

Message From The Director

According to Tom Durrant, the Washington County Assessor, everyone should have received their Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Changes. The notice is not a bill; it is the annual disclosure of tax rates, proposed taxes, appeal dates, and other related information. Check it out!

Tom also said that due to recent, drastic changes to property values in Washington County, most taxpayers should expect to see a tax increase this year. He said that in 2021, we saw unprecedented changes in the value of Washington County real estate, particularly homes, which means the assessed values of the property have increased to reflect market activity.

For the most part, as your home value goes up, the tax rate for the library (and other local government entities) will go down, so that you are charged about as much as you were last year. However, according to Tom, there are some things that might impact that. A tax shift is when an individual property value change is greater than the average change. The increase from a tax shift does not create more tax revenue. Some will pay more, and some will pay less depending on what an individual value did compared to the average value increase. These shifts happen every year for a variety of reasons and can happen on the state level, county level, municipal level, and all the way down to individual property level. Another impact for this year is the freeze on the state school fund tax rate, which was enacted by the state legislature in 2018. This is the final year of the freeze, and has no impact on the library taxes.

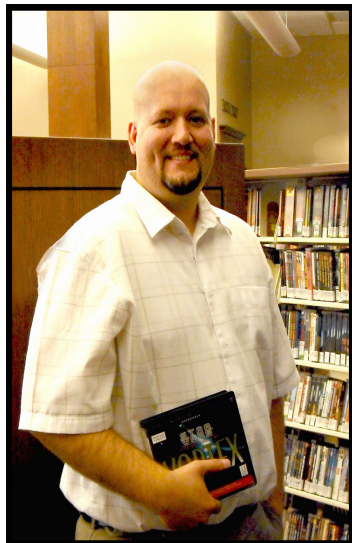
Bottom line, though you may be paying more taxes this year, you should be paying about the same as last year for your library services, depending on your home value and tax shift. According to Tom, each property owner has the right to

appeal the market value with the Board of equalization, Aug. 1 – Sept. 15. For more information on taxes, contact the assessor's office at 435-634-5703, or check out their website: www.washco.utah.gov/departments/assessor/

Thank you for supporting the library! Your support helps makes a difference in the community.



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



Back to School @ Your Library

These are stressful times, and we can be sure that back to school season can add to the stress of both parents and children. Stress and anxiety seem to be rising as high as inflation, and compounding that with the uncertainties created by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, peer pressure, and new classes, apprehension about starting school is a common feeling. If you are looking for one of the best tools to assist your children that are preparing to start a new year, turn to your Library!

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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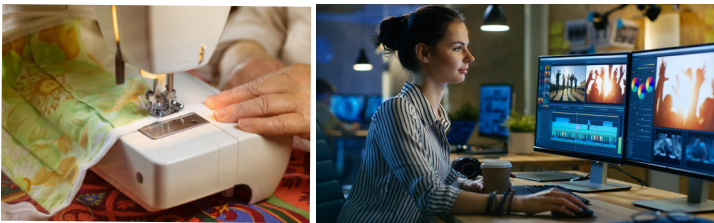
MAKER SHOWCASE

Save the Date & Create!

The Washington County Library System would like to invite makers of all mediums to show us your projects at the Second Annual Maker Showcase!

Sign up to display your project by scanning the QR code. Bring your project to the St. George Library Friday, August 26th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Maker Showcase and Maker Presentations will be held Saturday, August 27th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The Library System offers 3D printers, scrap booking materials, a laser cutter, sewing machines, video equipment, and more in the library branch's Makerspaces. Check out what's available today! For more information, please call Joe at 435-634-5737, ext. 2271.



Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to introduce Emma Jessop as the spotlight for July.

Emma Jessop is a long time resident of Short Creek. She took over the courier runs for the Hildale Library from her daughters after they finished up at Dixie State College as a volunteer.



She really enjoys finding opportunities to volunteer, but maybe did a little dance of joy when we made her a regular part-time employee this past January. Emma loves the early morning and usually starts her courier runs at 3 AM. Yup, you read that right, she likes to get up at 3:00 in the morning to come visit the library!

She is a hard worker and keeps library material flowing between branches regularly and without problems. The Hildale patrons love how quick she delivers material between the branches and always remark how quick the transit process is.

