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Message From The Director

Summer Reading Kicks Off!

Do you want to have some fun? Do you want to win prizes? Last month I wrote about Get Caught Reading. So...now you have practiced up and are prepared to make it count. Summer Reading is kicking off, and running in June and July. You can participate in—the main event, the focal point, the hub of library activity, the nucleus, the experience! Call it what you want, Summer Reading is the big dance for the library.

We invest time, energy, and hope into this annual event. We do things all year long, but this really is the chance to have fun and get something back on your reading investment. In fact in each category—Children, Teen, and Adult—you have the opportunity to be entered into a finisher prize drawing. This year three adults, three teens, and three children who finish will win a gift card in the amount of \$25, \$50, or \$75.

This is not all: weekly, each of our locations give away incentives for those who complete and submit their reading. We also have programs for Children, Teen, and Adult participants. These are fun events held at the library; ask your branch for a schedule. Registration can be in person or online at our website. The staff try hard to make these events fun and engaging. Often adults get their children involved, but forget they can also embrace "Summer Reading" at the library.

If you have never participated, try it out. It is easy and fun. If you have questions any library staff member can direct you to information and help you get started. They can also extol the virtues of reading and participating. In case the above didn't convince you and you need more: "Research shows us that summer reading programs really do improve kids' reading skills and increase their desire to read. Additionally, according to the School Library Journal, those who participate not only mitigate any summer learning loss, but they show gains. (See, https://scholarwithin.com/6even

benefits-of-summer-reading-programs)" Remember, the earlier you start this program the more you can potentially win, so time is really on your side at whatever age or stage of life. Enjoy!!

> Alan Anderson, Director Washington County Library System



The Washington County Library System is proud to be a member of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children, teens, and adults for their public libraries. Best of all, every program is FREE to our patrons!

This year, the Library System offers reading programs for children, 'tweens, teens and adults! The theme for 2023 is "All Together Now", and features programming with a focus on togetherness, inclusivity and community unity.

Why read? Successful readers generally do better at school, and are more successful taking tests. Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. If your child doesn't read regularly this summer, they may be in danger of the "summer slide" - a decline in their reading ability.

Studies have shown that children and teens that read regularly during the summer retain their reading skills, and are more likely to do well in school. Reading is also great for grown-ups! Reading helps slow cognitive decline in adults. And reading is fun, so get the whole family signed up to read this summer.

Sign up at your local branch, or go online and register at http://washcolibrary.readsquared.com/. Plan on attending one of the many programs that are scheduled at each of the eight library branches for entertaining and engaging educational opportunities. The summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of reading at your library!

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Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to present Jennifer Bowen as the May Employee Spotlight. Jennifer worked at the Salt Lake City Public Library prior to starting at the Washington County Library System. She has worked at three locations in The Washington County Library System: Santa Clara, Washington, and now Saint George. Prior to her current

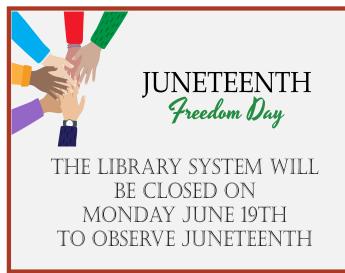


position she worked at the Reference Desk in St. George, but since February 2022 she made a smooth transition to the Technical Services Department. Thanks in part to her skills, discipline, and close attention to detail she is a great fit for our newest materials selector. During her time as the new Children's Selector, she has received numerous acknowledgements, appreciating the amount and quality of material selections from staff and patrons. It has been said, "You're seriously knocking it out of the park!"

Jennifer was born in Germany. She has lived in this area since she was 5. After graduating from Dixie High School she joined the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant, and spent time in South Korea. She enjoys cross-stitching and loves to read. She has 20+ bookcases. Last she counted, she had close to 20,000 physical books at her home and maybe up to 50,000 eBooks in her personal collection.

Above all, she is well known for being informative and reliable; a great go-getter. Thank you, Jennifer, for your dedication to the Library System, and congratulations!

