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Message From The Director

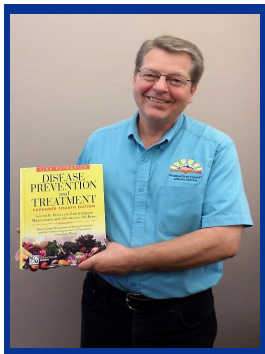
Summer & June are Both Here

At the library there is a lot going on in June: An American Revolution Display provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution and Summer Reading with fun & prizes.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have worked hard to obtain and provide an educational exhibit of high quality. "The American Revolution Experience...a quest to connect modern audiences with the fascinating story of our nation's origin. The American Revolution Experience will travel to scores of libraries, historical societies and museums through 2025, introducing visitors to a cast of historical characters with diverse experiences throughout the conflict and the places they visited on their journey. This innovative pop-up exhibition includes display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology and unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation." (see, <https://www.battlefields.org/american-revolution-experience-traveling-exhibit-tour>)

Do you want to have some fun? Do you want to win prizes? Summer Reading is kicking off, and running in June and July. You can participate in: the main event, the focal point, the hub of library activity, the nucleus, the experience! Call it what you want, Summer Reading is the big dance for the library. We invest time, energy, and hope into this annual event. We do things all year long, but this really is the chance to have fun and get something back on your reading investment. In fact in each category—Children, Teen, and Adult—you have the opportunity to be entered into a finisher prize drawing. This year adults, teens, and children who finish may win in the drawing some major prizes or gift cards.

If you have never participated, try it out. It is easy and fun. If you have questions, any library staff member can direct you to information and help you get started. They can also extol the virtues of reading and participating. In case the above didn't convince you and you need more: "Research shows us that summer reading programs really do improve kids' reading skills and increase their desire to read. Additionally, according to the School Library Journal, those who participate not only mitigate any summer learning loss, but they even show gains. (See, <https://scholarwithin.com/6-benefits-of-summer-reading-programs/>)" Remember, the earlier you start this program the more you can potentially win, so time is really on your side at whatever age or stage of life. Enjoy!!



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System



Summer Reading @ Your Library!

*Dive into a summer adventure
with the Washington County
Library System!*

We're excited to invite you to join this year's Summer Reading Program, where imagination, creativity, and curiosity come alive! As a proud member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), we're bringing you high-quality reading fun for kids, tweens, teens, and adults—and the best part? It's all FREE!

This year's theme is "Color Our World", with exciting programs that celebrate art, exploration, and bold new ideas. Whether you're discovering new stories or creating your own, there's something for everyone!

Why Read This Summer?

- Boost School Success – Summer readers return to school ready to shine.
- Prevent the "Summer Slide" – Keep those reading skills strong and sharp.
- Lifelong Joy – Reading fuels creativity and boosts brain power at every age.

Reading is a screen-free, feel-good activity for the whole family. Plus, we've got exciting events, challenges, and activities happening at all eight library branches throughout the summer.

Finish Strong, Win Big!

Everyone who completes all 8 weeks will be entered to win amazing prizes! Kids can win passes to House of Jump, Confetti Kids, and more. Teens can score Amazon gift cards. Adults could win an iPad or Kindle Fire!

How to Join the Fun - Sign up at your local library or register online at: <http://washcolibrary.readsquared.com>

Let your summer sparkle with creativity, curiosity, and color. Let's Color Our World—together at your library!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present John Bishop as the employee spotlight for May.

We're pleased to shine the spotlight on John Bishop, custodian at the Washington Branch of the Washington County Library System. John began his library journey at the Santa Clara Branch before moving to Washington over two years ago. His reliability, strong work ethic, and efficient communication have made him a valued part of the team. Each morning, thanks to John, the library is clean, safe, and ready to welcome patrons.

John brings a wealth of experience from his full-time role as a Maintenance Supervisor with the Washington County School District. His deep knowledge of cleaning products and techniques, combined with a proactive approach to problem-solving, ensures the facility stays in excellent condition. From tough stains to daily upkeep, John handles it all with expertise and dedication.

Outside of work, John is a family man who enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, and spending time at the lake. He's mechanically inclined, often found fixing cars or helping neighbors with theirs. With a blended family of nine children, he values faith, family, and community. His current goal? Be a good husband—because as John says, "happy wife, happy life."

