



Message From The Director

A Season of Gratitude

November has many things going on each year, but consistently we have Thanksgiving. This is a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the people and moments that enrich our lives. Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it's a moment to reflect on what truly matters. There are many things to be thankful for in each of our lives. These may include family, friends, a land of abundance, freedoms, jobs, co-workers, and the list could go on. We certainly hope the library and its resources are high on your list: they are on mine. The list may be different for each of us. Growing up, in elementary school and at home we always recalled the "First Thanksgiving" with the Pilgrims in 1621; however, this celebration doesn't date back to 1621 continuously. There have been gaps and breaks in this beloved American tradition. Have you ever considered who the first U.S. President was to proclaim a "Thanksgiving Day"?

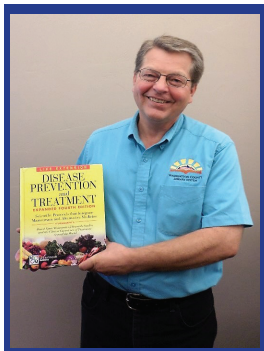
George Washington. In part he had this to say on October 3, 1789: "By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation. Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God [...]"

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care [...]"

(from, <https://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-source-collections/primary-sources-2/article/thanksgiving-proclamation-of-1789/>)

The article space is not large enough for his entire message, and if you wish to read it the link is cited above. While there were some days of feasting, fasting, or prayer recognized prior to or after the date cited above our Thanksgiving was not established as a national holiday until the 1860s by Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president.

Your trust and support fuel our spirit, and we're proud to serve such an incredible community. As we head into the holiday season, we look forward as we continue our connection with each of you who make what we do meaningful. This season, on behalf of the library, our heartfelt appreciation is given for the wonderful community we belong to. Your continued support, kindness, and engagement make everything we do worthwhile. We hope your Thanksgiving is filled with warmth, laughter, good company, and gratitude. Wishing you each a wonderful Thanksgiving on behalf of the library.



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Falling for Library Love: 10 Reasons to be Thankful for Your Library

As the season of gratitude arrives, we can't help but reflect on all the reasons to be thankful — and the library tops the list! Beyond the shelves of books, movies, and magazines, your library is a place where stories come to life, curiosity blooms, and friendships form. Here are just a few reasons we're thankful for our library (and hope you are too!):

1. The magic of a library card — your all-access pass to endless adventures, ideas, and inspiration.
2. Friendly faces behind the desk — our staff and volunteers who make every visit welcoming.
3. Free programs for all ages — from storytime and science clubs to book groups and craft nights.
4. Spaces to learn, laugh, and connect — whether it's a quiet corner to read or a lively community event.
5. Books that feel like old friends — always waiting to comfort, challenge, or delight you.
6. Technology and tools — printing, Wi-Fi, digital books, and more, right at your fingertips.
7. A world of discovery — travel through time, space, and imagination without leaving your chair.
8. The joy of sharing stories — connecting readers across generations and backgrounds.
9. The spirit of giving back — through partnerships, volunteers, and community support.
10. You! — our patrons, whose curiosity and kindness make the library what it is.

This November, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on what you're thankful for — and if the library is on your list, stop by and share the love. Write a note of thanks to a librarian, check out something new, or simply enjoy a quiet moment surrounded by stories.

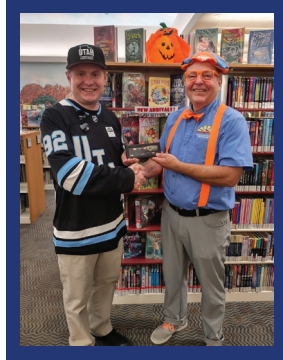
From all of us at the Washington County Library System,
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to recognize Steven Saline as the Employee Spotlight for October. Steven is a clerk at the Hurricane Branch, and started working for the library on March 26, 2017. If you go into our Hurricane location, chances are high Steven has helped you check out. He is amiable and quick with a witticism or joke; in fact, he used to do comedic improv with a group called "Truth About Lies."



He has recently taken over the "Lego Club", and is doing a great job. In addition to his service in the library, Steven plays the bassoon, piano, saxophone, organ, and oboe. He is / or has been involved with several orchestras including the Southwest Symphony, the Symphonic Orchestra of Southern Nevada, the Orchestra of Southern Utah, the Dixie State Wind Ensemble, and the Dixie State Symphonic Orchestra. Steven is also a conductor for the Washington City Concert Band, a composer, songwriter, and DJ.

He toured Europe with the Utah Ambassadors of Music, a high school event that had an impact on him. Steven speaks Japanese, and served a mission in Fukuoka Japan. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Utah Tech University in Music. In terms of a self-description, he is an avid gamer, voracious bookworm, and road trip taker.

Steven is a wonderful member of the Washington County Library System! Please join with me in congratulating him when you get the chance.

- Alan Anderson,
Director



Cozy Up with New Movies & TV Shows This November. As the days grow shorter and family starts rolling in for Thanksgiving, there's no better time to grab a blanket, pop some popcorn, and enjoy a good movie together. Whether you need a break from all that turkey prep, a cozy evening after the big meal, or something to watch while the football fans take over the living room, the library has you covered with a fresh lineup of new DVDs this November! Check out these new titles:

MOVIES

- Shoshana
- Last Rodeo
- Karate Kid Legends
- Fantastic 4: First Steps
- Materialists
- Dangerous Animals

TELEVISION

- Brokenwood - Season 11
- Human Target - Season 1
- Funny Woman - Season 2
- Hard Hat Harry (Kids)
- Equalizer - Season 5
- Walking Dead: Dead City - Season 2

From the latest blockbuster hits to heartwarming family favorites and binge-worthy TV series, there's something for every mood and every guest—from Grandma to the little ones. And the best part? They're all FREE with your library card—which means more room in the holiday budget for turkey, stuffing, and maybe an extra pumpkin pie (or two). Stop by your local branch or check the catalog online to see what's new and bring home the perfect entertainment for your Thanksgiving weekend!