Alan Anderson,
 Director





Summer break is finally here! And things...don't look all that different. The kids are still telling you they're bored, just like they have been for the last 1,000 weeks. But now at least you can visit some of the great outdoors, or have a barbecue, or chase each other with water guns! However you plan to take advantage of the warmer weather, we know you'll need an occasional break from the outside (especially once temperatures get over 110). What better way than to turn on the air conditioning and settle in for a nice DVD from the library? For some ideas, here are a few of the recently added DVDs:

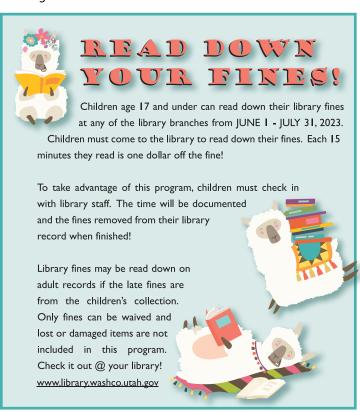
MOVIES

- Creed 3
- Ant Man and Wasp:
 Quantumania
- Cowboys: A Documentary Portrait
- 80 for Brady

TELEVISION

- Seal Team Six Season 6
- Madame Blanc Season 2
- Yellowstone Season 5, pt. 1
- Midsomer Murders Season 23
- Under the Vines Season 2
- Bloodlands Season 2

Our library branches are also nicely air conditioned! And because we know your summer power bill may skyrocket a bit, DVDs are FREE (as always) to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. So come on by to take a break from the heat and find some DVDs to check out. Just...don't squirt us with water guns. Please.



Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Story Time 10:30 am Mondays & Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm Wednesdays - Dungeons & Magic Cards 5:00 pm Friday, June 2 - Readers Circle Book Club and Author Visit with Sandra Dallas 3:00 pm Tuesday, June 6 - Kid's Summer Reading - Magician Ryan Gray 10:30 am & 12:30 pm Wednesday, June 7 - Teen Time 3:30 pm Thursday, June 8 & 22 - Lego Club 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Kid's Summer Reading - Foam Frenzy 10:30 am Wednesday, June 14 & 28- Crochet Club 3:30 pm Thursday, June 15 - Reading with Molly, Saphira & Luzja 4:00 pm Wednesday, June 20 - Kid's Summer Reading Puppets 10:30 & 11:30 Wednesday, June 21 - Teen Time Online Author Visit 3:30 pm Tuesday, June 27 - Kid's Summer Reading S&S Reptiles 10:30 & 11:30 Tuesday, June 27 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 & 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Thursdays - Yahweh Yoga for Seniors 11:30 am Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm Friday, June 2 - Drawing Class for Adults 4:00 pm Saturday, June 3 - Respect the Path Workshop 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 6 - Teen Summer Reading Bingo Party 1:00 pm Wed. June 7 - Puppet Show 10:30 & 11:30 am Monday, June 12 - Lego Club 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Teen Summer Reading Lego Challenges 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm Wed., June 14 - Kid's Summer Reading Fire Prevention 10:30 & 11:30 am Tuesday, June 20 - Teen Summer Reading Wednesday Addams Party 1:00 Wed. June 21 - Kid's Summer Reading Sun Party 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Tuesday, June 27 - Computer Basic Class 11:00 am Tuesday, June 27 - Teen Summer Reading Chocolate Olympics Wed., June 28 - Kid's Summer Reading Home Depot 10:30 & 11:30 am Wed. June 28 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm

St. George Branch

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, June 6 - Kid's Summer Reading - Team Money Good 3:00 pm Tuesday, June 6 - Adult Summer Reading Recommendations 6:00 pm Thursday, June 8 - Teen Summer Reading - Paperbag Passports 5:00 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Kid's Summer Reading - Home Depot 3:00 & 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Star Wars Expanded Universe 6:00 pm Thursday, June 15 - Teen Summer Reading - Sharpie Tie-Dye bags* sign up required 5:00 pm Tuesday, June 20 - Kid's Summer Reading - Red Cliffs Desert Reserve 3:00 pm Tuesday, June 20 - Southern Utah Archaeology 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 22 - Teen Summer Reading - Shrinky Dinks 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 27 - Kid's Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors 3:00 pm Tuesday, June 27 - Adult Rock Painting and Movie Night 5:00 pm

