

## Message From The Director

Christmas – Wonder

From the perspective of an adult, Christmas seems to roll around the calendar faster every year; but as a child it seemed to take forever. December is upon us and like many things, it is best viewed through the eyes of a child. The magic of Christmas and all the wonder of the season, along with the greatest excitements, can be found best in the simple joys of life.

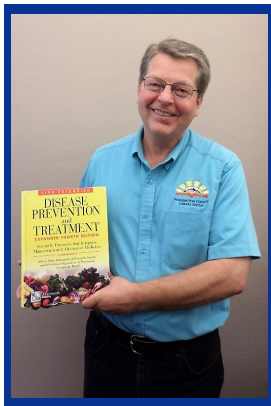
The library, much like Christmas, is best discovered by young children, so bring your child to the library! One product the library has provided for years are read-a-longs for beginning readers. Long ago they were on vinyl 45s with a book; next were audio cassettes and a book; then CD's still with a book.

Now you may wonder why I am telling you this. This month we are buying a new product that will soon find their way onto our shelves by January. Along with the wonder of the season at Christmas, we are introducing WonderBooks. They are a book with an embedded audio player, or an updated read-a-long.

Trends in the world around us are ever in motion. Some things seem to be falling to the wayside on a regular basis. We see more children losing a love for reading. Worse yet, some never discover a love of reading, or not even being introduced to the magical imagination-expanding worlds of reading or discovery. We need balance in life to be well-rounded.

Reading seems to be relegated to the back seat and suffers from too much electronic time. In the modern world we all tend to be a little over-programmed; even children. Every day at the library can be like Christmas morning as you discover new books, old newspapers, magazines, DVDs, electronic books, Play-a-ways, databases, and the list goes on.

Come check out a new WonderBook. We thank parents and grandparents for helping children discover the library. We thank our patrons old and young, and hope you find some of the simple joys of life this Christmas season. Merry Christmas from the library!




Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System

## Holiday Movies @ Your Library

It's that time of the year again~ the holiday season is upon us, and with it comes merriment, joy, gift-giving, family, and friends. As you gather with family and friends, enjoy some of our favorite holiday movies that are available @ your library:

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946)** ~ Director Frank Capra's classic tale of George Bailey, a desperate man who is visited by an angel who shows him how important one life can be.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL** ~ Charles Dickens tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, who thinks Christmas is humbug until he is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Available in many animated and live action versions.

**A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983)** ~ This movie follows the exploits of Ralphie Parker, who dreams of getting a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Based on the writings of Jean Shepherd.

**ELF (2003)** ~ Will Ferrell plays the part of Buddy, a toddler who was accidentally brought to the North Pole and raised among Santa's elves, who finds his real father in New York City and infuses those he meets with the spirit of Christmas.

**THE POLAR EXPRESS (2004)** ~ Based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, this is the story of a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary trip to the North Pole and learns that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

**HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS** ~ The classic story by Dr. Seuss is available in the original animated version (1966), as well as the live action movie (2000), and the newest animated version "The Grinch", which was released in 2019. Find out how the mean, green Grinch finds the spirit of Christmas.



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## Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Danielle Hamilton as the employee spotlight for November!

Danielle started at the Santa Clara Branch Library back in May 2022 as a substitute, and was later hired as a library clerk. Danielle is a bright, energetic person with an infectious smile and positive attitude that she shares with patrons and staff alike. She is always cheerful and eager to help wherever she can in the library.



Currently, Danielle is responsible for the various lists: Lost, Missing, Claimed Returned, Trace... etc. She tracks down these items throughout the library and ensures that found items are properly processed and sent to their respective locations. Danielle has also taken on the responsibility of the end caps, choosing a monthly theme for the displays, and ensuring that there are replacements readily available for display. She is always willing to sit in on a program or help out with a program where needed.

Danielle is the eldest of two children. Her brother is currently in naval school. Danielle feels that interacting with the patrons, especially seeing them get so excited for their holds to come in is one of her favorite parts of circulation itself. Her co-workers/the staff are what makes her the happiest. Danielle is so grateful she works with such a great and supportive group of people. Danielle specifically loves the Santa Clara Library's annual Trunk or Treat event is always a fun highlight.

