



## Message From The Director

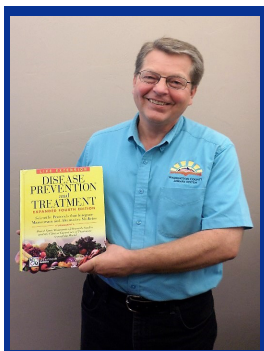
Bees: more than a symbol

How much consideration have you given the humble bee? A member of the staff who does Storytime told me this spring she was doing something with insects, and a craft for the children. They had several insects cut out on paper but ran out of bees. One boy was very sad about this development, and I don't think it was because he knew "World Bee Day" was coming up on May 20th. The United Nations was also concerned about running out of bees, and established "World Bee Day":

Established by the United Nations [UN] in 2017, World Bee Day falls annually on May 20th. It serves as a reminder of the critical role bees and other pollinators play in sustaining our ecosystems. But why May 20th? This date was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer in beekeeping and an advocate for modern beekeeping techniques in the 18th century...[he was] born in Slovenia in 1734 [and] is hailed as one of the greatest beekeepers of his time. (see: <https://www.planetbee.org/post/the-importance-and-history-of-world-bee-day>)

If you grew up as a school child in Utah—you probably learned about how bees tie into the State Seal, State Flag, State Motto and State Insect. Utah was admitted to the Union in January of 1896, and on April 3, 1896 legislators adopted the State Seal. It would seem Utah recognized well over a hundred years earlier than the UN the importance of the humble bee. Utah State Motto: Industry.

"Industry" became the official state motto on 4 March 1959 when Governor George Dewey Clyde signed House Bill Number 35. The word is associated with the symbol of the beehive. The early pioneers had few material resources at their disposal and therefore had to rely on their own "industry" to survive. The word "industry" appears on both the state seal and the state flag. (Powell Allen K, 1994, Utah History Encyclopedia, University of Utah Press) (library call # 979.2 Utah).



If you want to learn more about Utah, bees, beekeeping techniques, or any other topic come to the library—we are glad to assist.



Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System



Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at the Library! Each May, we recognize Asian Pacific American Heritage Month—a time to honor and celebrate the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of the more than 20 million Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. Representing about 6% of the U.S. population, individuals from East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Polynesia have helped shape the cultural fabric of the United States in profound and lasting ways.

Whether you're looking to learn more or simply enjoy powerful stories and fresh perspectives, the library is a great place to start. We've highlighted a few fiction and nonfiction books for all ages that reflect the diverse experiences and voices of Asian Pacific Americans:

### Children

*The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi  
*Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee* by Marissa Moss  
*Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku* by Ellie Crowe and Richard Waldrep  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanh Hà Lai

### Young Adult

*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park  
*American Born Chinese* by Luen Yang Gene  
*The Tiger at Midnight* by Swati Teerdhala  
*For A Muse of Fire* by Heidi Heilig

### Adult

*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan  
*Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life* by Hector Garcia  
*The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

These are just a few of the many incredible titles you'll find on our shelves. Visit your local library branch or browse the catalog online at [www.library.washco.utah.gov](http://www.library.washco.utah.gov) to explore even more stories that celebrate the vibrant diversity of Asian Pacific American heritage.

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## Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present MaryAnn Zitting as the employee spotlight for the month of April.

MaryAnn started working at the library branch in Hildale as a substitute in August of 2023, and six months later became a part-time clerk.

MaryAnn brings an incredible amount of creativity and artistic skill to her job. She is an accomplished artist and graphic designer. She uses those talents to design amazing displays, flyers and program decorations for the library. This has been put to good use with teen programming, among other things. At the Hildale Branch her current assignment has been to work with teen programming and has planned some fun things. She enjoys manga and anime, so she offered to teach a drawing class for teens in which they draw characters from their favorite shows. It has been a huge hit with the teens. She also plans monthly events and summer reading program events. For example, she is a huge fan of Brandon Sanderson, so she eagerly took the opportunity to create a Cosmere Fest program, complete with exclusive giveaways, for Hildale patrons.