November is National Native American Heritage Month. In 1990, Pres. George H. W. Bush signed a bill to make November a month to commemorate and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of the Native Americans.

Join us in celebrating by reading and exploring Native culture. Here are a few titles that are about, written, or illustrated by Native Americans:

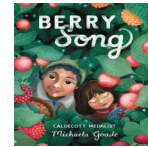
Easy Readers:

We Are Water Protectors
by Carole Lindstrom

Berry Song by Michaela Goed

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
by Paul Goble

Finding My Dance
by Ria Thundercloud



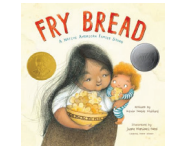
Junior Fiction:

Fry Bread by Kevin Maillard

The Girl Who Drank the Moon
by Kelly Barnhill

Native American Heroes
by Ann McGovern

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis & Traci Sorell



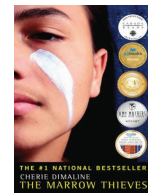
Young Adult:

Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley

Wolf Mark by Joseph Bruchac

The Marrow Thieves
by Cherie Dimaline

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger



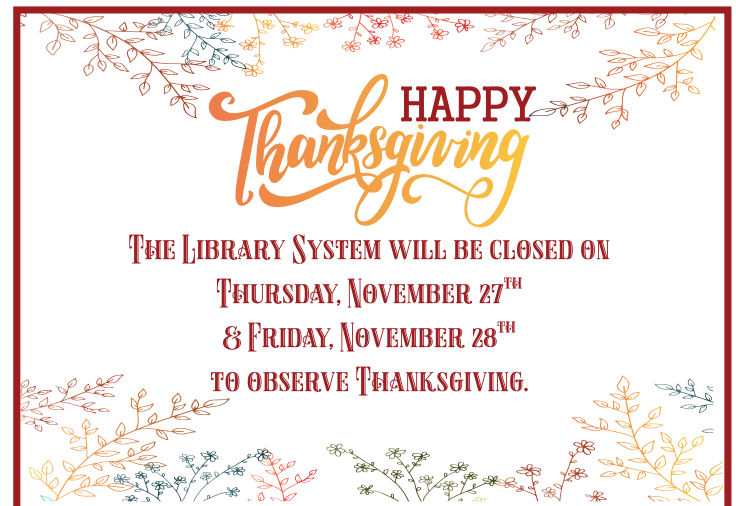
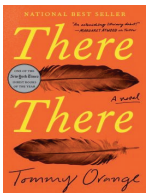
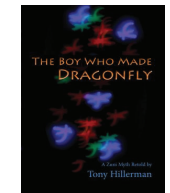
Adult:

The Round House
by Louise Erdrich

The Boy Who Made Dragonfly: A Zuni Myth by Tony Hillerman

There There by Tommy Orange

Our History is the Future
by Nick Estes



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, November 5 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Monday, November 3 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 12 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 18 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 19 - Teen Event - Cookie Decorating 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 25 - Science Stories: Crater Creators 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 26 - Teen Art Class 5:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursday- Story Time 10:30 am *no story time 11/26
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, November 7 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Monday, November 10 & 24 - Board Games for Adults 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 12 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, November 13 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 20 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 18 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons A 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 19 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons B 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, November 21 - 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
Saturday, November 1 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Saturday, November 1 - Chess Club 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 4 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Friday, November 14 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm
Saturday, November 8 & 15 - Chess Club 2:30 pm
Monday, November 10 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 18 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, November 20 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Friday, November 21 - Root Beer Float Book Club for Kids 3:00 pm
*sign-up required
Saturday, November 22 - Family Movie Day 1:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, November 12 - Adult Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, November 13 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 19 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 20 - 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, November 3 - Board Game Night 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 5 - Teen Night - Planning Meeting 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 12 - Teen Night - Portal Night (Video Game) 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 13 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 18 - Tech Tuesday 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 19 - Teen Book Club - Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 20 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, November 25 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, November 26 - Teen Night - Teensgiving Pot Luck 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, November 3 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 4 & 18 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, November 6 - Adult Program "Camino de Santiago" 6:00 pm
Monday, November 10 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, November 13 - Adult Program - St. George Astronomy Star Party 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 19 - Chapters and Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, November 20 - Teen Night @ the Library "Wreck this Journal" 4:30 pm



Honoring Our Heroes on Veterans Day

For many, Veterans Day might simply mean a long weekend or a break from the daily routine—but its true meaning runs far deeper. This November 11th, we pause to honor the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces—the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space

Force—each dedicating themselves to the defense of our great nation and the freedoms we hold dear.

Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday was first established to mark the end of World War I. In 1954, after the immense sacrifices of World War II and the Korean War, it was renamed Veterans Day to honor all American veterans—past, present, and future—whose courage, service, and patriotism continue to inspire us.

The Washington County Library System will observe Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11th, and all branches will be closed in recognition. We extend our deepest gratitude to those who have served and continue to serve. Your dedication and sacrifice help keep our nation free and our future bright.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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