



Message From The Director

Every year in April, I am required to provide a statistical report to the state. Allow me to paint the picture for you, and weave my statistical magic.

Library visits: Before COVID, we had over 688K visits in all 8 branches. The 2020 madness dropped us to almost 468K visitors. We did close for just over a month of that, but people were not getting out to those public places as much. In 2021, we rose to 515K visits. Up from 2020, but not even close to pre COVID numbers, which was the main theme of the year.

Circulation: In 2019, we checked out 1.43M items (includes both physical and electronic materials). The year of COVID, we dropped to 866K checkouts, but for 2021, we jumped back up to 1.39M. So, a decrease from before COVID numbers, but not by much. Apparently, though less people were coming, those that did come in checked out more items. One stat that was up from 2019, through COVID, till now is the electronic checkouts. Through Overdrive/Libby, we checked out 252K items in 2019, 313K items in 2020, and 376K items in 2021. Though the physical item checkouts were down 15% from pre COVID, we still check out a lot more physical items than we do electronic: 1,012,600 items!

Program attendance is on the rise, but is still far lower than 2019. Internet lab usage has continued to fall, even down from COVID numbers. My guess is people were forced to get their own computers to make it through COVID, and not as many people need access to our computers...?

A lot of 2021 saw us still battling COVID, people wearing masks, quarantining, and limiting exposure. I expect 2022 to continue to rise in library usage and statistics. Until then, for those who haven't been to the library in a while, please come back, we miss you!



If you would like a more complete comparison with other Utah libraries, feel free to check out the UTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS on the state website:
<https://library.utah.gov/statistics/>

Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - a celebration of the 20 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander descent that live in the United States. Totaling about 6 percent of the U.S. population, immigrants from the Asian continent, Pacific Islands and Polynesia have built strong roots in the United States that have enriched the heritage and history of our country.

Celebrate this month with some fiction and non-fiction titles that offer insight into the cultures and experiences of Asian Pacific Americans:

Children

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee by Marissa Moss
Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku by Ellie Crowe and Richard Waldrep
Inside Out and Back again by Thanhha Lai

Young Adult

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
American Born Chinese by Luen Yang Gene
The Tiger at Midnight by Swati Teerdhala
For A Muse of Fire by Heidi Heilig

Adult

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life by Hector Garcia
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

There are many more titles available for all ages available at the library. For more information, call your library branch or log on to www.library.washco.utah.gov.

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Un~Bound * 2022 UPCYCLED BOOK ART CONTEST

The 2022 Un~Bound Upcycled Book Art contest was a great success. There were entries submitted at many branch locations, and the challenge to transform a book into a work of art based on the theme "Imagination" was met with creativity and ingenuity. Each piece was unique and one-of-a-kind. The judging was provided by faculty members of the Dixie State University Art Department, and high school art teachers, who judged the entries for originality, creativity, technical difficulty, and theme. The winners in the categories are as follows:

Adults:

1st Place (tie) - Raquel Culligan
 1st Place (tie) - Holly Blaha
 2nd Place - Nalei Carlisle
 3rd Place - Elmira Kokova
 Honorable Mention-
 Pamela Ziegler, Tina Blanchard,
 Morgan Hairfield, Diana Beckham,
 Abbie Bingham, Christa Phelps



Shaleen Beecher from the Hurricane branch was awarded Best in Show for her entry "To Another World" based on Sora from the Kingdom Hearts games,

Children 5-8:

1st Place - LilyAna Stine
 2nd Place - Sadie Acton
 3rd Place - Ivry Tucker
 Honorable Mention- Gavin Smith,
 Jessie Phelps, Susannah White,
 Braden Clark, Lillian Linton, Eden Stout

Children 9-12:

1st Place - Marli Burgess
 2nd Place - Julian Hammon
 3rd Place - Emily Evelyn
 Honorable Mention- Mandolin Noe,
 Audrey Williams, Boyd White, Soren
 Snyder, Avery Stout, Molly Cox, Jed Cox

Special Needs:

