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Message From The Director

Of Libraries, and of Patriots

From the early days in America, the library was intended to help educate the public and make better citizens of the residents. As we consider the Fourth of July, what does the month of July stand for in our minds and memory? The library provides materials to help define, refine, and mold the hearts and minds of the community.

Maybe we should ask what we personally stand for as Americans? Do we stand for the flag, or does the flag stand for us? Edgar A. Guest, a poet in the late 1800s and early 1900s, suggested what it means to be an American in his poem "A Patriotic Wish" published in Over Here (Reilly & Britton Company, 1918). This was during World War I, a time of patriotism and reflection.

A Patriotic Wish By Edgar Guest

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag could boast about; I'd like to be the sort of man it cannot live without; I'd like to be the type of man That really is American:

> The head-erect and shoulders-square, Clean-minded fellow, just and fair, That all men picture when they see The glorious banner of the free.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies, The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize; The loyal brother to a trust, The big, unselfish soul and just,

> The friend of every man oppressed, The strong support of all that's best, The sturdy chap the banner's meant, Where'er it flies, to represent.

I'd like to be the sort of man the flag's supposed to mean, The man that all in fancy see wherever it is seen, The chap that's ready for a fight Whenever there's a wrong to right,

> The friend in every time of need, The doer of the daring deed, The clean and generous handed man That is a real American.



As we gather to celebrate this Fourth of July, let's take a moment to reflect on the values that unite us as a nation: liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness, and the resilience that define America. Happy Independence Day!

Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Summer Reading Sponsors



The Summer Reading Program stands as the most popular initiative offered by our Library System, engaging an impressive average of 5,500 participants each year. This year's theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," perfectly encapsulates the spirit of our program.

By promoting reading during the summer months when school is out and

reading skills can often decline, a phenomenon known as the "summer slide" - we aim to foster continuous learning and development.

Our program motivates readers of all ages with enticing incentives awarded upon reaching their reading goals, encouraging consistent engagement throughout the summer. This wouldn't be possible without the generous contributions from our sponsors. Their support bridges the gap created by budget constraints, allowing us to offer a high-quality reading program to our community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors for their invaluable support in enhancing literacy within our community. These sponsors contribute coupons, gift certificates, and a variety of prizes, all of which are awarded to participants throughout the summer.

By supporting this program, our sponsors are making a significant investment in the future of our youth, our community, and our society. Please visit your library to view our sponsor list and take a moment to personally thank these generous contributors!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Diane Kay as the June Employee Spotlight. Diane works part-time at the Hurricane Branch, and has been with the library just over three years. It is a pleasure to introduce Diane here to you as the Washington County Library System employee spotlight.



She gives service with a smile, and

helps keep the circulation desk function well as a valued member of the circulation staff. She enjoys helping patrons, and serving the community.

Outside of her time at the library she enjoys hiking, biking, and running. She enjoys spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. They love being outdoors and enjoying the Southern Utah sun. Additionally, she loves to travel to new places and see new things. When asked about a place that stands out in her travels, she really enjoyed the Caribbean Sea, and Aruba was a favorite standout in her memory.

- Alan Anderson,

New York Times Best Sellers -Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

- Swan Song by Elin Hilderbrand
- 2. Eruption by Michael
 Crichton & James Patterson
- 3. The Women by Kristin Hannah
- 4. Camino Ghosts by John Grisham
- 5. You Like It Darker
- by Stephen King
- 6. Funny Story
- by Emily Henry
 7. Fourth Wing
- by Rebecca Yarros
- 8. Iron Flame
- by Rebecca Yarros
- The Wren in the Holly Library by K.A. Linde
 The Rom-Commers by Katherine Center

NONFICTION:

- 1. The War On Warriors by Pete Hegseth
- 2. The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson
- 3. The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
- 4. The Situation Room by George Stephanopoulos with Lisa Dickey
- 5. The Wager by David Grann
- 6. The Friday Afternoon Club by Griffin Dunne
- 7. What This Comedian Said Will Shock You by Bill Maher
- 8. When The Sea Came Alive by Garrett M. Graff
- 9. Hip-Hop is History by Questlove with Ben Greenman 10. Outlive by Peter Attia with



The Washington County Library System will be closed on Thursday, July 4th to observe Independence Day.