Thursday, July 6 - Teen Summer Reading - Origami Flowers and Hearts 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 11 - Kid's & Adult Combined Summer Reading - Generational Friendship Bracelets 3:00 pm

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am

Thursday, July 13 - Teen Summer Reading - Friendship Bracelets 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 18 - Kid's Summer Reading - Magician Ryan Gray 3:00 & 4:30 pm

Tuesday, July 18 - Adult Superhero Trivia Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 20 - Teen Summer Reading - DIY Zen Garden

Tuesday, July 25 - Finisher Party 1:00 pm Tuesday, July 25 - Adult Talent Show 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 27 - Teen Summer Reading - Chocolate Olympics 5:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm Wed., June 7 - Summer Reading - Opening Party 1:00 pm Wed., June 14 - Summer Reading - Dog Day 1:00 pm Friday, June 16 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm Wed., June 21 - Summer Reading - Group Painting Project 1:00 pm Wed., June 28 - Summer Reading - Surfer Bracelet's and Solar Telescope 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am Monday, June 5 - Kid's Summer Reading - Collaborative Art Project 2:00 pm Wed., June 7 - Teen Summer Reading - Friendship Bracelets 4:00 pm Thursday, June 8 - Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off 5:30 pm Monday, June 12 - Kid's Summer Reading - Bouncy House Party 2:00 pm Wed., June 14 - Teen Summer Reading - Star Wars Scavenger Hunt 4:00 pm Thursday, June 15 - Book Ends Book Group 4:30 pm Wed., June 21 - Teen Summer Reading - Graphic Novel Writing 4:00 pm Monday, June 26 - Kid's Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors 2:00 pm Tuesday, June 27 - Adult Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm Wed., June 28 - Teen Summer Reading - Painting Class 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Monday, June 5 - Ádult Financial Literacy Class 5:30 pm Tuesday, June 6 - All Ages Summer Reading Kick-Off 7:00 pm Wed., June 7 - Teen Summer Reading - Chalk Art 4:00 pm Thursday, June 8 - Adult Yoga 5:30 pm Friday, June 9 & 23 - Crochet Club 1:30 pm Monday, June 12 - Adult Summer Reading - Hydroponics Class 5:30 pm Tuesday, June 13 - Kid's Summer Reading - Game On! 11:00 am Wed., June 14 - Teen Summer Reading - Collaborative Mural Tuesday, June 20 - Kid's Summer Reading - DIY Music Makers 11:00 am Wed., June 21 - Teen Summer Reading - Games Out on the Lawn 4:00 pm Thursday June 22 - Adult Financial Literacy Class 5:30 pm Tuesday, June 27 - Kid's Summer Reading - Friendship Jewelry 11:00 am Wed., June 28 - Teen Summer Reading - Pinatas 4:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Thursday, June 1 & 15 - Service Club 11:00 am Friday, June 2 - Summer Reading Kick-Off party 11:00 am Monday, June 5 - Family Game Night 5:00 pm Wed, June 7 - Summer Reading - 11:00 am & 3:00 pm Friday, June 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Garden Club 11:00 am Wednesday, June 14 - Summer Reading 11:00 am & 3:00 pm Wednesday, June 21 - Summer Reading 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm Thursday, June 22 - Friendship Bracelets with a Grandparent Wednesday, June 28 - Summer Reading 11:00 am & 3:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Thursday, June 1 - Summer Reading - Cooking with Chef Jeff 11:00 am Thursday, June 8 - Collaborative Community Art 3:00 pm Wednesday, June 14 - Book Club 11:30 am Wednesday, June 14 - Summer Reading Library Reading Day with Zion N.P. 2:00 pm Friday, June 16 - Summer Reading - Monkey Fist Keychains 11:00 am Friday, June 23 - Summer Reading - Drumming and Meditation 11:30 am Wednesday, June 28 - 'Tween Book Club 2:00 pm



