



Message From The Director

Another Domino Falls...

This may date me, but it feels like I grew up in Mayberry and not in today's world. Sometimes I still even bristle at some of the changes which come so fast, and so often. When growing up, my dad left the keys in the vehicles, and yes, the doors to the house were also never locked. This is not very practical in the world of today, and sometimes I yearn for the "good-old-days." Life was much simpler and felt very idealized with a nostalgic childhood rooted in a tight-knit, slow-paced, and morally grounded small-town community setting.

There may even be those who don't know the reference to the fictional town of Mayberry, and The Andy Griffith Show. In such a place community, family, and friends all look out for one another and help guide children. Yes, I also walked to school even in my high school years and got to know the people in town. Life was filled with moral guidance, discipline, empathy, common sense, and personal accountability rather than harsh and remote interactions.

At this stage you are probably asking what this is leading up to, and yes, it does have to do with locked doors and tighter security. The library uses OverDrive (the app is Libby) and they are rolling out a major security update requiring all Libby users to enter a 4-digit PIN in addition to their library card number when logging into their accounts. The new security requirement is rolling out globally, with individual library systems transitioning on staggered dates. The official statement from OverDrive highlights its "ongoing commitment to providing secure access to your library's digital resources" and notes that the change is designed to enhance patron privacy and keep personal accounts protected. The date for Washington County Library System users is November 15th.

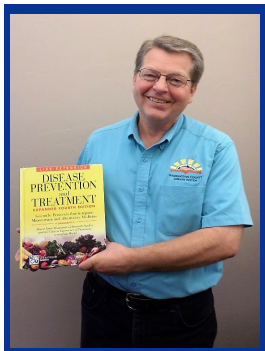
According to OverDrive / Libby in their key details the impact on current users are:

- Existing users will remain logged into the app initially but will be prompted to verify their library card number and PIN the next time they perform an action or if they are automatically signed out during the update.
- Data Retention: Library patrons will not lose any of their existing Libby information, loans, holds, or tags due to this security change.

This update only applies to Libby access and integrates directly with the library computer systems; your Libby PIN is preset by the library. Two-factor authentication (2FA) provides an extra layer of protection by requiring two forms of verification before allowing access. Even if someone discovers your barcode, they still need the second verification method to get into your account. Please contact your local branch for questions about your PIN directly by phone or in person.



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System



Library Octoberfest: A Celebration of Resources

This October, we're throwing our very own Octoberfest—and no, you won't need lederhosen or a stein to join the celebration! We're celebrating something even better: the incredible wealth of resources, programs, and opportunities waiting for you at the library. From little readers to lifelong learners, there's something for everyone, whether you're looking to learn something new, discover your next favorite book, or simply find a cozy place to spend an afternoon.

Kids can join the fun with engaging books, interactive storytimes, and hands-on programs that make learning an adventure. Our Science Clubs, Art Clubs, and Coding Club lets young minds experiment, explore, and ask all those wonderfully curious questions. With thousands of books and plenty of activities to choose from, there's always another adventure waiting on the shelf.

Teens get their own slice of the Octoberfest, too! Dive into a great young adult novel, join a creative activity, meet up with friends, or discover something new through the library's digital resources. Whether your interests run toward fantasy, mystery, graphic novels, technology, or just finding something entertaining to do on a Friday afternoon, your library has plenty to explore.

Adults, your table is waiting! Join a book club, attend a presentation, try your hand at a craft, learn a new skill, or settle into a comfortable chair with a book and a little peace and quiet. Our programs and collections are designed to keep your mind engaged, your creativity flowing, and—let's be honest—give you a perfectly good reason to say, "I'm just going to the library for a little while."

And don't forget about the resources you can enjoy without even leaving home. With your library card, you can explore eBooks and audiobooks through Libby, use online learning tools and databases, research a topic, brush up on a skill, or discover resources to help with work, school, hobbies, and everyday life. Your library card may be small, but it opens some surprising big doors.

