

Message From The Director

Just Around the Corner!

August is here, and a new school year is just around the corner! We are excited to welcome students, families, and staff back to the library. Whether you're looking for your next favorite book, a quiet place to read, or helpful resources for school, the library is here for you all year long. In fact, we just finished our summer reading program at the end of July.

While summer reading ended in July, we still have a lot going on at the library. We invite you to participate in our upcoming August programs and activities. As school starts explore the library, learn about our services, and sign up for a library card if you don't already have one. Most of our branches have Storytime, so bring the family for stories, songs, and fun activities. Remember, a library card gives you access to books, eBooks, audiobooks, online learning resources, and much more.

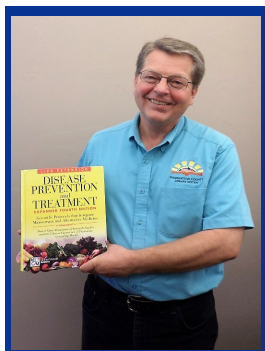
The library offers a variety of resources to support academic achievement and lifelong learning, including:

- Homework and research assistance
- Public computers with internet access
- Printing, copying, and scanning services
- Digital collections of eBooks and audiobooks
- Online learning platforms and research databases
- Personalized reader's advisory and reference services

Our staff is available to assist students, parents, and educators in locating materials and accessing library resources.

Reading for Success

Establishing a consistent reading routine is one of the best ways to support academic growth. Reading for as little as 20 minutes each day strengthens literacy skills, expands vocabulary, and fosters critical thinking and creativity.



Thank you for making the library a part of your educational journey. We look forward to serving you throughout the school year and wish all students, families, and educators a successful and rewarding start to the new school year.



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Ace the School Year with Your Library Card!

The backpacks are packed, the school supplies are labeled, and the countdown to the first day of school has begun! While a new school year brings excitement, it can also bring a few butterflies—for both children and parents. New teachers, new classmates, new routines, and the return of homework can make August feel a little overwhelming.



One of the easiest ways to build confidence before the first school bell rings is through books. Stories about starting school help children see that they're not alone in feeling nervous, excited, or unsure. Reading together opens the door to conversations about friendships, kindness, courage, and all the adventures waiting in the year ahead. Here are a few great titles to help launch a successful school year:

Preschool

Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins
Rocking in My School Shoes: Pete the Cat 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
Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson
A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper
First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

Elementary School

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
Sixth 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

And remember—the library is about so much more than books! Whether your student needs homework help, reliable research resources, language-learning tools, free Wi-Fi, study spaces, or simply a friendly librarian ready to help, your Washington County Library has everything you need for a successful school year!

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Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to present Amanda Rowley as the Employee Spotlight for the month of July. Amanda has worked for the Washington County Library System since 2006, and recently received a 20 year longevity award from the county.



Whether serving customers at the circulation desk, managing supplies, coordinating volunteers, developing the periodicals, or in her current role as the children's librarian, she always puts her whole heart into all she does.

The Summer Reading Program is the highlight of every year, and the whole library system benefited this year from Amanda's efforts in obtaining prizes. She contacted local businesses and collected coupons, gift cards, and prizes which she shared with everyone. She did an amazing job!

Amanda decorates the community room, organizes crafts and activities and pulls off great programs. Whether coordinating a wonderful variety of fun story times or just serving our library patrons with a friendly smile, Amanda helps make the library a joyous place to be! Amanda enjoys fly fishing with her husband and loves her four grandchildren. She is a great example of the amazing employees we have in the library system.

Please join in congratulating her as the July Spotlight for the library.

- Alan Anderson,
Director



Summer may be winding down, but there's still time for one more great story. Whether you're squeezing in a family read-aloud, listening to an audio book on a road trip, or discovering a new favorite author before school begins, August is the perfect month to slow down and enjoy a good book.

Stop by your library and make this last chapter of summer one worth remembering!



Lights, Camera, and Back to School! The backpacks are packed, pencils are sharpened, and a brand-new school year is just around the corner. Whether you're looking for a family movie night before the busy schedules begin or want a little inspiration for the school year ahead, the library's DVD collection has something for everyone. From laugh-out-loud favorites like *School of Rock* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* to heartwarming stories such as *Wonder* and *Akeelah and the Bee*, these films celebrate friendship, perseverance, creativity, and discovering your own strengths.

