



April 2024

Message From The Director

A Poem, A Poem, Only A Poem...

April has many things which happen in the month, but it is also designated as National Poetry Month. We have tried to honor and respect that literary aspect at the library as we buy books and organize events, just as in past years by sponsoring events celebrating local poets. This year is no exception, with events scheduled at some of our libraries which will be presented by youth and adults. If you have not attended an event put on by the Cowboy Poets, both Hildale and Saint George will be hosting them; you would probably enjoy it so check it out. Beyond that, every day the library is open you have access to literally thousands of poems in various works at the library. Robert Frost, a famous American born poet defined poetry as follows: "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words". We frequently get requests to find a poem that is now in public domain and speaks of intangible wealth from a boy's perspective, because his mother read to him. In the spirit of poetry and with reading as the backdrop:

The Reading Mother
By Strickland Gillilan

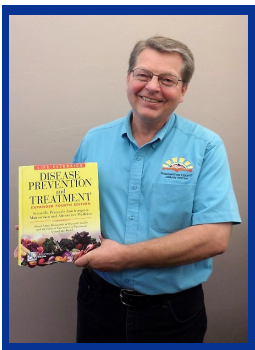
*I had a mother who read to me
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath.*

*I had a Mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.*

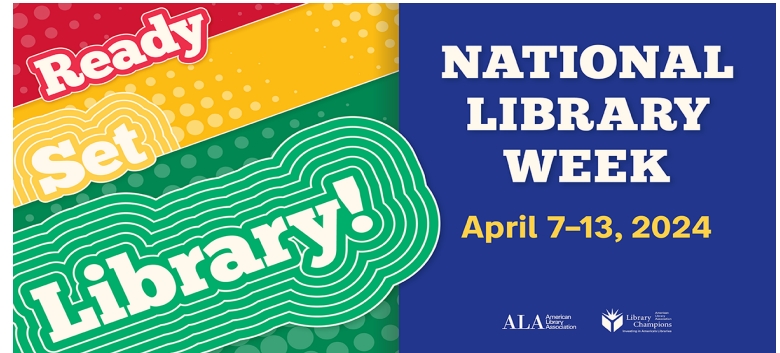
*I had a Mother who read me tales
Of Gelert the hound of the hills of Wales,
True to his trust till his tragic death,
Faithfulness blent with his final breath.*

*I had a Mother who read me the things
That wholesome life to the boy heart brings--
Stories that stir with an upward touch,
Oh, that each mother of boys were such!*

*You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be--
I had a Mother who read to me.*




Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System



It's that time of the year again - National Library Week! National Library week is a week dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions libraries make to our communities and our lives. Libraries are not just buildings filled with books; they are gateways to endless knowledge, inspiration, and growth! Let's take a moment to appreciate the magic of libraries:

1. Knowledge Hub:

Libraries are treasure troves of information, offering a vast collection of books, journals, and digital resources that fuel our thirst for learning.

2. Community Center:

Libraries serve as vibrant community hubs where people from all walks of life come together to learn, connect, and engage in meaningful discussions.

3. Lifelong Learning:

From storytime for kids to workshops for adults, libraries provide opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development.

4. Cultural Haven:

Explore diverse cultures through literature, art exhibitions, music performances, and other cultural programs hosted by libraries.

5. Makerspaces:

You libraries hold resources such as 3D printers, laser cutters, sergers, sewing machines, and more to give you the tools to unleash your creative abilities.

Join us in celebrating National Library Week by visiting your local library or participating in virtual events. Let's cherish the power of books and the sanctuaries of knowledge that libraries provide. Happy National Library Week, we look forward to celebrating with you!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Jayleen Telford as the March Employee Spotlight.

Jayleen brings a contagious enthusiasm for libraries to her role as a part-time circulation clerk at the Santa Clara Branch. She came to us with prior library experience having worked in a New Mexico library. There, she honed her skills. It's no surprise then, that Jayleen proudly declares, "Libraries are my favorite place to work!"



Her journey here began as a substitute library clerk, eventually transitioning to a permanent part-time position. At the circulation desk, Jayleen goes above and beyond her duties. She actively participates in "Wand" initiatives, meticulously scanning shelves and carts to locate misplaced, lost, or in-transit library materials. She created a detailed spreadsheet to track these issues, allowing for trend analysis and problem-solving solutions.

Jayleen has enhanced the library's existing jigsaw puzzle program by fostering donated puzzles into a vibrant puzzle exchange program, and a sense of community among patrons.

Growing up as the youngest in a family of nine, Jayleen's love for reading was nurtured by a vast home library. The abundance of books in the Washington County Library system is a particular source of joy, a stark contrast to her experience at her previous, smaller library. In her free time, Jayleen pursues her own creative spark by writing for pleasure and hopes of being published someday. Living in Southern Utah offers another perk – the absence of snow! Having never enjoyed winter driving, Jayleen cherishes the region's mild winters.

Congratulations Jayleen, we are glad to have you as a valued member of the Washington County Libraries staff.