- Alan Anderson,
Director



New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *The Knight and the Moth* by Rachel Gillig
2. *Nightshade* by Michael Connelly
3. *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry
4. *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong
5. *Shield of Sparrows* by Devney Perry
6. *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman
7. *The Love Haters* by Katherine Center
8. *Onyx Storm* by Rebecca Yarros
9. *A Curse Carved in Bone* by Danielle L. Jensen
10. *James* by Percival Everett

NONFICTION:

1. *Original Sin* by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson
2. *Uncommon Favor* by Dawn Staley
3. *Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow
4. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
5. *Apple in China* by Patrick McGee
6. *Who Knew* by Barry Diller
7. *Big Dumb Eyes* by Nate Bargatze
8. *Abundance* by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson
9. *Is A River Alive?* by Robert Macfarlane
10. *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green



Kick Back with a Summer Flick—For Free!

School's out, the temps are rising, and summer fun is just beginning! Whether you're cooling off after a day at the park, celebrating Father's Day with a movie marathon, or simply looking for a rainy-day escape, your library has you covered. Check out the latest titles @ your library:

MOVIES

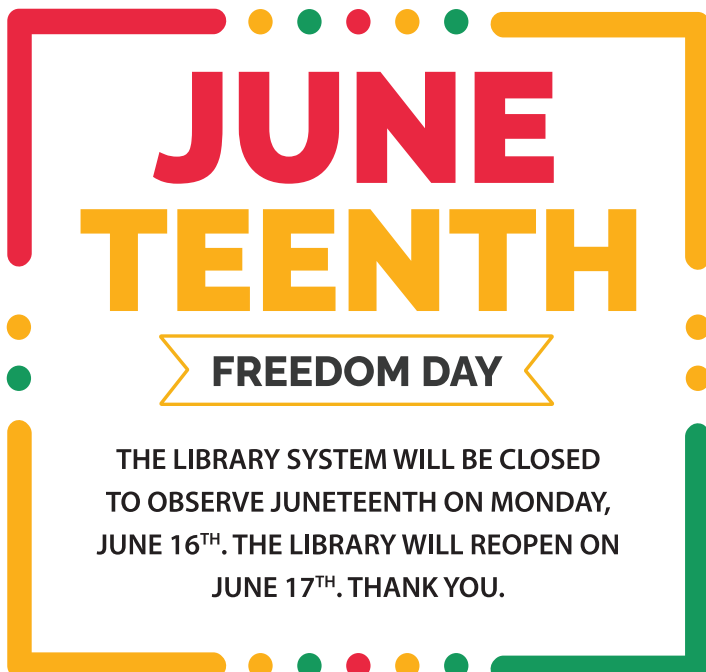
- Alto Knights
- Day the Earth Blew Up
- Into The Deep
- Last Supper
- Paradox Effect
- Presence
- Magazine Dreams

TELEVISION

- Outlander - Season 7
- Marie Antoinette- Season 2
- Father Brown - Season 2
- Re- The Complete Series
- Testament: The Parables Retold

With your library card, you can check out the latest DVDs and TV shows—completely FREE! From blockbuster hits to binge-worthy series, there's something for every age and every summer mood.

Don't forget—watching stories unfold on screen counts toward your summer self care goals, too! So grab some popcorn, pick a title, and let your summer adventures begin—on the page and on the screen!



Library Programs and Events

Enterprise Branch

Wed., June 4 - Summer Reading Kick-Off Party 10:30 am
Wed., June 11 - Summer Reading "Mad Science" 10:30 am
Wed., June 11 - Youth Summer Reading "Cooking" 3:00 pm
Friday, June 13 - Make Musical Instruments 12:15 pm
Friday, June 13 - Music with Dave Hunt 1:00 pm
Wed., June 18 - TBA 10:30 am
Wed., June 18 - USU Extension Office 3:00 pm
Monday, June 23 - Moon Tree Activity with SUU 3:00 pm
Wed., June 25 - Color Our World with Art 10:30 am
Wed., June 25 - SUU Animal Ambassadors 3:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Monday, June 2 - LEGO Club 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 3 - Kids Summer Reading- Magic Show 11:00 am
Wed., June 4 - Teen Rock Painting 3:00 pm
Wed., June 4 - Anime Club 4:45 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Kids Summer Reading - Bubble Bonanza 11:00 am
Wed., June 11 - Teens Summer Reading - 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Adult Summer Reading Edible Art 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 17 - Kids Summer Reading - Pollinators 11:00 am
Wed., June 18 - Teen Summer Reading -Book Covers 3:00 pm
Monday, June 23 - Adult Summer Reading - Paint Night 5:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - Kids Summer Reading - Water Balloons 11:00 am
Wed., June 25 - Teen Summer Reading - Alcohol Ink Coasters 3:00 pm

