



Message From The Director

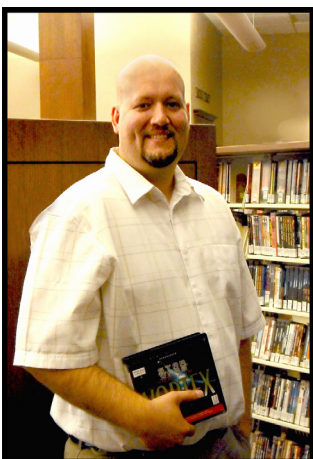
I am excited to share two "Big Announcements"-
Big Announcement #1 – Online Payment option
We now offer the ability to pay fines and fees online. If COVID-19 has taught me anything, it's that we need to invest in being more user friendly online.

We have our website, we offer e-resources, and we take advantage of some social media outlets. We strive to be connected but can do more to support our online patrons. This new addition is just one more step in the right direction. If you hit our \$5 max due to late fees and need to checkout or renew that item you love so much, now you can do it without having to come in. As we work and play on the go, and practice social separation, this new resource is going to be...Awesome!

Big Announcement #2 – The Library is Reopening
The library is reopening. We hate that we had to close the doors. Our purpose is to serve the community. We were excited to reopen for curbside service, and now we are excited to reopen to the public. Starting May 1st, we will open on limited service like before we closed. We welcome you back, to quickly browse, select your items, check them out, and come back when you want more. It will be a come and go type of concept.

Starting on May 8th, we will expand the services to include access to computers and the internet. We will redeploy some of our chairs, and have limited use to the meeting rooms, with a focus on social distancing and safety.

Finally, on May 15th, we will open again for full service, including programming. Of course, this is contingent upon the progression of COVID-19 for our area, but we will continue to coordinate with our local leaders, including the health department, for good guidance.



We miss you. We hope that you have fared well during the pandemic. We look forward to seeing you back in the library. Please spread the word. The library is reopening!



Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Over 20 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent live in the United States, totaling about 6 percent of the U.S. population.

As diverse communities from areas encompassing the entirety of the Asian continent and all of the Pacific islands of Melanesia, and Polynesia, immigrants from these countries built strong roots in the United States. They retained cultural heritages that stretch across the globe, enriching the heritage and history of the United States.

Here are some fiction and non-fiction titles for children age 4-12 that will let children explore and learn about the cultures and experiences of Asian Pacific Americans::

- The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi ages 4-10
- A Different Pond by Bao Phi and Thi Bui ages 4-10
- Lon Po Po a Red Riding Hood story from China by Ed Young ages 4-9
- Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee by Marissa Moss and Carl Angel ages 6-10
- Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki and Dom Lee ages 6-12
- Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku by Ellie Crowe and Richard Waldrep ages 7-12
- Hush by Minfong Ho ages 8-12
- I am Malala Young Readers Edition ages 10-13
- A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park ages 12-14
- American Born Chinese by Luen Yang Gene ages 14-18

There are many more titles available for children, young adult, and adult readers that offer insights into the rich and varied cultures of Asian and Pacific Americans. For information on available titles, call your library branch or log on to: www.library.washco.utah.gov.

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If there's one thing pandemics are good for (and believe me, they are not good for a lot), it's that you finally have time to watch all the DVDs you've been wanting to. What a relief! What celebrations! What tears of joy shed 'round the DVD player! And now that we've reopened, you can finally check out a whole bunch of 'em to take home and watch. Here are a few of our recent additions to get you started:

MOVIES:

- 1917
- A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- FROZEN II
- HARRIET
- JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL
- KNIVES OUT
- MIDWAY

DOCUMENTARIES:

- EATING ANIMALS
- HONEYLAND
- OCTOPUS: MAKING CONTACT
- SAVING ATLANTIS
- UNACKNOWLEDGED: AN EXPOSE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SECRET
- WHERE'S MY RAY COHN

We know funds are a bit scarce right now, so rest assured: library DVDs are FREE to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. So give us a call, or put some DVDs on hold online, and then settle in for some much needed distraction from, well, everything.

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library

NY Times Best Sellers

Hardcover Fiction

1. If It Bleeds by Stephen King
2. Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
3. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
4. Masked Prey by John Sandford
5. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
6. The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd
7. The Silent Patient by Alec Michaelides
8. The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
9. The Boy From the Woods by Harlan Coben
10. In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

Hardcover Nonfiction

1. Untamed by Glenn Doyle
2. The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
3. Educated by Tara Westover
4. Becoming by Michelle Obama
5. The House of Kennedy by James Patterson and Cynthia Fagen
6. Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker
7. The Mamba Mentality by Kobe Bryant
8. I'm Your Huckleberry by Val Kilmer
9. Front Row at the Trump Show by Jonathan Karl
10. More Myself by Alicia Keys with Michelle Burford

Employee Spotlight

The spotlight for April is Emily Burmester! Emily has played a significant role in the inventory at St. George, and been an anchor for the children's area. Many have come and gone in the group, but Emily has consistently kept the ship on course.



