# **Explore New Resources At Your Library**

When they think about the library, most people already know they have books, but are you aware of the other cool stuff you can do as a library card holder? How about a telescope to watch meteor showers, yoga classes, learning new languages, genealogy resources, and free Wi-Fi and Internet?

Yes, all that and more is right at your fingertips. Do you want to create a new gadget but don't have the tech? Visit one of the Makerspaces and you can learn to use the 3D printer, laser cutter or CNC machine and make your own customized items. We have sewing machines, sergers, and embroidery machines if you want to try new fashions.

Do you want to explore new realities? Try out a pair of the virtual reality goggles for the ultimate VR experience. Or try your hand at audio and video production with the equipment available at your library and start your own podcast!

Your Library System is continuing to evolve and shift our vision, expanding our services and offerings to you, including digital books such as eBooks, digital audio books, and more. The best part? You can access the digital library 24/7 from your device with your library card!

You can browse the collection, borrow with your library card, and enjoy on your computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader. Many borrowed eBooks, audio books and more can be enjoyed immediately in your web browser or can be downloaded to the free Libby app for mobile devices. Digital titles can also be enjoyed on tablets and eReader devices such as the iPad®, NOOK®, and Kindle®. No matter how you plan to enjoy, titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

As we move into the future, the Library System is constantly striving to bring more resources to the community. Check out what is available today!

# Message From The Director

...And Here We Are

The calendar has rolled around to 2024, and it seems like last year just flew past. You can catch a special on television listing all the events of 2023, if you hurry. While those specials are interesting, they really have a short shelf life. Don't stop reading this article because you think that is the direction of the article. While it is nice to look back, we also need to look forward. We already are planning and looking forward to 2024. We sent some of our library staff to a training for Summer Reading, and just as a preview the theme will be "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

That is only one of the many things to look forward to occur in 2024. A little nearer on the calendar is an upcoming "Children's Super Reader Party". During the holiday period we had a reading challenge for children throughout the county. Those that participated and fulfilled the requirements are going to have a party on January 20th, and that promises to be a fun and rewarding event. If you are reading this article, then let me give you a tip: each month the last page has a calendar with events and happenings system wide. For example, the Santa Clara Brach has a 20 year anniversary celebration at 2:00 p.m. on January 27th. Join the fun and participate in the items listed!

At the first of the year we celebrate the New Year. We look forward with anticipation to the clock striking midnight, and a new chapter opening. We have many chapters here at the library. We would like to think we have something for everyone with our materials, programs, events, or such. We have staff that work hard to plan and carry off newsletters, storytimes, reading challenges, processing new material, checking

out, returning materials to shelves, and so much more. We welcome in 2024, and welcome you to the library in the new year!

Alan Anderson, Director Washington County Library System **Library Board Members:** 

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# **Employee Spotlight**

I am pleased to present Kristin Marshall as the employee spotlight for December.

Kristin is at our Saint George location, and works at the Children's Desk. It is a joy to watch Kristin work with children. She clearly has a lot of experience working with children because she communicates with



them at their level and in ways that they understand. It's evident she knows how to draw them in, make them comfortable, and foster a love for learning.

Kristin also performs story time at a high level and is comfortable with children and their parents. Kristin is also very comfortable with reading books, singing songs, and leading crafts to large groups.

She is a retired elementary school teacher, a mother, and a grandmother. When asked, Kristin will tell you she has four beautiful daughters and 18 darling grandchildren. She enjoys children of all ages, both her own and other peoples. As an empty nester she enjoys when the children and grandchildren come to visit, and is happy to host them. She enjoys both friends and family, and the time she spends with them. She will even travel with family or friends.

She enjoys handwork and quilting, and is talented. In part, this talent is on display at the library and can be seen on her recently redesigned bulletin boards. Above all she is a nice person and friendly.

- Alan Anderson, Director

## New York Times Best Sellers -Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

### FICTION:

- 1. Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros
- 2. The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
- 3. Iron Flame
- by Rebecca Yarros
  4. The Exchange
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- 5. Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
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- by Stanban Kin
- by Stephen King 7. The Little Liar
- by Mitch Albom 8. Alex Cross Must Die
- by James Patterson
- 9. Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
- 10. Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

#### **NONFICTION:**

- 1. The Wager by David Grann
- 2. Oath and Honor by Liz Cheney
- 3. The Woman in Me by Britney Spears
- 4. My Name is Barbra by Barbra Streisand
- 5. Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing by Matthew Perry
- 6. Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson
- 7. Prequel by Rachel Maddow
- 8. Outlive by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford
- Behind the Seams by Dolly Parton & Holly George-Warren
   Ghosts of Honolulu by Mark Harmon & Leon Carroll Jr.