The Library System will also be closed on Wednesday, July 24th to observe Pioneer Day.



Ah, July! The sun is shining, the ice cream is melting, and the air is filled with the promise of summer adventures. But what if the summer heat gets a little too intense, or you just need a break from all the outdoor fun? Your local library has the perfect solution to keep your summer cool, exciting, and absolutely entertaining: a treasure trove of free DVDs featuring the latest and greatest titles!

Whether you're a fan of pulse-pounding action or heartwarming dramas, the library's DVD collection has something for everyone. This summer, treat yourself to some of the hottest new releases:

MOVIES

- Godzilla X Kong
- Origin
- Article 99
- · Long Game
- · Land of Bad
- Arthur the King
- Kung Fu Panda 4

TELEVISION

- Act: The Complete Series
- South Park: Joining the Pandaverse
- Moon Knight Season 1
- NYPD Blue Season 9-12
- Celtic Woman
- Alice & Jack

So, this July, beat the heat and add some cinematic magic to your summer with the fantastic selection of free DVDs at your library. Grab your popcorn, kick back, and let the adventures begin! Your next great movie night is just a library card away!

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wed. July 3 - Patriotic Craft 11:00 am

Adventures in Natural Science 3:00 pm

Wed., July 10 - Adventures in Cooking 11:00 am Adventures in Cooking 3:00 pm

Friday, July 12 - Line Dancing @ the Library 5:00 pm Wed., July 17 - Ryan Gray Magician & Balloon Art 10:30 am

Max the Magician 3:00 pm

Wed., July 31 - Adventures in Space Planetarium 3:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Weds. - Story Time 11:00 am

Tuesday, July 2 - Kid's Summer Reading Adventures in the Unseen 11:00 am Weds..., July 3 - Teen Summer Reading Nerf Gun Challenges 3:00 pm Monday, July 8 - Adult Summer Reading - Paint Night With Mocktails 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9 - Kid's Summer Reading SUU Animal Ambassadors

11:00 am *registration Required

Wed., July 10 - Teen Summer Reading Pinata Project 3:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16 - Kid's Summer Reading Magic Show 11:00 am

Wed., July 17 - Teen Summer Reading Traveling Painted Rocks 3:00 pm Saturday, July 20 - Anime Club 2:15 pm

Monday, July 22 - Adult Summer Reading Heritage Pot Luck 4:00 pm Tuesday, July 23 - Kid's Summer Reading Stuffie Safari 11:00 am Thursday, July 25 - Books n Bites Book Club 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 27 - Movie Matinee "Inkheart" 1:30 pm

Wed., July 31 - Teen Summer Reading Glow in the Dark Party 3:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Summer Story Time 10:30 am Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm

Wed., - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm Wed., - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm

Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm Monday, July 1 - Monday Movie Madness "A Walk to Remember" 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 2 - Kid's Summer Reading - Dino Discovery 10:30 & 11:30 am

Wed., July 3 - Teen Time 1:00 pm Monday, July 8 - Mario Game Tournament 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9 - Kid's Summer Utah Division of Wildlife 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Wednesday, July 10 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm

Thursday, July 11 & 25 - Lego Club 4:00 pm Friday, July 12 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm

Monday, July 15 - Monday Movie Madness "We Bare Bears" 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16 - Kid's Summer Reading SUU Animal Ambassadors 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Wed., July 17 - Junior D&D 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm Monday, July 22- Monday Movie Madness "Freaky Friday" 1:00 pm

Monday, July 22 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Kid's Summer Reading Ryan Gray Magician 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Monday, July 29 - Monday Movie Madness "Fly Away Home" 1:00 pm Wed., July 31 - Junior D&D 1:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am

Mondays- Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm Weds. -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, July 2- Kid's Summer Reading Outdoor Safety Adventures 3:00 pm Tuesday, July 9, 16, & 23 - Civil War Lecture Series with Bob Echols 11:00 am

