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Message From The Director

January signals a new year. Traditionally, new goals and new objectives come with the change of the calendar. Goals for all of us take many shapes and the Library System is here to support you with your goals.

If you want items on your goal topics, we have them! One you may want to consider is Stephan Covey's book titled, "First Things First: to Live, to Love, to Learn, to Leave a Legacy". Another popular first of the year goal is weight loss, and while I don't have a specific title to recommend, a simple search of the catalog will yield 337 items under the heading of "weight loss". Exercise is another related topic that comes up in goals we often set, and in this category there are so many choices. In fact, we have 75 subject heading just under exercise and broken out into sub-topics. That doesn't even consider related topics like weight lifting, running, and a myriad of sports all related to exercise. Shifting gears to other types of learning and development, I recently helped a fellow who wanted books with patterns to make his grandchildren wooden toys - the library has those as well!

In pointing this out, I wish to celebrate the staff and their hard work. In life, like the library, we work with limited resources: time, money, and space. Before the library even gets new material in the door, we have those who work to select good offerings. While there is a lot of material out there, the library doesn't have space or money for it all. The library has staff that try to sift through and choose the best items for us. We have staff that prepares the materials for use once it arrives. We have staff who catalog the item so it can be found by highlight key words like author, title, and subject. Then we have staff to help find it on the shelf if needed, and check it out. We have staff who are out



front that you see daily, and other in the background which you may seldom see.

Altogether, they harmonize and make the Library System run. I also wish to celebrate you- our great patrons who make it all worth the effort. Happy New Year!

Alan Anderson, Director Washington County Library System

Libraries Provide Access to All

Our local libraries today are more than just books. From teaching critical literacy skills, promoting entrepreneurship, providing internet and wifi access, and making techological resources such as 3D printers, laser engravers, audio/video equipment, and even embroidery machines available to our patrons, the library strives provide access to materials that may not be available otherwise.

The mission statement of the Washington County Library System states "The Washington County Library System provides staff, collections, physical and virtual spaces that promote ideas, inspire lifelong learning, and strengthen communities."

It is with these ideals in mind that the Library staff moves forward and provides open access to all of the resources available in the Library System. We endeavor make the best use of the budgetary resources available to curate the highest quality resources for the patrons in our community.

The library serves the total community by providing free and open access to information in a multitude of formats. Care is taken to provide materials to enlighten, educate and entertain all of the residents of the county, regardless of age, race, citizenship, economic status, religion, or level of ability.

In the coming year and those that follow, the Library System



will continue our focus on building resources for all of our citizens by providing the best services, programming, and materials available for all of the citizens of Washington County.

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What was that thing that just rushed past? Could it have been...2022? Despite how quickly it seemed to go by, last year was full of events and many moments enjoy. And to help you enjoy ushering in 2023, here are some of the DVDs that came out recently that you can check out:

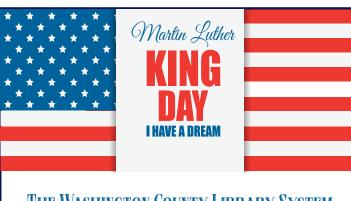
MOVIES

- · BANSHEES OF INISHERIN
- CALL Jane
- LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE
- SLASH/BACK
- SECRET HEADOUARTERS
- THE CROWDS
- PARADISE CITY
- LAST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD

TELEVISION

- · HOUSE OF THE DRAGON SEASON 1
- REACHER SEASON 1
- SEASON OF THE OSPREY
- SAVING VENICE:NOVA
- NATIONAL PARKS: BEYOND HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM
 - · HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: YOUTH MENTAL ILLNESS

And just because it's a new year doesn't mean we've changed how we check out DVDs: as always, they're FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So, if you've missed seeing some of the most popular movies, make a resolution to come by the library and take some home!



THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16^{th} in OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

Employee Spotlight

It is my pleasure to present Jessica Mercer as the December Employee Spotlight. Jessica has worked for the Library System since September of 2021, and is a valued member of the Technical Services Department.