## Santa Clara Branch is 20!



The Santa Clara branch library is celebrating serving the community as part of the Washington County Library System for 20 years!

On December 30, 2002, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Santa Clara branch occurred, setting in motion the creation of another branch of the Washington County Library System. The branch was dedicated on January 23, 2004, and has since become a community hub for the residents in the area.

Join us as we celebrate this milestone on Saturday, January 27th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Santa Clara branch. We will have bounce houses, games, and activities for the whole family! For more information, please call the Santa Clara branch at 435-301-7630.



Every year it's the same thing: I resolve to eat better; I resolve to exercise; I resolve to create world peace and universal goodwill. Man, who needs these same old boring resolutions? This year, why not resolve to be more entertained? Happier? So go ahead: resolve to go to the national parks more often. Resolve to read more books. Resolve to check out more DVDs from your friendly neighborhood library. Here are a few recent additions to try:

#### **MOVIES**

- Expend4bles
- 57 Seconds
- · Comes a Horseman
- Babylon 5:The Road Home
- Blackening
- Hamlet Syndrome (Documentary)

#### **TELEVISION**

- · Pokemon Sun & Moon
- White Lotus Season 2
- Justified: City Primeval -Season 1
- Silk Stalkings Seasons 1-8
- · One Piece Collection 31

As a library, we'll help you stick to your resolution to stay in your budget this year. You see, DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So on your way home from a national park (or from finally making world peace a reality), come by the library and choose some DVDs to take home!

# **Library Programs and Events**

#### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Story Time 10:30 am

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm

Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm

Friday, January 5 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 3-Teen Time 3:30 pm

Thursday, January 4- Science Club 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10 & 24 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm

Thursday, January 11 & 25 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 17 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, January 18-Reading with Molly and Friends 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 23 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 pm

Monday, January 29 - NABECD Workshop for Current & New Business

Owners 5:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Story Time for Toddlers 10:30 & 11:30 am

Tuesdays- Family Play Group 10:30 am

Wednesdays - Story Time for 4s & 5s 10:30 & 11:30 am

Wednesday - Teens After School 3:00 pm

Thursdays - Baby Story Time 11:30 am

Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm

Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm

Thursday, January 4 - Sensory Sensitive Story Time 10:30 am

Friday, January 12 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm

Monday, January 8 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm

Thursday, January 18 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Friday, January 26- Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club\* 3:00 pm

\*Registration is required

Tuesday, January 23 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 27 - Santa Clara Library's 20th

Anniversary Celebration 2:00 - 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

Tuesday, January 2 & 16 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 3 - Create Your Plate Story Time 10:00 am & 11:00 am

Thursday, January 4 - Low Strain Exercise 6:00 pm

Friday, January 5 - Create Your Plate Story Time 11:00 am

Tuesday, January 9 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm

Tuesday, January 9 & 23 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm

Thursday, January 18 - Teen Night 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 20 - PBS Super Reader Party (must present

Thursday, January 11 - Percy Jackson Trivia Night 6:00 pm

*ticket to enter)* 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Thursday, January 25 - The Mysterious Powell Expedition 6:00 pm

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## New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:15 am

Thursdays - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Monday, January 8 - Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm Friday, January 19 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

#### Washington Branch

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

Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Teen Events 4:00 pm

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

Monday, January 8, 22 & 29 - Intro to Genealogy 4:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9 - Hot Reads for Cold Nights 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 11 & 25 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm

Thursday, January 11, 18, & 25 - English Classes 5:30 pm Thursday, January 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Monday, January 22 & 29 - Spanish Classes 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 23 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm

#### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am

Monday, January 8 - Lego Club 5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10 - Diamond Dot Art (ages 12 and up)

3:00 - 4:00 and 4:30 - 5:30

Friday, January 19 - Sweet Reads Book Club 1:00 pm Saturday, January 27 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

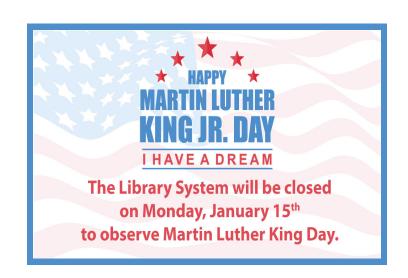
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#### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

#### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am Saturdays - Adult Dungeons & Dragons 2:30 pm Wednesday, January 10-Book Club 11:30 am Thursday, January 11 - Air & Space Exhibit 3:30 - 6:30 pm Thursday, January 11- Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 24 - 'Tween Book Club 4:00 pm Thursday, January 25 - Library Craft Night 5:00 pm



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