In her spare time Emma works for the United State Post Office doing maintenance. Her work area covers Mesquite all the way up to the St. George area. She always has fascinating stories to tell about bizarre happening with the post office. Emma also enjoys off-roading and four wheelers. She likes to fish often, and just enjoys the outdoors.

We appreciate our couriers, and all they do to help keep the library a valuable resource for the community. Congratulations Emma!

- Joel Tucker,
Director

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *Portrait Of An Unknown Woman* by Daniel Silva
2. *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci
3. *Shattered* by James Patterson and James O. Born
4. *The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand
5. *The It Girl* by Ruth Ware
6. *Sparring Partners* by John Grisham
7. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by G. Zevin
8. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
9. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
10. *Rising Tiger* by Brad Thor

NONFICTION:

1. *Thank You For Your Servitude* by Mark Lebovich
2. *Dirtbag, Massachusetts* by Issac Fitzgerald
3. *Finding Me* by Viola Davis
4. *Battle For The American Mind* by Pete Hegseth & David Goodwin
5. *Happy-Go-Lucky* by David Sedaris
6. *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
7. *They Want To Kill Americans* by Malcolm Nance
8. *An Immense World* by Ed Yong
9. *James Patterson* by James Patterson
10. *Killing the Killers* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Mondays-Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 3, 17 & 31 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 3 & 17 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Friday, Aug. 5 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 8 - Teen Book Club 4:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 11 & 25 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 - Art Club 3:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 19 - Reading With Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Zookeeper's Club 2:30 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Baby Story Time 11:00 am *begins Aug. 22
Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am *begins Aug. 23
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am *begins Aug. 24
Fridays - Spanish Story Times 10:30 am *begins Aug. 26
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm
Monday, Aug. 8 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 16 - Yoga with Danielle 5:45 pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - English/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
Thursday, Aug. 4 - Adult Program - Tai Chi 6:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 - Bookworms of the Bygone 3:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 25 - Teen Book Club 4:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 25 - Hydroponics Workshop 6:00 pm
Sat. Aug. 27 - Maker Showcase 10:00 am
Sat. Aug. 27 - Board Game Showcase 11:00 am

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm
Mondays - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 4 & 18 - Pilates Stretch 11:00 am
Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Magic Show 6:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *beginning August 17th
Friday, Aug. 19 - Book Club 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, Aug. 3 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 8 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Techno Teens 4:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Teen Booklanders Book Club 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Monday, Aug. 15 - Anime Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, August 27 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *beginning August 17
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm *beginning August 17
Thursday, Aug. 4 & 12 - Service Club 11:00 am
Fridays - 1:00 pm Movie Matinees

Springdale Branch

Thursday, Aug. 4 - Adult Paint Night 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Book Club 11:30 am
Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays - Story Time - by request



August can sometimes feel a bit like a wasteland; there's weeks of not-much-to-do in between some rather exciting holidays. But there's good reason to celebrate August, particularly in our modern never-stop-moving world. August is the perfect time to find a lonely riverbank and take a nap beneath a tree while you listen to the susurrantion of the water. Or you could finally hit level 99 in that one video game you've been working on for ages. Or perhaps, just maybe, you could get caught up on all the great DVDs you can find at your local library. For some ideas, here are a few DVDs we've added recently

MOVIES

- Dual
- Hidden Life
- Reno 911!: Hunt for Quanon
- Mission to the Sun (Documentary)

TELEVISION

- America After 9/11
- Castlevania - Season 4
- Close to Me
- DC's Legends of Tomorrow - Season 7
- Earth Emergency

In keeping with the laid-back nature of August, we don't want to stress you out by charging for DVDs, so they're FREE to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. (Okay, so they're free the rest of the year too. But you get the picture, right?) So take a moment or two from your riverbank napping or leveling up to pick up some great DVDs at the library. Believe us—it'll be worth it.

BOARD GAME SHOWCASE

The second annual Board Game Showcase will be held in conjunction with the Maker Showcase at the St. George Library on Saturday, August 27 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in Conference Room A.

Bring your original board games to be play tested, or join in the fun and play some original and exciting games!

For more info, please call Trevor at 435-634-5737, ext. 2284.



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