- Alan Anderson,
Director

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *The Women*
by Kristin Hannah
2. *Fourth Wing*
by Rebecca Yarros
3. *The #1 Lawyer* by James Patterson and Nancy Alan
4. *James*
by Percival Everett
5. *Iron Flame*
by Rebecca Yarros
6. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride
7. *A Fate Inked in Blood*
by Danielle L. Jensen
8. *Expiration Dates*
by Rebecca Serle
9. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
10. *House of Flame and Shadow* by Sarah J. Maas

NONFICTION:

1. *Get It Together*
by Jesse Watters
2. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jenette McCurdy
3. *Barbie: The World Tour*
by Margot Robie and Andrew Mukamal
4. *The Wager*
by David Grann
5. *Outlive* by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford
6. *Blood Money*
by Peter Schweizer
7. *Bad Therapy*
by Abigail Shrier
8. *Burn Book*
by Kara Swisher
9. *Oath and Honor*
by Liz Cheney
10. *The House of Hidden Meanings* by RuPaul



Your local library is here to help ensure your eclipse experience is enjoyable and safe.

Stop by the St. George branch library on April 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for our "Eclipse Safety" presentation and pick up a complimentary pair of eclipse glasses. Glasses are available at all 8 branches - check with your branch for availability. Quantities are limited, so it will be first come, first served.

These glasses are specially designed to protect your eyes from harmful solar rays, allowing you to witness the wonder of the eclipse with peace of mind. Remember, never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. Visit the library today and get ready to witness the magic of the cosmos!



If April showers bring May flowers, just what are you supposed to do while you are inside waiting out the weather? We at the library heartily suggest that you check out some of the new DVDs here at the library to watch while you are spending time indoors! Here are some of our latest titles:

MOVIES

- Suzume
- Ferrari
- Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom
- Wish
- Freelance
- ElemenTory

TELEVISION

- Dangerous Waters
- Rebuilding Notre Dame
- Sonic Prime-Season 1
- Barry-Season 1
- Rick and Morty - Season 7
- Wednesday - Season 1

These are just a few of the new DVDs available for checkout for FREE with your library card. Be sure to visit your local library to discover even more titles and enjoy them during those rainy days!

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

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

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Monday, April 8 - Lego Club 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 10 - Teen Tie Dye Craft 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 17 - Cowboy Poetry 3:00 pm
Saturday, April 20 - Anime Club 2:15 pm
Tuesday, April 23 - STEM Club 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 25 - Adult Book Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, April 27 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 3 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Thursday, April 4 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Friday, April 5 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Tuesday, April 9, 16 & 30 - Board Game Club 1:00 pm
Tuesday, April 9 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 10 & 24 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, April 11 & 25 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 17 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons
Thursday, April 18 - Reading with Molly and Friends 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 23 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 pm
Wednesday, April 24 - Board Game Club 1:00 pm

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, April 8 - Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Friday, April 19 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 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, April 2 & 16 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 4 - Interstellar Travel: Extremely Difficult But Not Impossible 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 9 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 9 & 23 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 11 - Cowboy Poetry 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 18 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Tuesday, March 26 - Block Busters Book to Film Group 6:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

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
Monday, April 8 - Eclipse Viewing Program 11:00 am
Monday, April 8 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Friday, April 12 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm
Tuesday, April 9 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Tuesday, April 16 - Top Gun Night
Tuesday, April 23 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 25 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Friday, April 26 - Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club* 3:00 pm
*Registration is required

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Saturdays - Adult Dungeons & Dragons 2:30 pm
Thursday, April 4 - Teen/Tween D&D 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 10 - Book Club 11:30 am
Saturday, April 20 - Visit Us at the Earth Day Festival
Wednesday, April 24 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 25 - Writer's Group 12:00 pm
Thursday, April 25 - Library Craft Night 5:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am
Thursday, April 4 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Teen Events 4:00 pm
Monday, April 1, 8, 22, & 29 - Genealogy Basics 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 11 & 25 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 16 - Open Music Night 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 23 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm



Washington County Library System is pleased to partner with In-N-Out Burger to bring you the Cover to Cover Library Reading Program.

There is still time to complete the program, which will end on Saturday, April 13th. The program gives families with young readers ages 4-12 an opportunity to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger.

Children who read five books, or read for 300 minutes, will earn a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger! If a child is unable to read on their own, a parent or guardian may read to them. For more information or to register for the program, speak to the Children's Librarian at your local library branch.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p>1</p> <p>St. George Library 11:30 am Spanish Story Time 1:00 pm Story Time New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Adult Art Class 4:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Washington Library 4:00 pm Beyond Genealogy Basics Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Art & Craft Club 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Family Play Group St. George Library 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St. George Library 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Teen Event Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:30 pm Teen Time 4:30 pm Teen Book Club 5:00 D&D Meet Up 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Enterprise Library 11:00 am Story Time 3:00 pm After School Activities New Harmony Library 11:00 am Story Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Springdale Library 10:30 am Story Time</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Interstellar Travel Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 11:30 am Baby Story Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class 4:00 pm Lego Club</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Spanish Story Time Hurricane Library 3:00 pm Readers' Circle Book Club</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee Springdale Library 2:30 pm Adult Dungeons & Dragons</p>	
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