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## Message From The Director

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears! I share with you...my final director's message. Tis true, by the time this is published, I will be the HR Director for Washington County. Just a little background info, for those that do not know, I served for 6 years as a Personnel Officer for the Air Force (basically an HR leader). After the Air Force, I joined the county as the HR Business Partner. An opportunity came up to leave HR and serve as the library director, about a decade ago, and it has been one of the best decisions of my life. It hasn't always been easy, but I honestly feel like I've been living the dream, and it was a good dream!

Above all, I'm impressed with the great people who work in the library. I think that we strive to provide quality customer service to everyone who walks through those doors, and even to those who access our resources online. We care about our community, we care about the library, and we strive to help make the library a valuable resource for everyone. We invest in good programs, we have built up our makerspaces, we add over \$700K in new material each year (about a third of that in eresources), and we work to provide quality services/resources at a discount price.

We just did a survey, and there are a lot of requests for more (more branches, more ebooks, more advertising, more open hours, more time with books, more...you get the picture). And in some areas, we strive to meet those needs (like the investment in ebooks/eaudio books, even though it is much more expensive and more of a rental option than an ownership option). The hard part is all the "more" costs money. More hours means paying more people to staff the library. More branches means construction costs. And though our budget has grown as a result of people moving into the area, our costs have also grown as inflation and other costs continue to go up. As one example, I remember the cost for our Integrated library "computer" system was \$23K when I started in 2013, and it's almost \$40K today. Part of that increase comes from new features, like the ability to pay bills online, but more costs more. Though we are the 5th largest library in the state, we are #16 on our tax rate. Low taxes are good, as it keeps our taxpayer's financial burdens low, but it also means we are not able to offer everything another library could that has a much higher tax rate.

I'm not saying more is not an option. We are saving for a new library, we are considering more time with books, we are working on more options that make it easier, like automatic renewals. Just have patience with us as we juggle the costs

with our quality service goals.

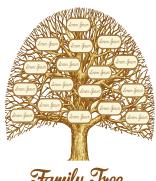
And on that note, allow me to introduce Alan Anderson as the Interim Director for the library system. He has been the assistant director for almost 15 years. He knows the library, is focused on customer service, and I believe has the skills to be a force for good in the library.

Peace Out! I hope to see ya around, as I visit the library with you in a patron role.

Joel E. Tucker, Director Washington County Library System

## Family History Month @ Your Library

October is designated in many countries as "Family History Month," and genealogists everywhere have adopted the month as their own. Whether you're new to genealogy, or have devoted a lifetime to it, celebrate Family History Month @ your library! Your reference librarians can direct you to many historical documents located in our special collections, assist you in searching for records, and guide you to online resources.



Family Tree

Do you know that your library card is your passport to Heritage Quest® Online? The Heritage Quest Database is provided to Washington County patrons as a service by the Washington County Library System. Heritage Quest Online provides genealogical and historical sources for more than 60 countries, with coverage dating back as early as the 1700s. Heritage Quest is a collection of five core data sets: U.S. Federal Censuses, Genealogy and local history books, Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Revolutionary War records, and Freedman's Bank Records. Links to the U.S. Congressional Serial Set record are also available through the site.

Each of these data sets are rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and can be searched from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

So find out where your heritage begins by using Heritage Quest Online. It delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources— and with coverage dating back to the 1700s— it will help you find your ancestors and discover the roots of your family tree!

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For kids, trick or treating is one of the best times of the year. You get to be a zombie, or a superhero, or an adorable puppy, and people give you FREE CANDY. What's not to love? For adults, trick or treating is maybe not as fun. You either have to shepherd your Halloween-crazed kids around the neighborhood, or hang out at your house and pass out candy while trying to come up with suitably praiseful comments on your neighbors' Halloween costumes. The least the library can do is provide you with some great DVDs to watch while you wait for those inevitable doorbell rings on October 31st. Here are a few recent ones you can try:

### **MOVIES**

- ABANDONED
- ALI & AVA
- ELVIS (Austin Butler version)
- FORGIVEN (Ralph Fiennes version)
- PURSUIT OF LOVE
- SNIPER, THE WHITE RAVEN
- WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

#### **TELEVISION**

- COBRA KAI SEASON 4
- FATHER BROWN SEASON 9
- FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC:
- THE ORIGIN
- GUILT SEASON 2
- LUCIFER SEASON 6
- MAGNUM P.I. SEASON 4 (Jay Hernandez version)
- SEAL TEAM SEASON 5

Unlike the stash of Halloween candy that you'll have to buy this year (or multiple stashes, if you have that perfectly understandable tendency to eat all the chocolate before October 31st), DVDs are FREE to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. So drop by the library and pick up some DVDs for your Halloween evening. And if you say "trick or treat" to us while checking out, we definitely won't mind.

# Haunting Children's Books for Halloween

Halloween is a celebrated time for children and adults, and here are some stories that will bring excitement in anticipation of this fun holiday!:

Preschool - Early Elementary:
The Little Ghost Who Lost Her Boo by Elaine Bickell
Halloween is Coming by Cal Everett
Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds
At the Old Haunted House by Helen Ketteman
Crankenstein by Samantha Berger

Tween and Teen:
Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Nightbooks by J.A. White
The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

There are many more spooky and creepy stories available for all ages at the Library! Happy Haunting!

