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Message From The Director

I looked out the window and what did I see, pop...er, uh, construction! That's right, its back. This time last year, the basement of the St. George branch was closed due to flooding. The bane of my library director existence... Pardon me as I go down the rabbit hole a little on this one, but was does that even mean; bane of my existence? Apparently, originating from the old English word, bana which translates to killer, murderer. Shows up in names for poisonous herbs like wolfsbane and henbane. And appeared in English during the late 16th century with the meaning of "cause of pain and woe". Apparently an "over-cited cliché", references something that is so maddeningly infuriating which derives the utmost intolerance (slanglang.net).

I can support the use of the phrase in this context. Apparently, with the way the park was designed, with the old road blocked off, and the library being a low point for all that, water just loves us! With each flood incident, we have asked the question, what can we do to prevent that from happening again. And while work has been done that fixed that particular problem, the water just keeps coming and finding new ways to be a constant source of misery and irritation for me as the library director.

Long story short, construction will begin the first of January to build up the sidewalk out back, to serve as a buffer to the water, and hopefully help the water to flow around the library and back down the street instead of into the basement. Additionally, they are expanding the drainage system up between the school buildings to help minimize how much water actually reaches the library. So, pardon our dust...outside the library. There should be minimal impact to the services provided in the library.



As I wrap up, most of the libraries received a hydroponics garden. Make sure to check it out when you get the chance.

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in the library.

Joel E. Tucker, Director

Washington County Library System

Resolutions @ Your Library

As we begin another New Year, many folks are creating resolutions to make improvements for 2022. No matter what your resolutions are, there are lots of unexpected ways the library can help you!

If you want to learn a new language, Transparent Language is a free database that you can access with your library card. It offers videos, tutorials, vocabulary and grammar lessons for over 110 languages.

Do you want to eat better? Cooking at home is a great way to lose weight and save money on groceries. Check out one of the many cookbooks that are filled with healthy, easy recipes on a variety of diets from vegetarian, gluten-free, keto, paleo, vegan, and more.

Do you want to learn how to manage money? You can get help finding financial aid for college, managing student loan debt, planning for retirement, or understanding your social security benefits @ your library. And, to make the most of your stocks and investments, you can use ValueLine for free!

Do you want to learn astronomy? Check out one of the telescopes at your library branch and search the constellations. Interested in 3D printing, making movies, using a laser cutter, sewing, or embroidery? Visit one of the MakerSpaces at each branch and expand your skills!

And if your resolution is to read more books, we have you

covered! As we know, reading stimulates your brain and reduces stress. The Library System offers many options for books, ebooks, movies, audio books and so much more. Come in and see how we can help you with your resolutions for 2022.



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Every time January rolls around, there's always talk about setting goals, making resolutions, working working working on improving yourself. But honestly, does anyone else feel a bit...tired? Perhaps after the past couple of years what we really need is a little break. So go and find that spot of wilderness where the wind whispers its secrets to you. Or spend an afternoon doing something incredibly silly and enjoyable with your family. And, if you happen to feel like it, take a little break by watching a film or two from the library. In fact, here are some recently added DVDs you could try:

MOVIES:

- 13 MINUTES
- · ALL WE NEED FOR CHRISTMAS
- CHOSEN. SEASON 2
- FOUR GOOD DAYS
- GOD'S COMPASS: FIND YOUR TRUE NORTH
- HEARTLAND, SEASON 13
- WALKER, SEASON 1

DOCUMENTARIES:

- · DEATH IS BUT A DREAM
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
- · JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S DAY
- THE LAND OF AZABA
- THE LAST BLOCKBUSTER
- LUCY WORSLEY'S ROYAL MYTHS & SECRETS, VOL.1-2
- MOBY DOC

Some of the best things in life are free, and checking out DVDs from the library is no exception; DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So be sure to include the library in your plans to rest up. We've got just the tools you need to make a better (we hope) and more relaxing year!

-Beth Meyers, St. George Library



Kid's age preschool - 6th grade who participated in the 29th Annual PBS Reading Marathon have until January 15, 2022 to turn in their completed reading logs and pick up their ticket to the Super Reader party. For more information, please speak to the Children's Librarian at your branch!

Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to spotlight Dustin Davis for the last month of 2021!

Dustin is the database administrator for the library system. That means that his primary responsibility is to keep the Horizon/Enterprise system up and running. This allows patrons



and staff to look up items within the collection, check items out quickly, place items on hold, and so much more!

As our defacto IT person for the library, anything computer related, Dustin is our first call for help. He is good at trouble shooting those problems, putting out our IT fires, and keeping us up to date on our website.

In addition to those IT responsibilities, Dustin is always willing to do whatever needs to be done. Just one example, as we were cleaning out the basement due to the flood last year, he moved 80% of the stuff that we stored in the storage container next to the parking lot. No matter what the job is, he willing and ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work.

Outside the library, Dustin is a local actor and musician. He is often seen growing out his mutton chops as he prepares for the Dickens Festival, and has been known to rock out from time to time on his guitar. And if you've ever seen him do Zombie Yoga, you would know that he has fun, and likes to share that joy with others. Please congratulate Dustin on a job well done!

- Joel Tucker, Director



The Washington County Library System will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th.

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Mondays, Jan. 3 & 31 Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm

Monday - Thursday - Story Time 10:30 am

Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 3 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 5 & 19 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 6-'Tween Time 11:00 am

Wednesday, Jan. 12 & 26 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13 & 27 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20 - 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 1/4

Wed.- Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am *no Story Time on 1/5

Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm * no activity on 1/5

Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am

Monday, Jan. 10 - Home Schoolers @ the Library 10:30 am

*Please register

Monday, Jan. 10 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 25 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

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

Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm

Wed., Jan. 6- Busting Weight Loss Myths 6:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 7 - ASL Storytime 10:00 am

Monday, Jan. 3- P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 4 & 18 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11 & 25 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11 & 25 - Coloring Club for Adults 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11-Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13 - Harry Potter Trivia Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20 - Teen Paint Night 5:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 27. - Of Dinosaurs and Men 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

Fridays - Movie Matinee 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Adult Community Book Club 7:30 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Book Club 10:30 pm

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm

Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 6 & 20 - Pilates Stretch 11:00 am

Friday, Jan. 7 - Baxter's Buddies 12:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 21 - Book Club 12:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 28 - Teen Activity - Basic Bookmaking 2:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am

Wednesday-Friday - Story Time 10:30 am

Wednesday, Jan. 5-Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 10 - Library Techies 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11- Home Schooling Program 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Teen Sing-a-long Movie Night 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 19 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20-Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 27 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 25- Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - Teen Activity 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 12 - After School @ the Library 4:00 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13 - Teen's @ the Library 3:30 pm

Saturday, Jan. 22 - Movie Matinee "Mulan" 12:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 24 - Anime Club 5:00 pm



