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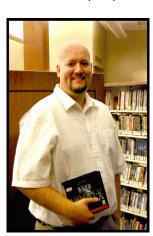
Message From The Director

From time to time, I get a visit from a parent, or receive a request for reconsideration highlighting a concern about some of our reading materials. In almost all cases, the concern focuses on the perspective that the content is inappropriate for the age level. And while as a parent, I would agree with the concerns, there are professional and legal restrictions from removing items from the library based on content.

Generally, the library profession doesn't limit people from accessing information, whatever they want, regardless of their age. Its part of learning about the world around us. But the primary legal compass is the first amendment. There are some strong potential legal ramification if we remove an item from the collection based on content (vulgar language, violence, morality, or other perspectives/opinions that may differ with our own).

In our collection development policy (located on our website http://library.washco.utah.gov/policies/), it states that parents should guide their children in the selection of library materials. As we strive to serve a very diverse population, with diverse perspectives, we maintain a very diverse collection. One book that I reviewed as part of a request for reconsideration was "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark", by Alvin Schwartz, because it was too dark and evil for children.

While some people do enjoy a good ghost story, some do not, and that is why it is important for parents to be involved in the selection of their children's reading material. We will maintain those items in the collection for those who are interested, and we will maintain other items for those who would like something different. That keeps us legally safe in regards to the first amendment, and that helps us have a good collection of items for different people.



As always, if you disagree, I'm willing to look into your concerns on a case by case basis. If you disagree with my assessment, there is an appeal process to the library board. But I hope that, no matter who you are, or what you like to read, that you can find something you like in the library.

Joel E. Tucker, Director Washington County Library System

Back to School @ Your Library

These are stressful times, and we can be sure that this back to school season will be like none other before it. Stress and anxiety can happen when it is time to begin a new year, and compounding that with the uncertainties created by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, there is bound to be some apprehension about going to school. One of the best tools for students preparing to face this new experience is a library card! A library card gives access to a world of free resources to students of any age.

Books with school-related themes and settings are a natural choice for the first weeks of school and may help relieve some of the nervousness that occurs when facing a new situation. Here are some suggested titles to help your child get ready to launch into the school year ahead:

Preschool

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

Elementary

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 6th 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

There are hundreds of titles to choose from at the library, and you can find books, research assistance, language tutorials, and personalized assistance by a genuine librarian available at your library branch. Check it all out @ Your Library!

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Humans have been telling stories for thousands of years. Stories can be a way to make sense of things larger than ourselves, how we can experience a life other than our own for a few minutes or hours or days. Telling and listening to stories are one of the great joys of being human, and, as a library user, you're likely rather fond of stories yourself. Books, of course, tell stories using words, but stories come in many forms: tales around a campfire, family histories shared around a dinner table, a play performed in a round theater, even an engaging video game narrative where you play the hero that saves the world. And let's not forget the great stories that are told visually through film and TV! It just so happens that we've added some recent ones on DVD that we think you might enjoy:

MOVIES AND TV:

DOCUMENTARIES:

- HIS DARK MATERIALS. SEASON 2 2040
- MORTAL KOMBAT
- NO MAN'S LAND
- NOBODY
- · PAW PATROL: MOTO PUPS
- THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE ON THE RUN
- WHEN WE LAST SPOKE
- WRATH OF MAN

- CDEEN4.
- CREEM: AMERICA'S ONLY ROCK 'N'ROLL MAGAZINE
- DIGGING FOR BRITAIN. SEASONS 1-8
- THE DOG DOC
- DOLLY PARTON: 50 YEARS AT THE OPRY
- LAMB OF GOD: THE CONCERT FILM

These particular stories won't cost you much; DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So come by the library to check out a tale or three to enjoy, and be sure to tell us which were your favorites. They very well might be our favorites too!

-Beth Meyers, St. George Library



Do you want to prepare for AP or College Entrance Exams? Whether you are in elementary, middle, or high school, Learning Express Library has the resources you need to improve your math, reading, writing, science, and other skills.

Learning Express Library also offers resources for college students, including skills reviews for math, reading, grammar, and writing. An if you need assistance preparing for a CLEP exam, there are practice exams for most college classes.

