



Message From The Director

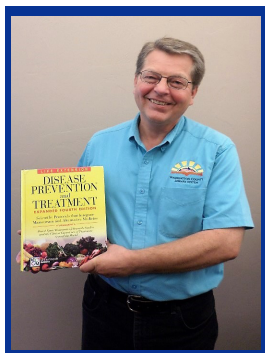
How Do You Measure?

Or how do you establish value or price for certain things? Is it external value or intrinsic value or some other measure? Now, in an effort to not get too far afield and diverge into the dismal science of economics, the key words for value would be: subjective worth, utility, scarcity, surplus, exchange price, and such. As we try to understand value, are there things which are beyond any measure of value? Could these include: curiosity, truth, action, freedom, character, nature, beauty, human life, agency, literacy, and such?

This is being written at the end of August and school is starting, Dolly Parton's passing was just announced, and September is always National Library Card Sign-up Month. As this is a library newsletter article, you may have guessed the direction already, or you may be saying how do you roll those three things into one topic? Dolly Parton wrote: "...Before he passed away, my Daddy told me the Imagination Library was probably the most important thing I had ever done. I can't tell you how much that meant to me because I created the Imagination Library as a tribute to my Daddy. He was the smartest man I have ever known but I know in my heart his inability to read probably kept him from fulfilling all of his dreams..." (see, <https://imaginationlibrary.com/letter-from-dolly/>)

The library has an adult literacy program that is confidential, one-on-one tutoring, materials provided free of charge. If you know someone that would fit into this program we would love to help. We are also working to see children are encouraged to read, and we have a "1000-Books Before Kindergarten" program with incentives and rewards to encourage reading.

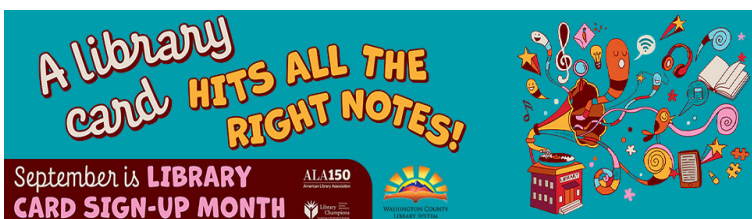
A child's journey toward becoming a confident reader begins long before they enter kindergarten. It starts with a bedtime story, a picture book shared at the kitchen table, or a parent and child laughing together over a favorite character. Every time we read with young children, we help build the foundation for lifelong literacy. Reading aloud with young children helps them develop vocabulary, listening skills, comprehension, imagination, and a love of stories. Just as importantly, sharing a book creates a special opportunity for families to talk, connect, and learn together.



So however you measure, whatever your age or stage, we are here at the library to help add value, so come and see us—if you know an adult who is a reluctant reader let them know we have a program and resources just waiting to be used.

Alan Anderson

Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System



A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes! Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and there's never been a better time to make sure you have a Washington County Library System card! Whether you're a lifelong reader, a curious kid, a busy parent, a student, or simply someone who loves discovering something new, your library card is your ticket to a world of possibilities—and it's all available at no cost.

Of course, books are still one of the greatest hits! With your library card, you can borrow books, audiobooks, DVDs, and more, but the collection doesn't stop on the library shelves. Take your reading with you through Libby, explore digital resources and online learning, or discover something new through our many programs and events for children, teens, and adults.

But wait—there's more! Your library card can open the door to makerspaces, technology, databases, 3D printers, telescopes, hotspots, GoPros, VR equipment, and other unique resources. You can learn a new skill, create something, explore the stars, connect to the internet, or simply find your next great story. A library card gives you access to resources that can help you learn, create, save money, and have a little fun along the way.

So this September, B sharp and get your library card! If you don't have one, stop by any Washington County Library System location and discover everything your card can do. Already have a card? This is the perfect time to dust it off and see what's waiting for you. A library card really does hit all the right notes!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Cody Blackner as the employee spotlight for August.

Cody has been with the library now for two years and has been an invaluable part of the Washington County Library System team, working as a New Harmony Branch custodian. His dedication, reliability, and positive attitude shine through in everything he does. He goes above and beyond what is required. He communicates concerning any needs for cleaning or building maintenance and just gets things done. We appreciate him and all he does to keep things looking good. He ensures the library remains a clean, welcoming, and safe environment for all who walk through the doors.