We see her quality control and attention to detail displayed on our shelves each day through new items rolling out for use by



the public. Coming out of COVID and the St. George branch flood, her help was instrumental in reapplying the workflow for processing. This past year, by her own directive, she implemented a new process each month which assisted Tech Services in expediting mending on priority items (i.e. patron holds). When a second hand is needed, she graciously volunteers for the unboxing and inventorying of new arrivals. She is a self-starter and gravitates to more job responsibility, and we are glad to have her on staff at the library.

Jessica grew up in Washington State. She has an Associates of Fine Arts degree from SFCC. She has the eagerness to learn new things. She enjoys spending time with family and often spends weekends playing video games.

Above all, she is a friendly communicator and listener and a great employee. Thank you, Jessica, for your many contributions to the Library System, and congratulations!

> - Alan Anderson, Director

New York Times Best Sellers -Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

- 1. Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- 2. Fairy Tale
- by Stephen King
- 3. The Boys From Biloxi by John Grisham
- 4. Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks
- 5. Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
- 6. Triple Cross
- by James Patterson 7. Mad Honey by Jodi
- Picoult and Jennifer Brown 8. Tom Clancy:Red Winter
- by Marc Cameron
- 9. A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny 10. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin.

NONFICTION:

- 1. The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama
- 2. I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jenette McCurdy
- 3. Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing by Matthew Perry
- 4. Surrender by Bono
- 5. The Revolutionary by Stacy Schiff
- 6. And There Was Light by Jon Meacham
- 7. An Immense World by Ed Yong
- 8. The Philosophy of Modern Song by Bob Dylan
- 9. Radio's Greatest Of All Time by Rush Limbaugh with Kathryn and David Limbaugh 10. So Help Me God by Mike Pence

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
Thursday, Jan. 5 - Science Club 4:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 6 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 4 & 18 - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 4 & 18 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 12 & 26 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 11 & 25 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Baby Story Time 11:00 am (No story time on 1/16)
Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm
Thursdays - Yahweh Yoga for Seniors 10:30 am
Fridays - Spanish Story Times 10:30 am
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 6 - Drawing Class for Adults 4:00 pm
Monday, Jan. 9 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 13 - Art 4 Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 26 - Homeschoolers at the Library 1:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 1:00 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
Thursday, Jan. 5 - Libby Class 6:00 pm
Monday, Jan. 9 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Harry Potter Trivia Night 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10 & 24 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 - Bookworms of the Bygone 3:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 26 - History of Zion & Bryce Canyons 6:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wed., Thurs., Fri. - Story Time by Request Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Book Club 11:30 am Thursday, Jan. 26 - Adult Paint Night 6:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 28 - Kid's Art Book Club 1:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm Mondays- Lego Club 4:00 pm Tuesdays - Sit N' Stitch 2:00 pm Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Thursday, Jan. 5 & 19 - Pilates Stretch 11:00 am Friday, Jan. 13 - Teen Diamond Painting 2:00 pm Friday, Jan. 20 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am (No Story Time Dec. 27-30)
Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 5 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Monday, Jan. 9 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Home School @ the Library 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Teen Program 4:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Open Music Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Teen Program 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Booklanders Book Club 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Tuesdays, Jan. 3,10,17 & 24 - Youth Explorers 1:00 pm Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Young Adult Book Club - 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 12 & 26 - Adult Yoga 5:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 14 - Story Time @ Cherish Families 10:00 am Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Teen Craft 5:00 pm Saturday, Jan. 21 - Anime Club 2:15 pm Wed. Jan. 25 - Young Adult Book Club Movie 4:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 28 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm Fridays - Movie Matinees 1:00 pm Thursday, Jan. 5 & 19 - Service Club 11:00 am

Explore New Resources At Your Library

When they think about the library, most people already know they have books, but are you aware of the other cool stuff you can do as a library card holder? How about a telescope to watch meteor showers, yoga classes, learning new languages, and free Wi-Fi and Internet.

Yes, all that and more is right at your fingertips. Do you want to create a new gadget but don't have the tech? Visit one of the Makerspaces and you can learn to use the 3D printer, laser cutter or CNC machine and make your own customized items.



Do you want to explore new realities? Try out a pair of the virtual reality goggles for the ultimate VR experience. These are just a few of the resources available at your library!

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