Danielle's favorite thing about living in Southern Utah is the community. Some of the sweetest, kindest people she's ever met can be found through those library doors, in the schools, out running errands, etc. It's always the first thing she likes to tell people who come in to visit.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director

## Holiday Books for Children

December holds many holidays that celebrate different traditions, religions, and cultures. Here are a few of our favorite books that will help evoke holiday nostalgia and fun:

### Early Readers

❄️ *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola

❄️ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss

❄️ *Lil' Rabbits Kwanza* by Donna Washington

❄️ *The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol* by Arthur Levine

❄️ *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg

### Chapter Books

❄️ *A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig

❄️ *Deck the Halls We're Off the Walls* by Dan Gutman

❄️ *The Last Holiday Concert* by Andrew Clements

❄️ *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco

❄️ *The Story of Hanukkah* by Bobbi Katz



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

### FICTION:

1. *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
2. *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
3. *The Exchange* by John Grisham
4. *Inheritance* by Nora Roberts
5. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
6. *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom
7. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
8. *Holly* by Stephen King
9. *Alex Cross Must Die* by James Patterson
10. *The Edge* by David Baldacci

### NONFICTION:

1. *The Woman in Me* by Britney Spears
2. *Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing* by Matthew Perry
3. *My Name is Barbra* by Barbra Streisand
4. *The Wager* by David Grann
5. *Prequel* by Rachel Maddow
6. *Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson
7. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy
8. *Ghosts of Honolulu* by Mark Harmon and Leon Carrol Jr.
9. *My Effin' Life* by Geddy Lee with Daniel Richler
10. *Behind the Seams* by Dolly Parton and Holly George-Warren



Ho, Ho, hold on - the holidays are already here! That means it's time to rewatch some of the holiday classics and new movies available at the library! Whether you have the hankering for a romcom like "While You Were Sleeping", or a heartwarming story like "It's a Wonderful Life", there are plenty of your favorite holiday movies waiting for you to check out! If you want something fresh to view, here are some new movies and TV shows that you can check out and enjoy with your family and friends:

### MOVIES

- Hannukah on Rye
- Holiday Stocking
- I Heard the Bells
- Oppenheimer (Cillian Murphy version)
- Shawn the Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas

### TELEVISION

- For All Mankind - Season 1
- South Park - Season 26
- Justified: City Primeval - Season 1
- Thomas and Friends: All Engines Go: Off the Rails!

With the holiday season, we know your budgets are tight, and just like Santa, we don't charge for our gifts. DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. Drop in after you've gone Christmas shopping, or before you head out to that holiday party, and take home some great DVDs!



## Library Programs and Events

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Mondays & Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Magic Cards 5:00 pm  
Friday, December 1 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 6 - Teen Time 3:30 pm  
Thursday, December 7 - Science Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 12 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 13 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, December 14 & 28 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 19 - Children's Christmas Party 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Wednesday, December 20 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 3:30 pm  
Thursday, December 21 - Reading with Molly and Friends 4:00 pm

### Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Story Time for Toddlers 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Tuesdays - Family Play Group 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - Story Time for 4s & 5s 10:30 & 11:30 am  
\*No story times Dec. 20 - 27<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday - Teens After School 3:00 pm  
Thursdays - Baby Story Time 11:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm  
Thursday, December 7 - Sensory Sensitive Story Time 10:30 am  
Friday, December 8 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm  
Monday, December 11 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 12 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Friday, December 15 - Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club\* 3:00 pm  
\*Registration is required  
Tuesday, December 19 - Teen Paint Night 3:00 pm  
Thursday, December 21 - Frosty's Winter Solstice 3:00 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  
Friday, December 1 - Create Your Plate Story Time 11:00 am  
Saturdays - Dec. 2 & 9 Movie Matinee 2:00 pm  
Monday, December 4 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 5 & 19 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, December 7 - Southern Utah Cotton Mission 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 12 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 12 & 26 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, December 14 - Adult Christmas Craft 6:00 pm  
\*Registration Required  
Saturday, December 16 - Children's Christmas Party 1:00 & 2:30 pm  
\*Spaces are limited, registration is required