So this October, skip the crowded festival and come celebrate Octoberfest at your library! Whether you're looking for a new book, a new skill, a new hobby, a new idea—or simply a quiet place to recharge—there's always something worth discovering. Come see what's on tap at your library!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Emily Burmester as the employee spotlight for the month of September.

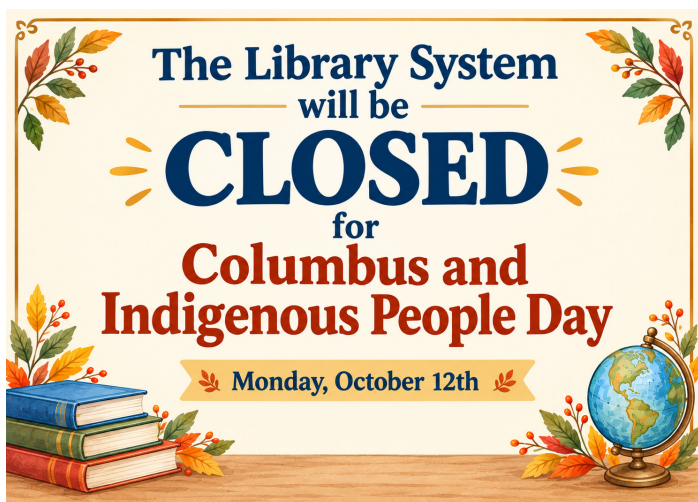
Emily started with the Washington County Library System on June 3, 2019, and has now been with the library for a while now, as you can see. Before coming to us she worked at the Orem Public Library and had a significant role in the story-telling festival for Orem. Something you should know about Emily is that she is: creative, hardworking, engaging, imaginative, and the list could go on. She is a circulation clerk at our St. George location. She helps with money responsibilities, library donations, and many other functions.



This year she has worked hard to make America 250 patriotic, memorable, and spectacular. She participated in the altered book art at the library with a memorable display on the Boston Tea Party. She has decorated the library with the theme on the windows, walls, and tables. She has either put up most of these displays or collaborated with others to do so. She likes to decorate and continues to help with staff development day décor. She received a bachelor's degree in art, and you can tell. She is a valued member of the library staff

Like most staff at the library, she likes books and reading. She is a nice person, friendly, and happy. She enjoys making costumes, so October and Halloween are good times for her. She also likes to bake and is good at it. She enjoys a good puzzle and always has one going on a table dedicated to puzzles in her home. Family is big for her, and she often spends her vacations traveling to see them. The result being she is a loved aunt, even though they are spread out and distant. As you can see there is much to be said about Emily, but most of all join me in a big congratulation to her as our spotlight.

- Alan Anderson,
Director



Cue the creepy music... and somebody find the popcorn! October is the perfect time to curl up with a good Halloween movie, and Dewey Lewis has been rummaging through the library shelves for some frightfully fun favorites. Whether your family loves the classics that have been making us laugh, scream, and hide under blankets for generations, or you're looking for something newer to add to your Halloween traditions, we've got plenty of movies to choose from. And yes, DVDs are still a thing! No passwords to remember, no subscription required, and no mysterious message saying, "This title is leaving the service tomorrow." Just pick a movie, take it home, pop it in, and enjoy!

Classic Thrills & Chills

Halloween favorites that have stood the test of time.

- * *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*
- * *Hocus Pocus*
- * *Rosemary's Baby (Mia Farrow Version)*
- * *Labrynth*
- * *Beetlejuice*
- * *Ghostbusters*
- * *The Lost Boys*
- * *Warm Bodies*
- * *The Haunted Mansion*
- * *The Sixth Sense*

Fresh Frights Based on Books

Newer movies to chill & thrill on your next movie spooktacular.

