

Message From The Director

...2025—Here We Are

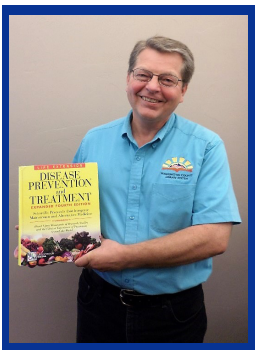
When thinking of another year rolling around, I can't help remembering back to early memories of images used for Father Time and Baby New Year. In thinking of this I share with you this description:

"...Father Time? Mother Earth? Baby New Year? What's going on here? Inquiring minds want to know! When you see Father Time, he usually looks like a very old man with a long white beard. He often wears a shabby robe and carries both a scythe and an hourglass or some other timekeeping device. Father Time is a popular personification of the idea of time. Personification refers to representing an abstract idea in the form of a human person.

Toward the very end of each year, you will often see cartoons of Father Time reluctantly turning over his timekeeping duties to Baby New Year, a personification of the new year. These cartoons represent the idea of the old year (the old man, Father Time) giving way to the new possibilities of the new year (the young boy, Baby New Year)." (see <https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/did-father-time-have-children>)

At the first of the year we celebrate the New Year. We look forward with anticipation to the clock striking midnight, and a new chapter opening. We have many chapters here at the library. We would like to think we have something for everyone with our materials, programs, events, or such. We have staff that work hard to plan and carry off newsletters, storytimes, reading challenges, processing new material, checking out, returning materials to shelves, and so much more. Whatever it is you want to do, or learn, or trip to take—we can help.

Don't procrastinate your new year's resolutions. Mark Twain gave some wisdom on this "...There will never be a 'perfect' time to quit smoking. A time when you don't have any distractions or stress...If you had started today one year ago, this would not even be an issue for you today! Don't waste another year!" (see <https://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/another-year.html?p=3>)



We welcome in 2025, and welcome you to the library in the new year!



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Beyond Books - The Library of Things

The library isn't just for books—it's for everything you need to learn, explore, and create! The Library of Things is your one-stop destination for borrowing free resources that enhance your life, spark curiosity, and support your goals. From practical tools like blood pressure cuffs to fun and adventurous gadgets like telescopes, GoPros, and hotspots, this collection offers something for everyone, regardless of age or interest.

Planning a camping trip? Borrow a telescope to stargaze under the night sky. Exploring creative hobbies? Check out a GoPro to capture your next big adventure. Staying healthy? Soon, you can check out a blood pressure cuff to monitor your well-being at home. Whether you're pursuing personal interests, saving money, or trying something new, the Library of Things makes it easy and accessible for all.

This collection isn't just about convenience—it's about fostering connection, discovery, and lifelong learning. Imagine hosting a family stargazing night with a borrowed telescope or using a Wi-Fi hotspot to stay connected on a road trip. These items can transform ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences, all while saving you the cost of buying equipment you might only need once in a while.

And it's not just for individuals—community groups, educators, and families can also benefit from the Library of Things. Do you need a GoPro to document a school project or a hotspot to ensure everyone stays connected during a community event? We've got you covered. The library is here to support you with the resources you need, when you need them, completely free of charge.

With your library card, these exciting resources are just a checkout away. Stop by today to see what's available and discover how the Library of Things can help you explore more, spend less, and create unforgettable memories!

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As January rolls in, we're all bombarded with talk about resolutions, goals, and self-improvement. But let's be honest—after the roller coaster of the past year, who else feels like what we really need is a break?

How about this instead: find that cozy spot where the world slows down. Let the wind whisper its secrets as you stroll through nature, or fill an afternoon with laughter doing something wonderfully silly with your family. And when you're ready to unwind even more, we've got just the thing—our newest DVDs! Here are some new releases to discover:

MOVIES

- Adam The First
- White Bird
- Wild Robot
- Average Joe
- Forge
- Alien: Romulus
- Cowgirl's Story

TELEVISION

- Dr. Who: 60th Anniversary Specials
- Last Man of Earth - Seasons 1-4
- Built To Survive - Season 1
- Paw Patrol: Rescue Wheels
- Attack on Titan - Season 4

Here's the best part: they're absolutely FREE with your Washington County Library Card! So whether you're planning a laid-back movie night or just need an escape from the hustle, let us be your ticket to relaxation. Stop by and check out the latest films—we'll help you make this year a little brighter, calmer, and more fun. Make the library for your go-to for free entertainment and a fresh start to the new year!

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *James* by Percival Everett
2. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
3. *Wind and Truth* by Brandon Sanderson
4. *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore
5. *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks
6. *The House of Cross* by James Patterson
7. *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
8. *Small Things Like These* by Clare Keegan
9. *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
10. *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

NONFICTION:

1. *Melania* by Melania Trump
2. *Framed* by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey
3. *Be Ready When The Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
4. *Cher: The Memoir, Part One* by Cher
5. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
6. *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson
7. *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kemmerer
8. *Revenge of the Tipping Point* by Malcom Gladwell
9. *Confronting The Presidents* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
10. *The Small And The Mighty* by Sharon McMahon

Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Nathan Van Dam as the employee spotlight for December.