## **Employee Spotlight**

It is my pleasure to present Truli Wright as the library spotlight for September 2022. Heavy sigh, alligator tears, my last one, but what a great one to end on...

As the only children's clerk in the system, Truli has really stepped up and done a great job in making the library a great place to visit for the kiddos. She joined the library team in



2021, and has conducted engaging story times to children and toddlers, presented art club activities, supported the librarian with bulletin board presentations, and worked the children's desk at the St. George branch.

She has jumped into library work with both feet, and has a fantastic, positive attitude. She loves to sing with the children and adds a flair to the stories she reads. Coming out of COVID she has really helped to build back our munchkin participation and make those children feel comfortable in the library. A few examples of the art club projects she has overseen include: making marionette puppets, kites, and masks. She brings excitement and energy to the programming she is involved with, and the children respond well to her positivity.

Outside the library she enjoys spending time with her husband, Jake. She has spent time in Peru and speaks Spanish. She genuinely shows interest in patrons and enjoys helping them. Her skills and knowledge are an asset to the library. Above all she is a charming person, friendly, and if I might say (wink/wink), the Truli Wright choice for my final spotlight (sorry, I couldn't help myself, LOL)! Congratulate Truli when you get the chance!

- Joel Tucker,

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

### FICTION:

1. Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks

2. Fairy Tale by Stephen King

3. The Bullet That Missed by Richard Osman

4. Blowback by James Patterson & Brendan DuBois

5. Lucy By The Sea by Elizabeth Strout

6. The Butcher and the Wren by Alaina Urguhart

7. Vince Flynn: Oath of Loyalty by Kyle Mills

8. All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers with Alex Kiester

 Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 Less is Lost by Andres Sean Greer

### NONFICTION:

1. I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennett McCurdy

2. The Divider by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser

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3. Starry Messenger

by Neil deGrasse Tyson 4. Dinners With Ruth

by Nina Totenberg

5. What If?2

by Randall Munroe

6. The Myth of Normal by Gabor Mate with Daniel Mate

7. The Mosquito Bowl by Buzz Bissinger

8. Solito

by Javier Zamora

9. Like A Rolling Stone

by Jann S. Wenner

10. Breaking History by Jared Kushner

## **Library Programs and Events**

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays-Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am Mondays & Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons Gathering 5:00 pm Monday, Oct. 3 - Young Adult Book Club 4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 5 & 19 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 5 - County Commissioner Town Hall 5:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 6 - Science Club 2:00 pm Friday, Oct. 7 - Readers' Circle Book Club 3:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12 & 26 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 20 - Art Club 2:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Story Time Halloween Party 10:30 & 11:30 am

### Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Baby Story Time 11:00 am Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am Fridays - Spanish Story Times 10:30 am Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm Friday, Oct. 14 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 20 - Homeschoolers at the Library 1:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 20 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm Friday, Oct. 21 - Teen Halloween Party 3:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat Halloween Party 4:00 - 6:00 pm

#### St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am Mondays- Afternoon Story Time 1:00 pm Wednesdays - 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, Oct. 3 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 4 & 18 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 6 - Adult Program - Apothecary Bottles 6:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 13 - Teen Craft Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 20 - Bookworms of the Bygone 3:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 20 - "The Mummy" movie and Costume

Contest - for ages 13 and up 6:00 pm

Monday, Oct. 31 - Children's Halloween Party 3:30 - 5:30 pm

### **Enterprise Branch**

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm Fridays - Movie Matinees 1:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 6 & 20 - Service Club 11:00 am Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Trunk or Treat 10:00 am Oct. 27 - Oct. 31 - Spook Alley Open Daily

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### New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm Mondays-Lego Club 4:00 pm Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 6 & 20 - Pilates Stretch 11:00 am Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Friday, Oct. 14 - Book Club 1:00 pm Friday, Oct. 14 - Teen Fall Frenzy 2:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am Wed.-Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am Thursday, Oct. 6 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm Monday, Oct. 3 - Library Techies 2:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Home School Program 1:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Teen Event 4:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 13 & 27 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Teen Event 4:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 20 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 25 - Adult Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 26-Teen Event 4:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 27 - Halloween Carnival - All day

#### Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesday, Oct. 5 - YA Book Club 5:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 11, 18 & 25 - Youth Explorers 4:00 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Teen Pumpkin Carving 5:00 pm Saturday, Oct. 15 - Story Time at Cherish Families 10:00 am Saturday, Oct. 15 - Anime Club 2:15 pm Wednesday, Oct. 19 - YA Book & Movie Event 5:00 pm Saturday, Oct. 22 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm Thursday, Oct. 27 - Adult Yoga 5:30 pm

### Springdale Branch

Öctober - Fall Mini-art show Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Book Club 11:30 am Friday, Oct. 14 - Murder Mystery Party for Adults 6:00 pm Friday, Oct. 21 - Junior Adventure Club - Halloween Luminary Jars (at Springdale Elementary) 12:00 pm Saturday, Oct. 29 - Halloween Snow Globe Craft at the Rockville Community Center 3:00 pm



The Washington County Library System will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