Tuesday, July 9 - Kid's Summer Reading Urban Wildlife Adventures 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Teen Summer Game Night 2:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Adult Summer Reading Watermelon Coasters 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 16 - Kid's Summer Reading Ryan Gray Magician 3:00 & 4:30 pm *sign up required
Wed., July 17 - Teen Bonus Event - Ride a Bike to make a Smoothie 2:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Teen Summer Reading Fandom Crafts 2:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Adult Summer Reading Beginning Geocaching 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Kid's Summer Reading Dino Discovery Site 3:00 & 4:00 pm *sign up required Tuesday, July 23 - Block Busters Book to Movie Club 6:00 pm Thursday, July 25 - Teen Summer Reading End of Summer Ice Cream Party 2:00 pm Thursday, July 25 - Adult Summer Reading Upcycled Piano Roll Luminaries

6:00 pm *sign up required

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm

Wed., - Story Time 11:00 am

Wed., - Sit n' Stitch 1:00 pm

Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:15 am

Tuesday, July 2 - Teen Summer Reading DIY Stickers 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9 - Teen Summer Reading Tiny Art Gallery 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 11- Kid's Summer Reading SUU Animal Ambassadors 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16 - Teen Summer Reading DIY Flashlights 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Kid's Summer Reading Library Olympics 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 25 - End of Summer Reading Party (all ages) 1:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays-Summer Lego Challenges 4:00 pm

Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am

Tuesday, July 2 - Teen Summer Reading Zombie Survival 1:00 pm

Wed., July 3 - Kids Summer Reading Home Depot 10:15 or 11:15 am

Tuesday, July 9 - Teen Summer Reading Are You Smarter that a Librarian? 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm

Wed., July 10 - Kid's Summer Reading - Max the Magician 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Tuesday, July 16 - Teen Summer Reading Life-Size Games 1:00 pm

Wed., July 17 - Kid's Summer Reading - Drive-In Movie & Pizza Party *registration required

10:00 am, 1:30 pm, or 4:30 pm

Thursday, July 18 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Teen Summer Reading Movie and Pizza Party 1:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Film screening of "Dancing Joy" 4:00 pm

Friday, July 26 - Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club* 3:00 pm

*Registration is required

Tuesday, July 30 - Adult Summer Reading Paint Night 4:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Weds - Story Time 10:30 am

Saturdays - Adult Dungeons & Dragons 2:30 pm

Wed., July 3 - 'Tween & Teen Shinty-Hurling 1:00 pm

Wed., July 10 - Book Club 11:30 am

Wed., July 10 - 'Tween & Teen Croquet 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Summer Reading Explore Archeology 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Teen/'Tween D&D 5:00 pm

Wed., July 17 - 'Tween & Teen Crown & Anchor 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Summer Reading Magic and Balloons 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 25 - Writer's Group 12:00 pm

Thursday, July 25 - Summer Reading Virtual White Water Adventure 3:00 pm

Thursday, July 25 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

Wed., July 31- 'Tween Book Club 3:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am

Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am

Mon., July 1 - Kid's Summer Reading Home Depot 2:00 & 3:00 pm *sign-up required

Wed., July 3 - Teen Summer Reading - Science Experiments 4:00 pm

Monday, July 8 - Kid's Summer Reading SUU Animal Ambassadors 2:00 pm

Wed., July 10 - Teen Summer Reading - Jeopardy 4:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Adult Summer Reading Bird Watching 5:30 pm

Monday, July 15 - Kid's Summer Reading Adventure in Space 2:00 pm

Wed., July 17 - Teen Summer Reading Movie "Interstellar" 4:00 pm

Thursday, July 18 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm

Saturday, July 20 - Adult Summer Reading Apollo 11 Anniversary Party 10:00 am

Monday, July 22 - Kid's Summer Reading Ryan Gray Magician

1:00 & 3:00 pm *sign-up required

Tuesday, July 23 - Arts & Craft Club 2:00 pm

Friday, July 26 - Teen Summer Reading Murder Mystery 4:00 pm

