



Message From The Director

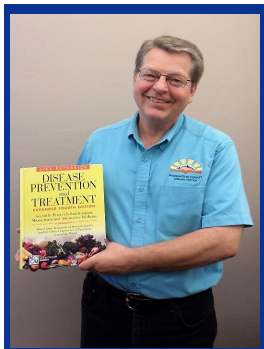
A Missing Leaf?

A leaf could be off a tree, out of your kitchen table, or a page out of a book. Have you ever heard the expression, "...he took a leaf out of {fill in a name}'s book?" A book in the library explains this saying as follows:

If you do it figuratively, it's all right. The person whose leaf is thus taken is likely to feel flattered, if he learns of it, because the implied meaning is to imitate, to copy, to ape another person, as in deportment, manner, or method, etc. But if you do it literally and are caught at it, you run a good chance of running afoul of the law against plagiarism. Nowadays you may not take another man's book, copy a leaf from it, or even a paragraph from that leaf, and publish it as your own. You may not even print it without due credit or his (or his publisher's) written permission. Funk, C. (2002, October 22). *Heavens to Betsy!: & Other Curious Sayings*. HarperResource.

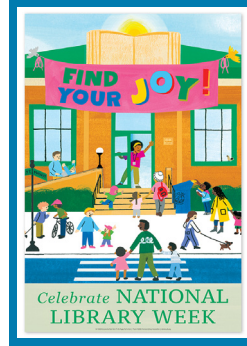
The citation is provided so as to avoid plagiarism, and to allow you to learn about this and other witty sayings. The Library is working with the Washington County Fair on a poetry and prose event featured during the fair. You can enter your work, or go and read the work of others while at the fair. April is National Poetry Month. At the library we have tried to honor and respect poetry as a literary tradition in organized events and in books on shelves. We are celebrating local poets, and this year is no exception with upcoming scheduled events. If you have not attended any of these events, your chance is just around the corner.

Cowboy Poetry is intended to be an oral experience, so come and listen to some of the following: Russ Westwood, Marlene Bussma, Kathy Smith, Darrell Arnold, Bruce Bugland, Farrel Bott, or others. These events will be on April 9th in Saint George Library Community Room A 6 pm, April 14th in the Hildale Branch 3pm, April 17th in the Hurricane Branch 5pm, and April 20th at the Washington Branch 6pm.




Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

National Library Week: Find Your Joy!



What brings you joy? Whether it's cozying up with a new story, learning a new skill, gathering with your community, or discovering something unexpected, you can find your joy at the Washington County Library System.

National Library Week, April 19–25, 2026, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. Libraries have always been more than just a place for books—they are vibrant hubs where curiosity, creativity, and connection thrive. From digital resources and career workshops to makerspaces and STEAM programs, libraries provide opportunities for everyone to explore, create, and grow.

The Washington County Library System invites residents to join the celebration at any of its eight branches across the county. Here, the possibilities go far beyond books. Patrons can borrow movies, music, GoPro cameras, VR headsets, and telescopes, or take part in hands-on activities in makerspaces designed to spark creativity and learning. Each branch also offers engaging programs for children, teens, and adults—from storytimes and science clubs to art workshops and technology classes.

"Libraries are essential community spaces where people of all ages can learn, explore, and connect," said Alan Anderson, Director for the Washington County Library System. "Whether you're discovering a new hobby, attending a program, or simply finding a quiet place to read, the library is a welcoming place where everyone can find something to enjoy."

Whether you're preparing for a career change, raising a family, launching a creative project, or enjoying retirement, the Washington County Library System is here to support your journey. National Library Week is the perfect opportunity to rediscover your local library, explore its many resources, and take part in the exciting activities planned throughout the week.

For more information about events, programs, and services during National Library Week, visit library.washco.utah.gov or stop by any Washington County Library System branch.

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Christa Phelps as the employee spotlight for the month of March.

She began her journey with the library at the old Main Street Library and has worked in circulation, processing, reference, and collection development before stepping into her current role as a cataloger in Technical Services at the St. George Branch. She is always willing to take on new tasks and has a wonderful approach to her everyday responsibilities. Christa has been a strong part of the library for many years, this year will be her 22nd year of service.



Christa is known for her dependability, organization, and incredible breadth of knowledge—she's often the go-to person when questions arise and is the kind of teammate everyone hopes for. She makes a system wide impact by her management of the story time kits for the Children's Librarians throughout the system. These are used for holiday story times and quick fill-ins. Whether she's helping patrons with room reservations or covering a service desk, she brings a cheerful attitude and a genuine willingness to help wherever needed.

She has earned a Paraprofessional Certification from the Utah Library Association. This represents the culmination of several years' work. She accumulated two times the amount of points needed for her certification over achieving the minimum. This is indicative of Christa as she always makes the effort to do quality work and goes beyond the minimum required.

Outside of work, Christa is very creative and artistic. She enjoys creating art journals, painting, and collage, and she treasures time with her two children and granddaughter. A true giver at heart, Christa's kindness and dedication make a lasting impact on both staff and patrons alike.

- Alan Anderson,
Director

Volunteers - Our Library Heroes

If you've stopped by a Washington County Library System branch lately, you've already experienced the magic our volunteers create—whether you realized it or not. It's there in the beautifully organized shelves, the welcoming energy at programs, and the little behind-the-scenes touches that make each visit feel easy, warm, and just right. Our volunteers may not always be in the spotlight, but they are truly the heartbeat of our libraries.



In 2025 alone, our incredible volunteer team gave 2,928 hours of their time—an extraordinary gift valued at \$49,278. But what those numbers really represent is something far more meaningful:

- Shelving and shelf reading that keeps our collections accessible
- Support for adult and teen programs that bring people together
- Helping hands at special events and story times that spark joy
- Care and attention that keep our spaces welcoming for all

Our libraries are so much more than buildings filled with books—they are places of connection, discovery, and belonging. And it's our volunteers who help transform those spaces into a true community home.