## Library Programs and Events

### New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:15 am  
Thursdays - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Friday, December 1 - Christmas Workshop 1:00 pm  
Friday, December 15 - Novel Ideas Book Club 1:00 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wed.- Fri. - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesday December 6 - Nerd Herd - Books & Blankets 4:00 pm  
Thursday, December 7 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 13 - Teen Music Bingo 4:00 pm  
Monday, December 14 - Library Techies 2:00 pm  
Thursday, December 14 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 20 - Teen Holiday Party 4:00 pm  
Thursday, December 21 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 26 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 27 - Teen Game Day 4:00 pm

### Hildale Branch

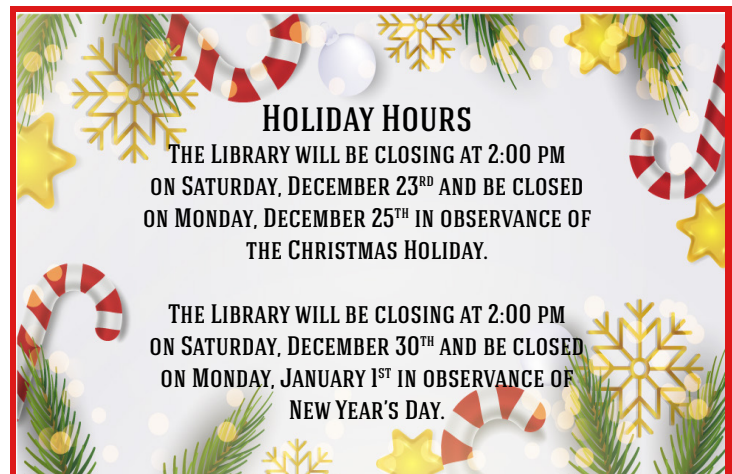
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesday, November 8 - Teen Event - Mini-Canvas Painting 3:00 & 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 5 - Knitting Workshop 2:00 pm  
Friday, December 8 - STEM Club 1:00 pm  
Monday, December 11 - Lego Club 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 12 - Christmas Bingo 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 19 - Christmas Celebration 5:00 pm

### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 20 - Cowboy Christmas Party 5:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Adult Dungeons & Dragons 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 13 - Book Club 11:30 am  
Thursday, December 7 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 27 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, December 28 - Library Paint Night 5:00 pm



**HOLIDAY HOURS**  
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSING AT 2:00 PM  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF  
THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSING AT 2:00 PM  
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AND BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF  
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

# December 2023

**1**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Spanish Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Christmas Workshop  
Hurricane Library  
3:00 pm Readers' Circle Book Club

**2**

Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Tai Chi  
St. George Library  
2:00 pm Movie Matinee  
Springdale Library  
2:30 pm Adult Dungeons & Dragons

**3**

**4**

St. George Library  
11:30 am Spanish Story Time  
1:00 pm Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Washington Library  
2:00 pm Library Techies  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers

**5**

Washington Library  
10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
1:00 pm USU Holiday Nutrition Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Arts & Crafts Club for Kids  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
St. George Library  
4:30 pm Science Club for Kids  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Family Play Group

**6**

St. George Library  
10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Teen Nerf Herd  
Hildale Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
3:00 & 4:30 pm Teen Mini Paintings  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
3:30 pm Teen Time  
5:00 D&D and Magic Cards  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Enterprise Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
3:00 pm After School Activities  
New Harmony Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for 4s & 5s  
3:00 pm Teens After School  
Springdale Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Tween Book Club

**7**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
6:00 pm So. Utah Cotton Mission  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Coding Club  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Science Club  
Santa Clara Library  
11:30 am Baby Story Time  
4:00 pm Chess Club  
New Harmony Library  
11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
4:00 pm Lego Club  
Springdale Library  
5:00 pm Jr. D&D Club

**10**

St. George Library  
11:30 am Spanish Story Time  
1:00 pm Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Washington Library  
2:00 pm Library Techies  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers  
4:00 pm Lego Club

**11**

St. George Library  
11:30 am Spanish Story Time  
1:00 pm Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Washington Library  
2:00 pm Library Techies  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers  
4:00 pm Lego Club

