



## Message From The Director

### Lucky or Not?

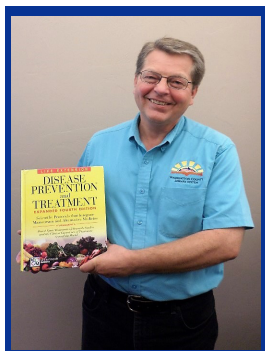
Do you consider yourself lucky? Do you have “the luck of the Irish” on your side? This type of questioning may turn in an unexpected direction to things you had not considered. This is March, and we have St. Patrick’s Day this month to consider with the requisite green in your wardrobe so you can avoid the unlucky pinch from the children in your life. Have you considered the origin of the phrase “Luck of the Irish”? It no longer denotes the original intent, and has lost the bite of criticism, but is now lighthearted and more whimsical by nature, with no ill undertones.

The attribution comes from the American West of the 1800s. It was a disparaging way of pointing to the Irish immigrants who made a mining strike or hit it big. Like many others, they were looking for and prospecting hard for gold or silver, but jealousy does not make allowance, it only points a finger. In part, the Irish potato famine had introduced a level of poverty and privation that gave incentive and motivation to strike it rich in the mining camps. This notion of luck is underscored in the fact that the Irish held to many Celtic myths and legends. These tales were full of examples that focused on good luck and bad luck, which could often be bestowed by magical beings capable of both good fortune and much mischief. While there is a long list for both, part of the fun is in the adventure of discovery of peoples and of their cultures.

If you do not have your four-leaf clover, you are still in luck at the library. Regardless, it can be your lucky day—any day you come. We can help you learn more about Ireland, or even provide books to aid in a visit to the Emerald Isles. If you are looking for some entertainment, you could consider *The Quiet Man* with John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara. Perhaps you want a little music to set the tone for St. Patrick’s Day, and you could check out *36 Irish Sing-a-longs*. However, if you are feeling like doing an Irish jig you could choose instead *Come dance with me in Ireland*. If folklore is more your thing and you want to entertain a child, Ashley

Gish wrote a book called, *Leprechauns: Amazing mysteries*. These are just a few items you can find at the library, so don’t push your luck—come in and enjoy the day or season as you choose. .

Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System



## Words, Words, Words!



even the most trivial words and expressions we read every day jump off the page and find new life.

In Act 2, Scene 2 of Shakespeare’s famous play, Polonius finds Hamlet reading a book and asks him what he is reading. In a 17th-century example of sarcasm, the protagonist replies, “Words, words, words.” On the one hand, one can see words on a page, meaningless without any context; on the other hand, with a little focus and attention,

I have found that for each individual, words carry social, historic and cultural baggage based on our experiences and interactions. While a dialect may refer to the language a family, neighborhood or region speaks, we all speak our own idiolect; the speech habits particular to each person. This idiolect is formed not only by the people we have spent time with, but by the books we have read and words we come across and seek to add to our own personal lexicon. In our library, we have this book: “That Doesn’t Mean What You Think It Means” by Ross and Kathryn Petras.

The lens through which I see the world was crafted in the Wild West in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in a large family with involved parents. I was exposed to multiple languages early on through music and friends. I remember conversations with people as though each word were etched in my memory. I remember when I learned to spell the word “Saturday” from the Bay City Rollers. I remember my brother teaching me the difference between “wrestling” and “wrassling”. My sister corrected my pronunciation of the word “burger” as opposed to “booger.” My friend, Juan, taught me that to “lick” someone in a fight didn’t translate straight across to Spanish. Phrases carry their own meaning greater than the sum of their parts. Colorful expressions such as “Busier than a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest”, “One fry short of a happy meal” and “Finer than frog’s hair” are all included in this book in our library: “Cowboy slang: Colorful Cowboy sayings” by Frosty Potter.

My early exposure to literature taught me words like Pygmalion, acquiesce and courtier. I remember the exact moment I came across those words, asking parents or teachers to define them for me and being told to either figure it out or look it up on my own. Robert Louis Stevenson’s *Treasure Island* taught me nostalgic-sounding words that, despite falling out of common usage, are still fun to bring up in conversation. Expressions like “Milady” and “Avast” are all included alongside “Shiver my timbers” in *The Pirate Primer* by George Choundas in our library. The last one in this list comes from the way cannonballs shook the boat upon impact. What a great image to have in mind next time you hear that phrase! Pick up these books and more and relish in the richness of our language. By the way, we have the book *Hamlet* in our library too. :-).

- Dr. Benji Smith,  
Librarian Supervisor

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## Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Madi Boyack as the employee spotlight for February.



Madi is a thoughtful, organized, and highly creative member of the Washington Branch team whose attention to detail shines in everything she does. From assisting patrons at the circulation desk to designing events for teen programs, she communicates clearly, listens actively, and always strives for excellence. Her work has strengthened teen engagement and supported major community outreach efforts, including her contributions to the Cotton Days booth. Her strong communication skills and ability to connect with patrons of all ages help create a welcoming and inclusive library atmosphere. Madi brings reliability, professionalism, and a friendly, calm presence that positively impacts both staff and patrons.

Outside of her day-to-day work, Madi describes herself as detail-oriented, organized, and a bit of a perfectionist — traits that serve her well in librarianship. She loves re-shelving and making book recommendations, and she's a huge fan of horror and cozy nights at home watching movies or reading. Her biggest inspiration is Carol Burnett, and if she could try another job for a day, she'd love to write for a TV show.