MaryAnn grew up in Centennial Park, Arizona in a family of readers. She recently got married and has been enjoying the excitement and fun that goes into a wedding. You can usually find MaryAnn with a cup of coffee in her hand, creating cute doodles as she brainstorms ideas for library events and activities.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director



This month, Dewey Lewis is feeling the Force in a big way! May is the perfect time to dive into the epic universe of Star Wars—including not just the iconic films, but fan-favorite series like *The Mandalorian*, *The Book of Boba Fett*, and *Obi-Wan Kenobi*. From thrilling space battles to unforgettable characters and rich storytelling, there's something for everyone—whether you're a lifelong fan or introducing a new generation to the adventure. Dewey reminds you that the Force is strong...especially when it comes with popcorn and a cozy couch. Check out some of our Star Wars titles:

### Skywalker Saga

- *A New Hope*
- *The Empire Strikes Back*
- *Return of the Jedi*
- *The Phantom Menace*
- *Attack of the Clones*
- *Revenge of the Sith*
- *The Force Awakens*
- *The Last Jedi*
- *The Rise of Skywalker*

### Stand Alone Titles

- *The Clone Wars*
- *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*
- *Solo: A Star Wars Story*
- *Caravan of Courage: An Ewok Adventure*
- *Ewoks: The Battle for Endor*

### Television Series

- *The Mandalorian Season 1-2*
- *Obi-Wan Kenobi - The Complete Series*
- *The Clone Wars - Season 1-6*
- *The Empire Strikes Out - LEGO Series*
- *The Padawan Menace - LEGO Series*

The best part? You don't need a starship to explore a galaxy far, far away—just your library card! Our collection of free DVDs is ready and waiting for patrons to check out and binge-watch their favorite chapters of the saga. So gather your crew, press play, and let movie night take off at lightspeed. May your snacks be plentiful, your couch be comfy, and "May the Fourth Be With You!"

## New York Times Best Selling Book Titles - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction Titles

### FICTION:

1. *Hope Rises*  
by David Baldacci
2. *The Correspondent*  
by Virginia Evans
3. *Yesteryear*  
by Caro Claire Burke
4. *Rites of the Starling*  
by Devney Perry
5. *Stardis*  
by Alex Aster
6. *The Auction*  
by Sadie Kincaid
7. *The Faith of Beasts*  
by James S.A. Corey
8. *Judge Stone* by Viola Davis and James Patterson
9. *Go Gentle*  
by Maria Semple
10. *The Night We Met*  
by Abby Jimenez

### NONFICTION:

1. *Famesick*  
by Lena Dunham
2. *Strangers*  
by Belle Burden
3. *Poisoned Ivies*  
by Elise Stefanik
4. *London Falling*  
by Patrick Radden Keefe
5. *Last Branch Standing*  
by Sarah Isgur
6. *The Future is Peace*  
by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon
7. *A World Appears*  
by Michael Pollan
8. *Ghosts of Sicily* by Mark Harmon and Leon Carroll Jr.
9. *The Story of Us*  
by Olivia Levin
10. *Stripped Down*  
by Bunnie Xo



HAPPY  
MEMORIAL DAY

The Library System will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th.

## 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, May 4 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 6 - Teen Event - Mother's Day Cards 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 6 - Anime Club 4:45 pm  
Thursday, May 7 & 14 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 19 - Art 4 Tweenes 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 28 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm  
Saturday, April 25 - Movie Matinee 1:30 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, May 1 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Saturday, May 2 - Free Comic Book Day  
Thursday, May 7 - Science Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 12 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 13 & 27 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, May 14 & 28 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm  
Monday, May 18 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 19 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 20 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 21 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 26 - 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, May 15 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm  
Friday, May 29 - Book Art 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  
Saturdays - Tai Chi for Adults 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Chess Club 2:30 pm  
Saturday, May 2 - Free Comic Book Day  
Saturday, May 2 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm  
Friday, May 8 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Monday, May 11 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 12 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Friday, May 15 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 4:00 pm \*sign-up required  
Saturday, May 23 - Family Movie 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 26 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 13 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am  
Thursday, May 14 - Jr. D&D Club 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 27 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 28 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

## Library Programs and Events

### St. George Branch

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, May 7 - Gardening in the Desert - Part 3 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 5 & 19 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, May 12 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Tuesday, May 12 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, May 14 - Sugar Beets - A History 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 20 - Chapters & Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 21 - Teen Time 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, May 26 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm  
Thursday, May 28 - Book Art Workshop for Adults 6:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Monday, May 4 - Great American Authors 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 6 - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 7 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Monday, May 11 - Community Crochet Class 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 12 - Tech Tuesday for Adults 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 14 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Thursday, May 21 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, May 26 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 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
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