and Events

### Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Santa @ the Library 4:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Story Time - by appointment - call to schedule at 435-772-3676  
Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Book Club White Elephant Book Exchange 11:30 am  
Friday, Dec. 17 - Santa @ the Library TBA

### New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm \* no story time on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Santa Story Time 12:00 pm  
Friday, Dec. 17 - Teen Christmas Party 2:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday, Dec. 1 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 2 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Teen Activity  
Thursday, Dec. 9 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Monday, Dec. 13 - Library Techies 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Home Schooling Program 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 16 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 23 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 28 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm

### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22 - Christmas Around the World  
Thursday, Dec. 9 - Teens @ the Library 3:30 pm  
Monday, Dec. 20 - Anime Club 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Santa @ the Library 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 23 - Movie "In Search of Santa" 12:00 pm

## Classic Holiday Stories for Kids

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or other traditions, get in the spirit of the season with these tales that evoke nostalgia and fun:

- How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
- The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore
- Is it Hanukkah Yet? by Chris Barash
- Home for the Holidays by Debbie Mumm
- Li'l Rabbit's Kwanza by Donna Washington
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- D is for Dreidel by Tanya Stone

These are just a few of the many titles available @ your library. Stop in today and check out some holiday titles to share with your children.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2021</h1>						
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