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Summer Story Time 10:30 am
Tuesday, June 3 - Max the Magician 10:30 am & 12:00 pm
Tues., June 3 and Wed. June 4 - Junior Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 5 - St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site 4:00 pm
Monday, June 9 - Teen Mario Kart Tournament 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Mad Scientist 10:30 & 11:30 am
Wed., June 11 & 25 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, June 12 & 26 - LEGO Club 4:00 pm
Friday, June 13 - Readers' Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Tuesday, June 17 - Home Depot 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tues., June 17 and Wed. June 18- Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - S&S Reptiles 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tuesday, June 24 - Teen Art Thief Escape Room 4:00 pm
Friday, June 27 - Adult Summer Reading - 5:00 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
Thursday, June 5 - Kid's Summer Reading - Kick Off Event 1:00 pm
Friday, June 6 - YA & Adult Summer Reading - Crafts 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Kid's Summer Reading - Art in Action 1:00 pm
Friday, June 13 - YA & Adult Summer Reading - Needle Felting 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 19 - Kid's Summer Reading - Art in Action 1:00 pm
Friday, June 20 - YA & Adult Summer Reading - Candle Painting 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 - Kid's Summer Reading - Follow Along Art 1:00 pm
Friday, June 27 - YA & Adult Summer Reading - Sourdough 101 1:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, June 4 - YA Summer Reading - DIY Chalkboards 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 5 - Kids Summer Reading - Magic Show 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 11 - Book Club 11:30 am
Wednesday, June 11 - YA Summer Reading - Group Story Writing 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Kids Summer Reading - Science Show 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Teen/Tween D & D 5:00 pm
Wednesday, June 18 - YA Summer Reading - String Art Writing 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 19 - Kids Summer Reading - Drawing Class 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25 - YA Summer Reading - Theater Art 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25 - Tween Book Club 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 - Kids Summer Reading - Zion National Park 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 - Adult Craft Night 5:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

Santa Clara Branch

Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am
Tuesday, June 3 - YA Summer Reading - Adventures in Snacking 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 3 - Adult Summer Reading - DIY Kaleidoscopes 5:00 pm
Wednesday, June 4 - Kids Summer Reading - Kick-Off Party 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday, June 7 - Curious Minds Book Club 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - YA Summer Reading - Embellished Photos 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Adult Summer Reading - Diamond Art Book Mark 5:00 pm
Wednesday, June 11 - Kid's Summer Reading - Home Depot - 10:00 & 11:00 am
Tuesday, June 17 - YA Summer Reading - Drawing with Lark 1:00 pm
Wednesday, June 18 - Kid's Summer Reading - Magic Show 10:00 & 11:30 am
Friday, June 20 - Kid's Root Beer Float Book Club 3:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - YA Summer Reading - Paint Night 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - Adult Summer Reading - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Ambassadors 10:00 & 11:00 am

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am
Monday, June 2 - Kid's Summer Reading - Art Thief Adventure 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 4 - YA Summer Reading - Life-Size Candyland 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 5 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Monday, June 9 - Kid's Summer Reading - Mad Science 2:00 & 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 11 - YA Summer Reading - Sun Catcher 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Adult Summer Reading - Tie-Dye Party 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 18 - YA Summer Reading - Geology 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 19 - Patriotic Painting Projects 4:00 pm
Monday, June 23 - Kid's Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors 2:00 & 3:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 25 - YA Summer Reading - Duct Tape Wallets 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Monday, June 30 - Kid's Summer Reading - Read with a Ranger 2:00 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
Tuesday, June 3 - Kid's Summer Reading - Mini Art Festival 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 5 - YA Summer Reading - Kick-Off Party 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 5 - Adult Summer Reading - Secrets of Vietnam 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
Tuesday, June 10 - Kid's Summer Reading - Home Depot 3:00 & 4:00 pm*sign-up required
Thursday, June 12 - YA Summer Reading - Canvas Painting 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 12 - Adult Summer Reading - Intro to Tai Chi 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 17 - Kid's Summer Reading - Fish Painting 3:00 & 4:00 pm *sign-up required
Wednesday, June 18 - Chapters n' Chips Tween Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 19 - YA Summer Reading - Book Tasting 2:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - Kid's Summer Reading - Indoor Chalk Art - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24 - Block Busters Book and Movie Club 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 - YA Summer Reading - Animal Portraits 2:00 pm