**12**

Washington Library  
10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Art & Craft Club  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Family Play Group  
3:30 pm Chapter One Book Club  
St. George Library  
2:30 Pageturners Book Club  
4:30 pm Art Club for Kids  
Hildale Library  
5:00 pm Christmas Carol Bingo

**13**

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 - Music Bingo  
Hildale Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
3:30 pm Crochet Club  
5:00 D&D and Magic Cards  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
New Harmony Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Springdale Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
11:30 am Book Club  
Enterprise Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
3:00 pm After School Activities  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for 4s & 5s  
3:00 pm Teens After School

**14**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
3:00 Bookworms of the Bygone  
6:00 pm Adult Christmas Craft  
\*Registration required  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:30 pm Book Ends Book Club  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Lego Club  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
11:30 am Baby Story Time  
4:00 pm Chess Club  
New Harmony Library  
11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
4:00 pm Lego Club

**15**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Spanish Story Time  
3:00 pm Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club \*registration required  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Novel Ideas Book Club  
Hildale Library  
12:00 pm Sweet Reads Book Club and Movie

**16**

Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Tai Chi  
St. George Library  
1:00 pm Children's Christmas Party  
2:30 pm Children's Christmas Party  
Hildale Library  
2:15 pm Anime Club  
Springdale Library  
2:30 pm Adult Dungeons & Dragons

**17**

St. George Library  
11:30 am Spanish Story Time  
1:00 pm Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers

**18**

St. George Library  
11:30 am Spanish Story Time  
1:00 pm Story Time  
New Harmony Library  
1:00 pm Adult Art Class  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 & 11:30 am Story Time for Toddlers

**19**

Washington Library  
10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
6:00 pm Open Music Night  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Kid's Christmas Party  
11:30 am Kid's Christmas Party  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Family Play Group  
3:00 pm Teen Holiday Paint Night  
Hildale Library  
5:00 pm Christmas Party  
St. George Library  
4:30 pm Science Club for Kids

**20**

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- Holiday Party  
Hildale Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
3:30 pm Jr. D&D  
5:00 D&D and Magic Cards  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
New Harmony Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Enterprise Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
3:00 pm After School Activities  
5:00 pm Cowboy Christmas Party  
Springdale Library  
10:30 am Story Time

**21**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
3:00 Bookworms of the Bygone  
5:00 pm Teen Night  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:30 pm Book Ends Book Club  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Reading with Molly & Friends  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
3:00 pm Frosty's Winter Solstice  
4:00 pm Chess Club  
New Harmony Library  
11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
4:00 pm Lego Club

**22**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time

**23**

Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Tai Chi  
Hildale Branch  
12:00 pm Movie Matinee  
Springdale Library  
2:30 pm Adult Dungeons & Dragons

**24** / **31**

The Library System will be closed on December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday

**25**

Washington Library  
10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
2:00 pm Arts & Crafts Club  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Family Play Group  
Hildale Library  
2:00 pm Youth Explorers  
St. George Library  
4:30 pm Art Club for Kids

**26**

Washington Library  
10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time  
2:00 pm Arts & Crafts Club  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Family Play Group  
Hildale Library  
2:00 pm Youth Explorers  
St. George Library  
4:30 pm Art Club for Kids

**27**

St. George Library  
10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time- Game Day  
4:00 pm Teen Event  
Hildale Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
5:00 D&D and Magic Cards  
6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
New Harmony Library  
11:00 am Story Time  
Springdale Library  
10:30 am Story Time

**28**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
5:30 pm Adult Christmas Karaoke  
Hurricane Library  
10:30 am Story Time  
4:00 pm Lego Club  
7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons  
Santa Clara Library  
4:00 pm Chess Club  
New Harmony Library  
11:15 am Adult Exercise Class  
4:00 pm Lego Club  
Springdale Library  
5:00 pm Adult Paint Night

**29**

St. George Library  
11:00 am Toddler Time  
Washington Library  
10:30 am Story Time

**30**

Santa Clara Library  
10:30 am Tai Chi  
Hildale Branch  
12:00 pm Movie Matinee  
Springdale Library  
2:30 pm Adult Dungeons & Dragons