Nathan, or Nate as we know him began his journey with the library in early 2023 as an intern. He was teaching school and wanted to work on a library endorsement through SUU, and so he comes with a teaching background. He taught history, and Japanese. As you can see the schools loss was our gain.

Nate runs the adult programming and has brought valuable presenters and events to the St. George Library. You will find Nate at the reference desk providing great customer service with his positive and caring attitude.

Beyond his work life, Nate spends his time with his wife and two kids. He enjoys traveling and seeing new places; as well as visiting Japan as often as he can. He is an avid reader of Graphic Novels and his book displays at the library prove it! He has been such a great addition to the team with his witty sense of humor and outgoing personality. A few things he enjoys around his home are the critters that hang-out and he sees on occasion—squirrels, wild turkey, fox, and snakes. He also likes pasta for lunch, and other meals.

Congratulations to Nate for being recognized as the December employee spotlight! We appreciate the work he does and being part of the library team.

- Alan Anderson,
Director

Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays- Youth Activities 3:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Monday, January 6 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 8 & 22 - Teens: Learn to Draw Anime 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15 - Teens Only: Watercolor Salt Art 3:00 pm
Saturday, January 18 - Anime Club 2:15 pm
Tuesday, January 21 - Creative Kids: Sticker Painting 3:00 pm
Thursday, January 23 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 25 - Afternoon Movie Matinee 1:30 pm
Tuesday, January 28 - STEM Lab 3:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 2 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Friday, January 3 - Readers' Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, January 8 & 22 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, January 9 & 23 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 15 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, January 16 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Monday, January 27 - Zookeepers Club 1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 28 - Teen Time Welcome to the Makerspace 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, January 17 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays- Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm
Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 3:00 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
Thursday, January 2 - Adult Program Book Nook *sign up required
Monday, January 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 7 & 21 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, January 9 - Adult Program 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14 & 28 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, January 14 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, January 16 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 28 - Block Busters 6:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

Santa Clara Branch

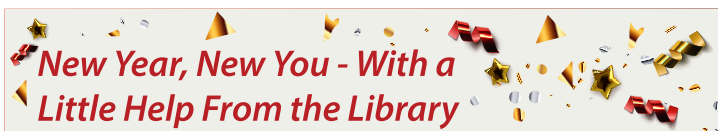
Tuesdays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
Friday, January 10 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm
Monday, January 13 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, January 16 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Friday, January 17- Root Beer Float Book Club 3:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, January 8 - Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, January 9 - Teen/"Tween D 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 22 - 'Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, January 23 - Adult Paint Night 5:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am
Thursday, January 2 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Monday, January 6 - Adult Program - Puzzle Palooza 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 8 - Teen Program 4:00 pm
Thursday, January 9 & 23 - Coding Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 14 - Homeschooling Program 1:00 pm
Wednesday, January 15 - Teen Program 4:00
Thursday, January 16 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, January 21 - Adult Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 22 - Teen Program 4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 28 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, January 29 - Teen Program 4:00 pm



New Year, New You - With a Little Help From the Library

As the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, we all feel the spark of possibility: This is the year! Whether you're planning to finally learn Spanish, get organized, read more, or start that dream business, the library is your one-stop shop for making those resolutions a reality. Forget expensive apps or self-help books—our resources are already here, free and ready to go!

Thinking of picking up a new skill? Check out our selection of how-to guides, online learning platforms from Gale, and 3D printers for hands-on creativity. Need to organize your life? We've got books to inspire, planners to print, and workshops to attend. Want to focus on fitness? Borrow workout DVDs, explore health eBooks, or join a community wellness event at your library.

The best part? You're never alone in your journey. Our librarians are like personal cheerleaders (but quieter—shhh!), to help you find what you need, from curated book lists to expert advice. Swing by your local branch and let us help you turn those resolutions into achievements—because your goals are our goals, too. Here's to a year of learning, growing, and crushing it—with a little library magic!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>January 2025</h1>			<p>1</p> <p>The Library System will be closed on January 1st to observe New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Adult Program Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Science Club 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>St. George Library 1:00 pm Story Time 3:00 pm Spanish Story Time New Harmony Library 1:00 pm Adult Art Class Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time Hildale Library 5:00 pm LEGO Club Plus</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time with Santa 4:00 pm Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons St. George Library 4:30 pm Art Club for Kids Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Spanish Story Time</p>	<p>8</p> <p>St. George Library 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Teen Event Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:30 pm Crochet Club 5:00 D&D Meet Up 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons New Harmony Library 11:00 am Story Time 1:00 pm Sit 'n' Stitch Springdale Library 10:30 am Story Time Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time Enterprise Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Youth Activities Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Adult Program Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Coding Club Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Lego Club 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class Springdale Library 5:00 pm Junior D&D</p>	<p>10</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Santa Clara Library 3:00 pm Art 4 Kids</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee</p>
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