



## Message From The Director

"A Penny for Your Thoughts"

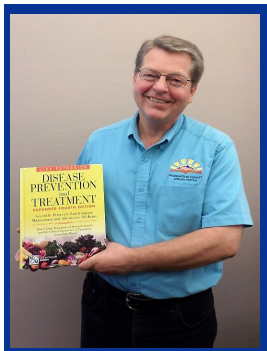
In the July Newsletter I wrote about Sir Thomas Moore, and we return to him again this month for the credit on this quotation and notion. The earliest recorded use of this phrase dates back to the 16th century. It appears in Sir Thomas Moore's work "Four Last Things" (1522), where he wrote: "As it often happeth, that the very face sheweth the mind walking a pilgrimage, another time saith hee, 'A penny for your thought.'"

Inflation is the enemy of all and at his writing, a penny held much more value than it does today, so the offer wasn't trite or small as it might now seem. It was a sincere way of expressing interest in someone's inner world. Although, with the passage of time the value of a penny has fallen, and may be discontinued in U.S. circulation, by the 19th century, it was commonly used in both British and American English as a phrase.

The phrase "a penny for your thoughts" is often used to ask someone what they're thinking, especially when they appear quiet, distracted, or lost in contemplation. It's a polite way to show curiosity and encourage someone to share what's on their mind. It is not really an offer, despite the mention of money, to pay them something—it's metaphorical. The "penny" represents a small but sincere token of interest, showing that the speaker values the other person's thoughts, however trivial or profound they may be.

With that introduction, I provide a few thoughts on the library and the future: Having been in the library world for decades—I can say without hesitation, there is a future and libraries are still vibrant and growing. Some have predicted the death of libraries with the advent of computers, the internet, the electronic format, modern transportation, inexpensive materials, printers at home and office, COVID-19, and the list goes on.

I was recently at a conference for library directors in the State of Utah, and I can say the future is filled with optimism and vision. In fact, in Washington County we have greater need to look at building expansion, and not contraction. We appreciate our patrons and your support and patronage.




Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System

## October Celebrations @ the Library

October is here, and the library is the perfect place to celebrate all the season's festive fun! Whether you're looking for historical insight, a sweet treat for your imagination, or a few spine-tingling stories, we've got you covered.

### Columbus Day – October 13

Sail into history with our collection of books and documentaries exploring exploration, navigation, and the Age of Discovery. From biographies of Columbus and other explorers to modern perspectives on the impacts of exploration, our shelves are full of opportunities to learn more about the journeys that shaped the world.

### National Chocolate Day – October 28

Sweeten your day with books devoted to the art of chocolate! Explore cookbooks filled with decadent dessert recipes, discover novels where chocolate plays a starring role, or check out films featuring chocolatiers who turn cocoa into magic. (Hint: we may even have a golden ticket waiting for you in our DVD section!)

### Halloween – October 31

Get into the spooky spirit with our chilling mysteries, eerie ghost stories, and family-friendly Halloween picture books. Movie fans can browse our fright-night film collection, from classic monster tales to kid-approved animated adventures. Need costume inspiration? The library also has craft guides and DIY resources to help you conjure up something creative.

October is the perfect time to cozy up with a blanket, a warm drink, and a good book or movie. Whether you're learning about explorers, indulging in chocolate stories, or braving a spooky tale by candlelight, the library is your ultimate autumn destination.

Stop by and let us help you find your next adventure—no pumpkin carriage required!

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## Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Jaidynn Conner as the employee spotlight for September.

If any of you have had the opportunity to drop in the St. George branch while Jaidynn is doing Toddler Time or Art Club you would know what a gem we have in her, here at the St. George library!



Jaidynn Conner is the children's assistant at the St. George branch. She uses her friendly, bubbly personality to deliver fun exiting stories, songs and crafts for the kids. With her artistic background, Jaidynn provides amazing art projects for Art Club, like creating 3D structures, or leaning how to paint like Picasso, she brings such fun and creative elements to the St. George library! She has helped with all the craziness that Summer Reading brings from programs to passing out prizes. The kids absolutely love seeing Jaidynn at the children's desk.

Jaidynn started with the library system as a substitute clerk and not too long after interviewed and got the job as a children's assistant. She has been with the library for nearly two years now. Jaidynn graduated from Utah Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Photography. When Jaidynn isn't busy at work she enjoys hanging out with her husband, Justice, playing pickle ball, hiking, and taking time for photography. They are expecting their first child in April! We thank her for her work and want to congratulate Jaidynn on her dedication to making a fun, exciting space for kids to learn and grow. Please join me in congratulating Jaidynn as our spotlight for her work, not only in September, but all she does.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director

The Washington County Library  
System will be closed on  
Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in  
Observance of Columbus Day.



## New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

### FICTION:

1. *The Secret of Secrets*  
by Dan Brown
2. *The Academy* by Elin  
Hilderbrand and Shelby  
Cunningham
3. *The Last Letter*  
by Rebecca Yarros
4. *Among the Burning*  
*Flowers* by Samantha  
Bloomsbury
5. *Katabasis*  
by R.F. Kuang
6. *Assistant to the Villain*  
by Hannah Nicole Maehr
7. *Buckeye*  
by Patrick Ryan
8. *Onyx Storm*  
by Rebecca Yarros
9. *Atmosphere*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
10. *My Friends*  
by Fredrik Backman

### NONFICTION:

1. *Poems & Prayers*  
by Matthew McConaughey
2. *Confronting Evil* by Bill  
O'Reilly and Josh Hammer
3. *All The Way To The River*  
by Elizabeth Gilbert
4. *The Book of Sheen*  
by Charlie Sheen
5. *History Matters*  
by David McCullough
6. *We The People*  
by Jill Lepore
7. *The Anxious Generation*  
by Jonathan Haidt
8. *If Anyone Builds It,*  
*Everyone Dies* by Eliezer  
Yudkowsky and Nate Soares
9. *Black AF History*  
by Michael Harriot
10. *Why Facists Fear Teachers*  
by Randi Weingarten



October is the perfect month to curl up with a blanket, a bowl of popcorn, and a movie that'll either make you laugh, cry, or check under the bed before going to sleep. Luckily, your library card is basically a free ticket to your own personal movie marathon! From bone-chilling thrillers to sweet fall favorites, you can check out new movies without spending a single cent. (That's right—no tricks, just treats.)