1st Place - Brayden Clements
 2nd Place - Shirley Canfield
 3rd Place - Ned Carnahan
 Honorable Mention- Paul Liston,
 Ken Henry, Devin Kendall, Sue Cruz

Adults 62 +:

1st Place - Nancy Martinez
 2nd Place - Jackie Blood
 3rd Place - Gloria Wagner
 Honorable Mention- Susan Ahrens,
 Deborah Hunt, Renon Wood

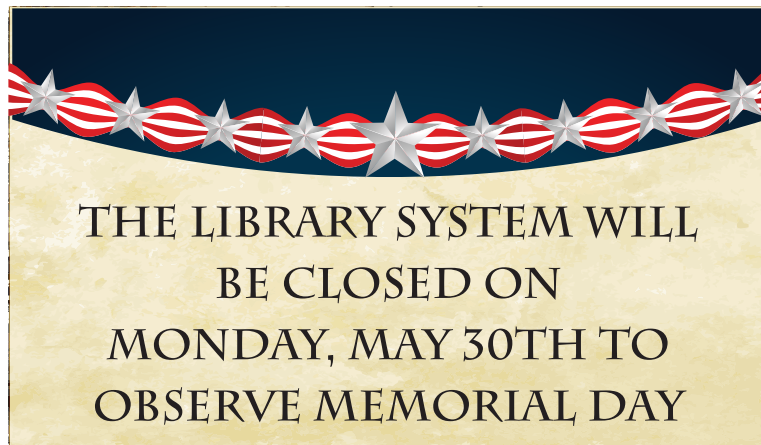
Young Adults 13-15:

1st Place (tie) - Kalea Collins
 1st Place (tie) - Addie Cox
 2nd Place (tie) - Sophia Erreguin
 2nd Place (tie) - Lillian Burr
 3rd Place - Miranda Trujillo
 Honorable Mention- Shellane Covington,
 Sage Harris, Megan Hall, Hannah
 Wahlquist, Marche Cramer, Bree Johnson,
 Aubree Ames, Robin Summers

Young Adults 16-18:

Best of Show - Shaleen Beecher
 1st Place - Sydney Hairfield
 2nd Place - Kara Whicker
 3rd Place - Harley Whitney
 Honorable Mention- Viola Barlow

The Library System would like to congratulate all of the participants for their artistic efforts, and offer a special thanks to Dixie State University, and the Washington County School District.



Employee Spotlight

I am excited to introduce Tanya Cheff as the spotlight for April. She is fairly new to the library system, hired on as a clerk in Washington, but has jumped in with both feet and has been a real asset to the library. She can't stand any idle time, is always on the go, and provides great customer service to our patrons.



One of the first things she did when hired was to certify on the 3D printer so that she could help patrons who come in to use our Maker Space. She also wanted to know everything that the county and State systems offered outside of our materials selection. It's fun to watch her when she discovers something new and how excited she gets with the discovery. She has created 7 QR codes that have book reviews when scanned and she replaces them monthly.

In her spare time, she is a seamstress, a genealogist, she enjoys kayaking, hiking, and just enjoys life to its fullest. She has two kids, a CNA in nursing school, and one in graphic design school. She really is a fun person, a joy to be around, and a fantastic part of the library team. Please congratulate her when you get the chance!

- Joel Tucker,
 Director

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *Dream Town* by David Baldacci
2. *Beautiful* by Danielle Steel
3. *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson
4. *The Investigator* by John Sandford
5. *Kingdom of Bones* by James Rollins
6. *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel
7. *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley
8. *What Happened to the Bennetts* by Lisa Scottoline
9. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
10. *The Memory Librarian* by Janelle Monae

NONFICTION:

1. *Freezing Order* by Bill Browder
2. *Hello, Molly* by Molly Shannon with Sean Wilsey
3. *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
4. *Bittersweet* by Susan Cain
5. *Playing With Myself* by Randy Rainbow
6. *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones, Caitlin Roper, Ilena Siberman and Jake Silverstein
7. *The Storyteller* by Dave Grohl
8. *Left on Tenth* by Delia Ephron
9. *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey
10. *What Happened to You* by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Monday - Thursday - Story Time 10:30 am
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4 & 18 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4 & 18 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Thursday, May 5 - Tween Time 2:00 pm
Friday, May 6 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Saturday, May 7 - Free Comic Book Day
Wednesday, May 11 & 25 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, May 12 & 26 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 19 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 24 - Zookeepers Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 25 - Art Club 1:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm
Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesday, May 3 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm *Please register
May 5 - 7 - Mothers Day Craftivity All Day
Monday, May 9 - Home Schoolers @ the Library 10:30 am *Please register
Monday, May 9 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 10 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Tuesday, May 17 - Yoga 5:45 pm
Thursday, May 19 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 31 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm *Please register

St. George Branch

Mondays - English/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
Friday, May 6 - ASL Storytime 10:00 am
Monday, May 9 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 17 & 31 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 10 & 24 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 10 & 24 - Coloring Club for Adults 1:00 pm
Tuesday, May 10 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, May 12 - The Shifting Balance of Power 6:00 pm
Thursday, May 19 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 26 - Teen Book Club 4:30 pm
Thursday, May 26 - Star Wars Trivia Battle 6:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm
Fridays - Movie Matinee 1:00 pm
Thursday, May 4 - Star Wars Storytime

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 3:00 pm
Wednesday, May 11 - Book Club 11:30 am

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm
Mondays - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 12:00 pm
Friday, May 6 - Baxter's Buddies 12:00 pm
Saturday May 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Basic Dog Obedience 1:00 pm
Thursday, May 5 & 19 - Pilates Stretch 11:00 am
Friday, May 20 - Book Club 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, May 4 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 5 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 10 - Home Schooling Program 1:00 pm
Wednesday, May 11 - Teen Event 4:00 pm
Monday, May 9 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Tuesday, May 17 - Movie Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 12 & 26 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Wednesday, May 18 - Techno Teens 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 19 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 24 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Tuesday, May 24 - Open Music Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 25 - Booklanders Teen Book Club 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday, May 4 - After School @ the Library 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 12 - Teen's @ the Library 3:30 pm
Monday, May 16 - Anime Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 28 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm



May brings with it rising temperatures, and unfortunately, rising inflation. How can you beat the effects of both the heat and the rising cost of living? Take action - arm yourself with your all-powerful library card and head to the library! We have so many resources that are free to use with your library card. What can we offer, you say? As it just so happens, the library has recently added a bunch of DVDs to choose from that will soften inflations impact on your entertainment budget:

MOVIES:

- CYRANO
- DESPERATE HOUR
- HERITAGE FALLS
- KING'S DAUGHTER
- THOUSAND WORDS
- WAR HUNT (Mickey Rourke)

TELEVISION:

- CHESAPEAKE SHORES: SEASON 5
- CHUCKY SEASON 1
- CSI: LAS VEGAS SEASON 1
- HANDMAID'S TALE SEASON 4
- SPACE RACERS SEASON 2

Because we want to keep your budget under control, the library promises that DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County library card. So be sure to use the heck out of the library this summer. It'll be totally worth it!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2 Santa Clara Library 12:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 11:00 am Spanish Story Time 1:00 pm Story Time with Miss Jill Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Art Class 4:00 pm Lego Club	3 Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons St. George Library 4:30 pm Science Club for Kids New Harmony Library 2:00 pm Sit and Stitch Santa Clara Library 10:30, 11:00 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Adult Paint Night	4 St. George Library 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 Teen Event Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Magic the Gathering 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 12:00 pm Story Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Enterprise Library 11:00 am Story Time 3:00 pm Youth Activities Springdale Library 5:00 pm Story Time	5 St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Yoga New Harmony Library 11:00 am Pilates Stretch	6 St. George Library 10:00 am ASL Story Time 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Enterprise Library 1:00 pm Movie Matinee Hurricane Library 3:00 pm Readers Circle Book Club New Harmony Library 12:00 pm Baxter's Buddies Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Spanish Story Time	7 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee New Harmony Library 10:00 am Basic Dog Obedience Class		
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