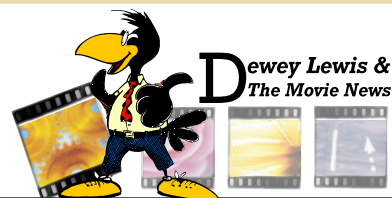
We are grateful to have Madi as part of our library team. Her passion for helping others, her creative approach to programming, and her commitment to high-quality work make the Washington Branch a more welcoming and vibrant place for all.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director



In 2026, our nation celebrates a remarkable milestone—America's 250th anniversary! From the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 to the vibrant communities we call home today, this anniversary is a chance to reflect on our shared history, honor the people who shaped it, and look ahead to the future we're building together. Libraries have always played a meaningful role in preserving stories, protecting the freedom to read, and connecting communities—and we're excited to be part of this historic celebration.

Throughout the year, our library system will host fun and engaging activities for all ages, including history-themed programs, book displays, trivia nights, hands-on crafts, and special events that explore America's past, present, and possibilities. Whether you're a history buff, a curious kid, or just someone who loves a good celebration, there will be something for you. Join us as we turn the page on 250 years of stories—and start writing the next chapter together!



March feels like the perfect month for movies—those that feature stories celebrating Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day Classics, or National Pi Day are guaranteed to pique your interest. Whether you're in the mood for adventure, laughter, romance, or a true story that keeps you on the edge of your couch, your library card is basically your backstage pass to a fantastic film lineup. No subscription juggling, no "rent now" buttons—just good old-fashioned browsing and borrowing (and maybe a bowl of popcorn the size of a mixing bowl). This month's featured films are perfect for cozy nights, family movie marathons, or a little well-deserved solo escape—and best of all, they're completely FREE to check out with your library card. Check out some of these classic favorites:

<u>Inspiring True Stories</u>	<u>St. Patrick's Day Classics</u>	<u>National Pi Day</u>
Erin Brockovich	Leap Year	[Pi]
Hidden Figures	The Secret of Roan	Mrs. Doubtfire
Iron Jawed Angels	Inish	The Life of Pi
Temple Grandin	The Secret of Kells	Gifted
Iris	The Quiet Man	Stand and Deliver
The Blind Side	Darby O'Gill and	Veggie Tales: Duke
The Impossible	the Little People	and the Great Pie War
Soul Surfer	Waking Ned Devine	Pumpkin Pie Wars

This month's featured films are just the ticket for an evening of entertainment—and best of all, they're completely free to check out with your library card. Revisit a classic you love, discover a gem you may have missed, or introduce someone new to a favorite you've been quoting for years. However you press play, we've got the stories—big, bold, heartwarming, and unforgettable—ready and waiting on the shelf. So grab the popcorn, dim the lights, and let the library roll the opening credits.



Washington County Library System is pleased to partner with In-N-Out Burger to bring you the Cover to Cover Library Reading Program.

The program will begin on Saturday, March 7th and will end on Saturday, April 18th. The

program gives families with young readers ages 4-12 an opportunity to earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger.

Children who read five books, or read for 300 minutes, will earn a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger! If a child is unable to read on their own, a parent or guardian may read to them. For more information or to register for the program, speak to the Children's Librarian at your local library branch.

## Library Programs and Events

### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Monday, March 2 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 4 - Anime Club 4:45 pm  
Thursday, March 5 & 12 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 10 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 18 - Lucky Charm Teen Activity 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 24 - Art 4 Tweens 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 26 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm  
Saturday, March 28 - Movie Matinee 1:30 pm

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Wednesday - Story Time 10:30 am  
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Friday, March 6 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 11 & 25 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, March 12 & 26 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 19 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 17 & 18 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 24 - Teen Time 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, March 19 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 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 1:00 pm  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Chess Club 2:30 pm  
Saturday, March 7 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm  
Monday, March 9 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 10 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Friday, March 13 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Friday, March 20 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 4:00 pm \*sign-up required  
Tuesday, March 24 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm  
Saturday, March 28 - Family Movie 1:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Thursdays - After School Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 11 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am  
Thursday, March 12 - Jr. D&D Club 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 25 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 26 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

## Library Programs and Events

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Monday, March 2 - Personal History Class 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 4 - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 12 & 26 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Monday, March 9 & 23 - Community Crochet Class 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 11 - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 17 - Adult Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 18 - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 19 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 24 - Adult Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 25 - Teen Time 4:00 pm

### St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 3:00 pm  
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  
Monday, March 9 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 3 & 17 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, March 5 - Exploring AI 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 10 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Thursday, March 12 - Gardening in the Desert 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 10 & 24 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, March 18 - Chapters & Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, March 19 - Teen Night @ the Library 4:30 pm

## National Women's History Month

In 1987, the U.S. Congress officially designated March as National Women's History Month, creating an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women throughout American history. Each year highlights the women who have shaped our communities, expanded opportunities, and worked to create a more just and inclusive society.



Women's History Month invites us to reflect on their lasting contributions. Abigail Adams—wife and mother of U.S. presidents—was also an early advocate for women's rights, education, and the abolition of slavery. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton helped lead the fight for women's suffrage, with Anthony famously casting an illegal vote in 1872 and facing arrest for it.

Leaders such as Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King advanced civil rights through courage and determination. These remarkable women, and many others, helped shape the nation we know today. Discover their stories and more at your library!

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