### MOVIES

- Superman  
(David Corenswet version)
- Home (Pete Davidson version)
- Karate Kid Legends
- M3gan 2.0
- 40 Acres
- Lost Tombs of Notre Dame

### TELEVISION

- Fire Country - Season 3
- Unforgotten - Season 6
- Marlow Murder Club -  
Season 2
- Last of Us - Season 2
- Chosen - Season 5
- Professor T - Season 4

So whether you want a pumpkin-spiced rom-com, a hair-raising fright night, or just something new to keep the family entertained, stop by the library and grab a few flicks. Movies are free to borrow with your library card—because nothing's scarier than overpriced streaming fees

## 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  
Wednesday, October 1 - Anime Club 4:45 pm  
Monday, October 6 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 8 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 22 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm  
Thursday, October 23 - Books n' Bites Book Club 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 28 - Nightmare Before Christmas Carnival 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 28 - Nightmare Before Christmas Movie - 4:30 pm

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursday- Story Time 10:30 am  
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - D & D Meet Up 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Friday, October 3 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Saturday, October 11 - Amateur Radio Club Testing 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 14 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 15 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 8 & 22 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, October 9 & 23 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 16 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 16 - Teen & Adult Apothecary Bottle Craft 5:30 pm  
\*sign-up required  
Tuesday, October 21 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 23 - Art Night 5:30 pm  
Monday, October 27 - Board Games for Adults 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 28 - Teen Time 4:00 pm  
Thursday October 30 - Children's Halloween Party 10:30 am

### 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, October 17 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm  
Friday, October 24 - Autumn Wreath Class 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  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am  
Saturday, October 4 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 4 - Chess Club 3:00 pm  
Friday, October 10 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm  
Saturday, October 11 & 18 - Chess Club 2:30 pm  
Monday, October 13 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 14 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, October 16 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 21 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm  
Friday, October 24 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 3:00 pm  
\*sign-up required  
Friday, October 24 - Family Movie Day 1:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday, October 8 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am  
Wednesday, October 22 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 23 - 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  
Teen Activities - Wednesdays 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 2 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Monday, October 6 - True Crime Book Talk 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 9 & 23 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 16 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 21 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 28 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm  
Friday, October 31 - Halloween Carnival All Day

### 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  
Thursday, October 2 - Adult Program "Heart Healthy Eating Habits" 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 7 & 21 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Monday, October 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 9 - Adult Program "Ishi: The Last of the Yahi" 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 14 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 14 & 28 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 15 - Chapters and Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 16 - Teen Night @ the Library "Teen Costume Contest" 4:30 pm  
Saturday, October 25 - Children's Halloween Party 2:00  
Tuesday, October 28 - Block Busters Book & Movie Club 6:00 pm

## October Writing Workshops

*Write-On, St. George (our local chapter of the League of Utah Writers), is partnering with the St. George Library to celebrate the written word in October. Instead of just one big workshop, you'll have the chance to hear from four talented speakers on different nights throughout October. Each event will bring fresh insights into the craft of writing—whether you're a seasoned author, a curious beginner, or simply a lover of stories. So save the date for one or all of these amazing workshops. Here's what's coming up::*

*Tuesday, Oct. 7th - 6:30 pm - Presenter Lora Stead  
"Tackling Subjects that are Personal and Difficult to Share"  
Learn five essential tips for writing about sensitive topics—grief, trauma, or other challenges—while creating a safe space for truth-telling. Perfect for memoir, essays, or any heartfelt nonfiction.*



*Tuesday, Oct. 14 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Wendy Womack  
"We Need to Talk: Writing Authentic Dialogue"  
Dialogue should sparkle, not stumble! Wendy Womack, writer and filmmaker, will share techniques to make your characters sound real, distinct, and unforgettable.*



*Monday, Oct. 20 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Joe Gordon  
"How to Successfully Fail: At Your First Attempts"  
Failure isn't the end—it's the beginning! Joe Gordon, president of Write-On, will explore how to embrace mistakes, keep momentum, and turn missteps into growth.*



*Wednesday, Oct. 29 - 6:30 pm - Presenter Sara Flannery Murphy  
"From Reading to Writing"  
Acclaimed novelist Sara Flannery Murphy (The Possessions, Girl One, The Wonder State) will share her journey from avid reader to published author, offering inspiration for anyone dreaming of writing their own book.*





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</h1> <h2>October 2025</h2>			<b>1</b> 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 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 Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Story Time 3:00 pm Teens After School Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time	<b>2</b> St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm Adult Program - Book Bingo Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm PAWS for Tales Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 Science Club for Kids Santa Clara Library 10:30 & 11:30 am Toddler Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:15 am Adult Exercise Class	<b>3</b> St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Hurricane Library 3:00 pm Readers Circle Book Club 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons	<b>4</b> Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Curious Minds Book Club St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee
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