For example, when there were 350 holds with 6 of the pages being in children's, she just went to work and helped other in the process. As a main stay in the children's group she has helped to process over 20,000 items, with several thousand items yet to go. We would not be nearing completion in children's without her help.

Emily is a full time clerk, and is someone we often look to for help in making the circulation desk function well. She is a valued member of the circulation staff, and is now in a position to help mentor newer staff members. She helps with money responsibilities, library donations, and many other functions.

You can see in the photo that when Emily was presented with her award, we used proper social distancing precautions! All joking aside, Emily is a nice person, friendly, and a good employee. I am happy to recognize Emily as the April spotlight!

- Joel Tucker,
Director



In-N-Out Burger has decided to extend the Cover to Cover Library Reading Program due to the library branches closing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program which began on Saturday, March 7th will be extended. The exact date will be determined by the program coordinator at In-N-Out when they receive notification that the library branches have been reopened. The program gives families with young readers ages 4-12 an opportunity to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger.

We are grateful to In-N-Out for their support of young readers and for making accommodations to the program during this time.

Gardening at a Glance

Have you ever heard of learning by doing? This is the approach most folks take when gardening: a sort of trial-and-error epic adventure of many failures and a handful of successes. You may have started some seeds indoors during the social isolation period and now are wondering just what to do with

The truth is, no-one has a natural green thumb. What we do have is access to the best gardening books available here at the library to give you the resources you need to turn both of your thumbs green... with no more failures.

Here's our list of some fabulous gardening books that are ideal for novice and expert gardeners alike:

All New Square Foot Gardening
by Mel Bartholomew

Raised Bed Revolution
by Tara Nolan

Roses Love Garlic: Secrets of Companion
Planting with Flowers by Louis Riotte

The Practical Organic Gardener
by Brenda Little

Desert Gardening: Fruits and Vegetables
by George Brookbank

Micro Eco-farming by Barbara Adams

Organic Gardening for Dummies by Ann Whitman

Whether you want to learn organic gardening or create your own raised bed garden, there are many titles available on a wide range of gardening topics. Check one out today!



Un~Bound ✨

2020 UPCYCLED BOOK ART CONTEST

TAKE AN OLD BOOK 📖 REMAKE IT ✂️ WIN 🏆

Due to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the deadline for the Un~Bound Upcycled Book Art Contest has been extended to May 9, 2020. Please turn in your completed projects to your local branch by the deadline with a completed entry form, available on the library website or at your local branch. Judging will be held on May 11th and 12th. Winners will be announced on the library website when results are available.

The contest is open to residents of Washington County ages 5-105! Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Kids 5-8, Kids 9-12, Teens 13-15, Teens 16-18, Adults, Seniors 62+, and Special Needs in all age groups.

No hanging or wall mounted entries will be accepted. The contest is sponsored in part with funding received from the Recreation, Art, and Parks Board.

For more information, please email Micki Clements at: mclements@washco.lib.ut.us

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RECREATION, ARTS & PARKS

MEMORIAL DAY

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE
OF MEMORIAL DAY.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Listen to a story read by a celebrity - www.storylineonline.net	2 Download an audiobook on RB Digital
					3	4 Celebrate Star Wars Day by watching a movie or reading a book - May the Fourth Be With You
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 Plant a container garden using upcycled containers such as empty plastic containers, milk jugs, etc.	12 Write a limerick to celebrate Limerick Day, the birthday of writer Edward Lear, who popularized them in his "Book of Nonsense" in 1846	13 Learn to draw with a class from Creativebug	14 Start learning a new language with Transparent Language - available free on the library website	15 Build a wish list of books you want to read on NovelList Plus	16 Download an eBook from the library website
17	18 Paint rocks and hide them around the neighborhood for a happiness spreading treasure hunt	19 Learn to draw with children's book author Mo Willems on Lunchdoodles - www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems	20 Draw various color swatches on papers and have a color-find scavenger hunt	21 Celebrate the 60th anniversary of "Green Eggs and Ham" - read the book and cook some green eggs and ham for a fun meal	22 Go on a virtual tour of Bryce National Park via Google Earth	23 Create an outdoor art gallery with sidewalk chalk art drawings
24 / 31	25 THE LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY	26 Watch the shark lagoon, bald eagles, or other live cam streams on explore.org	27 Take a virtual tour at the National Museum of Natural History - https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour	28 Celebrate International Hamburger Day with a classic or meatless burger	29 Learn creative hand lettering on Creativebug	30 Draw your family tree - Research your genealogy on the Heritage Quest Database on the library website