He has demonstrated a proactive approach to problem-solving which has been instrumental in addressing challenges and ensuring the facility remains in top condition, creating a safe and inviting space for both staff and visitors. He has the vision to see what needs to be done, and without hesitation he jumps into all projects. Whether it's addressing tough stains or ensuring the overall cleanliness of the library, his expertise has made him an indispensable team member. Not only does he clean the blinds but has fixed them on several occasions.

Cody is an outdoorsman and enjoys hunting. He loves gardening and landscaping and making things look better. Community service is part of his gig, and he does so by making small improvements in his spare time.

- Alan Anderson,
Director

Congratulations Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners!

A huge congratulations to the 17 lucky winners across all eight Washington County Library branches! Adults took home an iPad or Kindle Fire, teens won games and solar bots, and our young readers scored exciting prizes like a space rover, dinosaur puzzle, and carpet play sets.

Thank you to everyone who made reading part of their summer—we hope you had as much fun reading as we did celebrating you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Summer Reading Program!



September is a great time to plan a family movie night with cozy favorites. September means back-to-school routines, cooler evenings, and the perfect excuse to gather everyone around the TV for a movie night! Whether your family loves animated adventures, hilarious comedies, magical stories, or old-fashioned favorites, the library has plenty of movies to help make your next family night a hit. So grab the popcorn, pile on the blankets, and let Dewey Lewis cue up some movie magic!

Laugh Out Loud Favorites

- * *The LEGO Movie*
- * *Despicable Me*
- * *Paddington 2*
- * *School of Rock*
- * *The Emperors New Groove*
- * *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- * *Night at the Museum*

Books to Big Screen Favorites

- * *Matilda*
- * *Charlotte's Web*
- * *Wonder*
- * *The One and Only Ivan*
- * *Holes*
- * *The Wild Robot*
- * *Chronicles of Narnia*

So this September, make a little room for movie night! Whether you're revisiting an old favorite, discovering a new animated adventure, or reading the book before watching its movie adaptation, the library can help keep your family's entertainment lineup fresh. Check out a movie, grab a book, and make some memories together. After all, Dewey Lewis says the best movie nights always have a great story—and preferably plenty of popcorn!

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

FICTION:

1. *The Poison Daughter* by Sheila Masterson
2. *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett
3. *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke
4. *Delusional* by James Patterson and James O. Born
5. *Whistler* by Ann Patchett
6. *The Dungeon Anarchist's Cookbook* by Matt Dinniman
7. *God's Country* by William Kent Krueger
8. *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans
9. *The Gate of the Feral Gods* by Matt Dinniman
10. *Dungeon Crawler Carl* by Matt Dinniman

NONFICTION:

1. *Regime Change* by Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan
2. *This Is Me* by Hayden Panettiere
3. *The Nerd Reich* by Gil Duran
4. *The Day After* by Brian Tyler Cohen
5. *Strangers* by Belle Burden
6. *No Prophets* by Jared Huffman
7. *Biological War* by Annie Jacobsen
8. *London Falling* by Patrick Radden Keefe
9. *Dogs, Boys, and Other Things I've Cried About* by Isabel Klee
10. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

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

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *Story Time will not be held on 9/30
Fridays - AI for Beginners 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Tuesday, September 15 - Crochet Basics for Kids and Teens 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 22 - LEGO Challenge
Saturday, September 19 - Afternoon Movie 1:30 pm
Thursday, September 24 - 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, September 3 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 10 & 24 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Friday, September 11 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9 & 23 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Friday, September 18 - Teen Screen Club 4:00 pm
September 15 16, & 21 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 17 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 22 - Teen Time Cosplay 101 4:00 pm
Friday, September 25 - 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, September 18 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, September 25 - Crafternoon 2:00 pm *Registration Required

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9 - Springdale Adult Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, September 10 - D&D Club for Teens 5:00 pm
Wednesday, September 23 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 24 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - 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
Tuesday, September 1 & 15 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, September 3 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, September 10 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8 & 22 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, September 17 - Teen Night 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 22 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 29 - Art & Science Club Fifth Tuesday 4:00

Library Programs and Events

Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 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 * check for time
Saturday, September 12 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Monday, September 14 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Friday, September 18 - Root Beer Float Book Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 22 - 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
Friday, September 4 & 18 - Tween D&D Club 1:00 pm
Thursday, September 3 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 10 & 24 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 15 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Monday, September 21 - Crochet Club 5:00 pm
Thursday, September 17 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 22 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm
Tuesday, September 25 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm



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