- * *Interview With The Vampire*
- * *Twilight*
- * *Zombieland*
- * *Psycho*
- * *Practical Magic*
- * *Sleepy Hollow (Johnny Depp Version)*
- * *IT*
- * *Frankenstein*
- * *Dracula*
- * *Silence of the Lambs*

So gather the kids & grandkids, invite the neighbors for a watch party, or simply claim the remote for yourself—we won't judge! From friendly ghosts and mischievous monsters to witches, pumpkins, and Halloween hijinks, there's a movie waiting on the library shelf to make your October a little more fun. And the best part? Your library card is your ticket to the show, and admission is FREE! Stop by your local branch or check the catalog for these Halloween favorites, borrow a few, and make yourself a cozy movie night.

Discover Your Story: Family History Month

October is Family History Month—a perfect time to explore the stories, people, and places that helped shape your family. Whether you're a seasoned genealogist or simply curious about the names and faces in an old family album, the library can help you get started. Search for ancestors, uncover fascinating details about the past, and perhaps discover a few family surprises along the way!

You don't need to be a genealogy expert to begin. Your library offers resources that can help you explore family trees, historical records, newspapers, microfiche records, and more. So dust off those old photographs, ask a relative about the stories they remember, and let your family's history lead you on an adventure. After all, every family has a story—and yours is worth discovering!

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday - Youth Activities 3:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28th - Halloween Trunk or Treat & Carnival

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *Story Time will not be held on 10/14
Thursday, October 1 & 8 - Teen Drawing Class 5:00 pm
Monday, October 5 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Tuesday, October 13 - Crochet Basics for Kids and Teens 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 22 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm
Halloween Maze Oct. 19-31 - see branch for dates and times

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, October 1 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 8 & 22 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Friday, October 2 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 6 - Teen Video Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14 & 21 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Friday, October 9 - Teen Screen Club 4:00 pm
October 19, 20, & 21 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 17 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 20 - Teen Life Size Club Game 4:00 pm
Friday, October 30 - Teen Advisory Council Meeting 3:00 pm
Friday, October 23 - Spooky Apothecary Bottles 4:00 pm
Friday, October 30 - Teen Halloween Screen Club 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, October 16 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, October 23 - Crafternoon 2:00 pm *Registration Required

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14 - Springdale Adult Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, October 8 - D&D Club for Teens 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 28 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 22 - 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
Tuesday, October 6 & 20 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, October 3 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 13 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, October 15 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 13 & 27 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, October 15 - Teen Night 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 24 - Children's Halloween Carnival 2:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm

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, October 3 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Friday, October 9 - Create With Me for Kids 4:00 pm
Monday, October 19 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 13 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Friday, October 16 - Root Beer Float Book Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27 - 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, October 2 & 16 - Tween D&D Club 1:00 pm
Thursday, October 1 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 8 & 22 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Monday, October 19 - Crochet Club 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 20 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 15 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, October 27 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm
Tuesday, October 27 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm

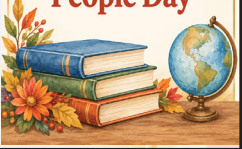
New York Times Best Selling Book Titles - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction Titles

FICTION:

1. *Hollywood, Ending*
by John Green
2. *Sometimes I Scare Myself*
by Jeneva Rose
3. *Hollow Bones*
by Jodi Picoult
4. *The Calamity Club*
by Kathryn Stockett
5. *Agatha Christis: Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel* by Lucy Foley
6. *Vince Flynn: Double tap*
by Don Bentley
7. *The Munich Affair* by James Patterson and David Ellis
8. *Yesteryear*
by Caro C laire Burke
9. *Whistler*
by Ann Patchett
10. *The Pirate Queen*
by Ariel Lawhon

NONFICTION:

1. *Swan Song*
by Charles Spencer
2. *Toll The Calls*
by Ari Emanuel
3. *Actually, Nevermind*
by Taylor Tomlinson
4. *An Unexpected Life*
by Gloria Steinem
5. *The Perilous Fight* by Colin Kaepernick with Nick Chiles
6. *Go And Do Likewise*
by Andy Beshear
7. *Pay Attention*
by David Pakman
8. *Regime Change* by Maggie Haberman & Jonathan Swan
9. *Confronting America* by Bill O'Reilly and Josh Hammer
10. *The Nerd Reich*
by Gil Durán

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