Family Friendly

- Sky High
- The Little Rascals
- Wonder
- The Spiderwick Chronicles
- Akeelah and the Bee
- Mr. Poppers Penguins
- Matilda

Fun Favorites

- School of Rock
- Napoleon Dynamite
- Goonies
- October Sky
- School of Rock
- High School Musical Series
- Holes
- The Karate Kid

As summer winds down, there's no better time to enjoy one last movie marathon. Stop by your local library branch and browse our shelves for back-to-school favorites, inspiring true stories, timeless classics, and family adventures. Best of all, borrowing DVDs is free with your library card—making it easy to turn an ordinary evening into a memorable family tradition. Pop the popcorn, grab a cozy blanket, and let the credits roll on summer while getting excited for a brand-new chapter!

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

FICTION:

1. *Ransom* by Daniel Silva
2. *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke
3. *Whistler* by Ann Patchett
4. *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett
5. *The Country Road Murders* by James Patterson & Mike Lupica
6. *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans
7. *The Romance Revival* by Christina Lauren
8. *Carl's Doomsday Scenario* by Matt Dinniman
9. *The Dungeon Anarchist's Cookbook* by Matt Dinniman
10. *The Goal* by Elle Kennedy

NONFICTION:

1. *Regime Change* by Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan
2. *The Day After* by Brian Tyler Cohen
3. *Strangers* by Belle Burden
4. *Communion* by JD Vance
5. *Revolution* by Eric Metaxas
6. *Cancel Me If You Can* by Dave Portnoy
7. *The Land and Its People* by David Sedaris
8. *London Falling* by Patrick Radden Keefe
9. *Push The Wall* by Frank Miller
10. *They Stole a City* by Lauren Collins

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday - Youth Activities 3:00 pm
Thursday, August 6 - Adult Crafternoon 11:00 am

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Monday, August 3 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm
Wednesday, August 5 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Saturday, August 22 - Afternoon Movie 1:30 pm
Thursday, August 27 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Monday - Wednesday Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 6 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Friday, August 7 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Saturday, August 8 - Amateur Radio Testing 1:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12 & 28 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Friday, August 14 - Teen Screen Club 4:00 pm
August 17, 18, & 19 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 20 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 25 - Teen Time Cosplay 101 4:00 pm
Friday, August 28 - Teen Advisory Council Meeting 5:00 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, August 21 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, August 28 - Crafternoon - Embroidered Bags 2:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12 - Springdale Adult Book Club 11:30 am
Wednesday, August 26 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 27 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

St. George Branch

Monday - Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm
Weds. - Story Time 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 pm
Thursdays & Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am
Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
Thursday, August 6 - Adult Trivia Night 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 11 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Tuesday, August 25 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm



Library Programs and Events

Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 pm * Beginning Aug. 19
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am * Beginning Aug. 20
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Saturdays - Tai Chi for Adults 10:30 am
Saturdays - Chess Club * check for time
Saturday, August 1 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Monday, August 10 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 11 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, August 20 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Friday, August 21 - Root Beer Float Book Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 25 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teen Events 4:00 pm
Monday, August 3 - Intro to Mah Jongg Event 5:00 pm
Thursday, August 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Friday, August 7 - Dungeons & Dragons 101 4:00 pm
Monday, August 10 - American Music Spotlight 5:00 pm
Tuesday, August 18 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 20 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, August 25 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 25 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Monday, August 31 - Beginning Line Dance Class 5:00 pm

Borrow the Universe

Have you ever wished you could see Saturn's rings with your own eyes? Or watch a meteor streak across the night sky? You don't need expensive equipment to explore the cosmos—you just need a library card!

August is one of the best months for stargazing thanks to the annual Perseid Meteor Shower, one of the brightest and most reliable meteor showers of the year. As the evening sky comes alive with shooting stars, it's the perfect time to head outdoors and discover the wonders above.

The Washington County Library System has telescopes available for checkout, making it easy for families, aspiring astronomers, and curious minds to experience the night sky up close. From craters on the Moon to Saturn's rings, Jupiter's moons, distant star clusters, and even neighboring galaxies, there's an entire universe waiting to be explored.

Pack a blanket, find a dark spot away from city lights, and turn an ordinary evening into an unforgettable adventure. Sometimes the greatest stories aren't found on a bookshelf—they're written across the stars.

Ask your local library branch about checking out a telescope and start your own journey through the universe!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults 1:00 pm Curious Minds Non-Fiction Book Club 3:00 pm Chess Club St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee
2	3 Sst. George Library 1:00 pm Reading with Jill New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Adult Art Class Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time	4 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 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults	5 St. George Library 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 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 Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time	6 St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Mark Twain Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 4:00 pm LEGO Club Santa Clara Library 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class	7 St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons	8 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi for Adults 2:00 pm Chess Club St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee
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