Resources for Adult Learning include modules in math, writing, grammar, and reading. There is also a module to prepare for the test to become a U.S. Citizen. Some learning modules are offered in Spanish as well. Call Jennifer Bowen at the St. George branch for more information on Learning Express at 435-634-5737, ext. 2284

Employee Spotlight

We are pleased to shine the Employee Spotlight for July on Kathryn Woodruff! Kathryn has worked for the Washington County Library System since 2017. She started as a sub in Santa Clara, then moved to a part-time and eventually full-time spot at the St. George branch. In 2019, she returned to the



branch as a part-time clerk. Kathryn fits nicely with the motley crew at the Santa Clara Branch; she is great with staff, and patrons alike. Kathryn always has a positive attitude and we are fortunate to have her on our team.

For Kathryn, libraries are part of her heritage. Her grandma was a librarian at the Orem Public Library for many years where she curated their art collection. Many of the pieces she collected are still there today.

Kathryn started volunteering at the Orem Library when she was 13 and eventually began working there as well as at the Harold B. Lee Library in Provo. She loves the environment libraries can provide for people.

Kathryn enjoys doing anything and everything with her husband who works for the school district as a speech pathologist. They live in Santa Clara and will be married for 7 years in October. They have a mystery cat who visits their house regularly and seems to have adopted them. One day they hope to figure out who his true owners are, but for now they guiltily enjoy his company.

Other random facts about Kathryn: she loves playing the piano, tennis, football, and basketball. She's a big fan of old movies (made before 1970) and has a cabinet in her house dedicated to collecting containers she thinks she might one day reuse.

 Joel Tucker, Director

Hardcover Best Sellers -New York Times Book Review

Fiction:

- 1. Black Ice by Brad Thor
- 2. The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
- 3. The Cellist by Daniel Silva
- 4. The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller
- 5. Malibu Rising
- by Taylor Jenkins Reid

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- 7. The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton
- & James Patterson
- 8. False Witness by Karin Slaughter
- 9. Falling by T.J. Newman
- 10. The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Nonfiction:

- 1. American Marxism by Mark R. Levin
- 2. I Alone Can Fix It by Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker
- 3. Landslide by Michael Wolff
- 4. How I Saved the World by Jesse Watters
- 5. This Is Your Mind On Plants by Michael Pollan
- 6. Greenlights by

Matthew McConaughey

- 7. What Happened to Your by Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey
- 8. Untamed by Glennon Doyle
- 9. Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
- 10. Killing the Mob by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *begins 8-17-21 Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *begins 8-18-21 Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm Friday, August 6 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 4 & 18 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 11 & 25 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm Thursday, August 12 & 26 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm Tuesday, August 10 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am *begins 8-17-21 Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am *begins 8-18-21

St. George Branch

Mondays - Spanish Story Time 11:00 am 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 Thursday, August 12 - Water-Wise Gardening 5:30 pm Saturday, August 28 - Maker Showcase 12:00 - 5:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *begins 8-18-21 Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm *begins 8-18-21

Springdale Branch

Mondays - Story Time 3:30 pm Monday, August 9 - Make Grain Free Pet Treats 3:00 pm "Paws" itivily August Pet Show - Bring in a photo of your pet by August 20th for a chance to win a prize.

New Harmony Branch

Mondays, August 2 - Aug. 16 - Abstract Art Class - 1:00 pm Tuesdays- Sit n' Stitch 2:00 pm Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm Fridays - Tails for Tales - Read to a Dog 12:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesday, August 24 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm

Wednesday, August 25 - Teen Interactive Movie "The Princess Bride" 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesday, August 11 - After School at the Library 4:00 pm Thursday, August 12 - TAG 3:30 Wednesday, August 18 - Anime Club 5:00 pm Saturday, August 29 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm



The Washington County Library System would like to invite makers of all mediums to show us your summer projects for a chance to win a 3D printer or one of many other prizes! Whether you are a wizard with the sewing machine, or create unique items with a 3D printer, we encourage you to enter your projects into the showcase. Items that can be entered include scrapbooks, paper art, textile art, laser cutting projects, Video projects, or whatever you imagine and create.

The Library System Maker Showcase will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at the St. George Library. Entries can be brought from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, with judging from 11:00 to 12:00. Each entry will have a space of approximately 24" wide. Entries will be displayed and judged on creativity, use of materials, technique, and presentation. Entry forms can be downloaded from the library website.

Do you need some inspiration on starting a project? The Library System offers 3D printers, scrapbooking materials, a laser cutter, sewing machines, video equipment, and more in the library branch's Makerspaces. Check out what's available today! For more information, please call Joe at 435-634-5737, ext. 2271.







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