To every one of you—whether you've been with us for years or just recently joined us—please know how deeply appreciated you are. Your kindness, your dedication, and the time you so generously share make a lasting difference every single day. We are not just thankful for what you do—we are grateful for who you are.



In celebration of National Library Week this April, Dewey Lewis is shelving the usual picks and checking out a reel-y special lineup of films featuring everyone's favorite quiet heroes—librarians! From mysterious keepers of ancient knowledge to everyday champions of community connection, these stories prove that life behind the desk is anything but overdue. So grab your popcorn, silence your cell phone (we had to say it), and get ready to see librarians and libraries like never before! Here are a few titles we think you will love with some of our favorite "reel" librarians (and libraries) who grace the silver screen:

<u>1950s-1970s</u>	<u>1980s-1990s</u>	<u>2000s - Present</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Music Man • Desk Set • Foul Play • The Spy Who Came in from the Cold • Love Story • Storm Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mummy • Ghostbusters • The Shawshank Redemption • The Pagemaster • Party Girl • The Name of the Rose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Librarian Series • The Public • The Time Machine (Guy Pearce Version) • National Treasure 2 • Dr. Strange • This Beautiful Fantastic

Feeling inspired to channel your inner information expert? These films are available to check out for FREE with your library card—no late fees on fun! Whether you're in it for the adventure, the nostalgia, or just a good story, this collection is sure to be well worth the checkout. Stop by your local branch or browse the catalog online to bring home your next feature presentation—because at the library, the best stories don't just live on the shelves... they're ready to watch! So get comfy and settle in for some cinematic magic!



There is still time for young readers ages 4-12 to participate in the In-N-Out Burger Cover to Cover Library Reading Program!

The program will end on Saturday, April 18th. The program gives families with young readers an opportunity to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger while building their reading skills.

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.

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 6 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 1 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Thursday, April 2 & 9 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14 - Cowboy Poetry 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22 - Origami Workshop for Teens 3:00 pm
Thursday, April 23 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, April 25 - Movie Matinee 1:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28 - Art 4 Tweens 4:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Wednesday- Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Friday, April 3 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8 & 22 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, April 9 & 23 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 16 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Friday, April 17 - Cowboy Poetry 5:00 pm
Monday, April 20 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 21 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 25 - 3rd Annual Chalk Art Contest 10:00 am *Registration Required
Tuesday, April 28 - Teen Time 4:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm
Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:15 am
Friday, April 17 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, April 24 - Wool Felt Garland Craft Class 2:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Tuesdays - Tai Chi for Adults 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 1:00 pm
Saturdays - Tai Chi for Adults 10:30 am
Saturdays - Chess Club 2:30 pm
Saturday, April 4 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, April 10 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm
Monday, April 13 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Friday, April 17 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 4:00 pm *sign-up required
Saturday, April 25 - Family Movie 1:00 pm
Tuesday, April 28 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Thursdays - After School Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, April 9 - Jr. D&D Club 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 23 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am
Mondays - Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm
Weds. - 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, April 2 - Get a Job: Job Searching in the Age of AI 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 7 & 21 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 7 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, April 9 - Cowboy Poetry Roundup 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14 & 28 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15 - Chapters & Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 16 - Teen Time - Origami Flowers 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 16 - Gardening in the Desert- Part 2 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 28 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, April 1 - Teen Time
Thursday, April 2 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8 - Home Schooling Group 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8 - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 9 & 23 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Monday, April 13 & 27 - Community Crochet Class 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15 - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 16 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Monday, April 20 - Cowboy Poetry 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22 - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 28 - Arts & Crafts Club for Adults 2:00 pm
Tuesday, April 28 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 29 - Teen Time 4:00 pm

Unearth History - Library Book Art Contest

Get ready to dig into creativity with the Library's Book Art Contest! In celebration of America 250, this year's theme—Unearth History—invites you to transform a book into a one-of-a-kind work of art inspired by the people, places, and moments that shaped our nation. Whether you fold, carve, paint, or reimagine your pages in a completely unexpected way, the possibilities are as wide as your imagination. Even better, you can pick up a free book at your local branch to get started—no treasure hunt required!



Finished creations can be turned in at your branch between May 30 and June 3, and will be proudly displayed throughout June and July for the community to admire. With prizes up for grabs and plenty of inspiration to go around, this is your chance to make history—literally. So roll up your sleeves, unearth your creativity, and let your story take shape in the most unexpected of places. Check out the library website for more information and rules for the contest.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>April 2026</p>			<p>1</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 Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 11:00 am Story Time Springdale Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Teen Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time 4:45 pm Anime Club</p>	<p>2</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Adult Program - Workshop on Getting a Job in the age of AI Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 4:00 pm Science Club Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class Hildale Library 5:00 pm Teen Art Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 3:00 pm Readers Circle Book Club 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults 1:00 pm Curious Minds Non-Fiction Book Club St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Spanish Story Time 1:00 pm Reading with Jill New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Adult Art Class Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time Washington Library 4:00 pm Adult Program</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Sit n' Stitch St. George Library 2:30 pm Page Turners Book Club 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids Springdale Library 4:00 pm After School Club Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults</p>	<p>8</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 Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:30 pm Crochet Club 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 11:00 am Story Time Springdale Library 10:30 am Story Time 11:30 am Book Club 4:00 pm Teen Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time</p>	<p>9</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Cowboy Poetry Roundup Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Coding Club Hurricane Library 4:00 pm LEGO Club Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class Hildale Library 5:00 pm Teen Art Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 4:00 pm Art 4 Kids</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee</p>
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