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Message From The Director

Did you know, almost \$100,000 a year is paid in fines and fees? That is a significant portion of the \$650,000 that we plan to spend to refresh the 2019 collection. Did you know that almost \$70,000 a year goes unpaid every year? Over the past 10 years, that number has built to over \$700,000 in unpaid fines. That is a significant deficit! In order to try and recoup some of those lost resources, the library board has authorized use of an outside agency to help with the collection process.

We will be using Unique, a library specific agency that provides gentle reminders to return materials and take care of fines and fees. Starting January 1, 2019 (and reaching back through January 2018), Unique will be reaching out to all those who have \$50 or more in fines and fees. A \$10 nonrefundable service fee will be added to the delinquent account to cover the cost of using the agency, and they will start gently pushing to have those patrons resolve their accounts.

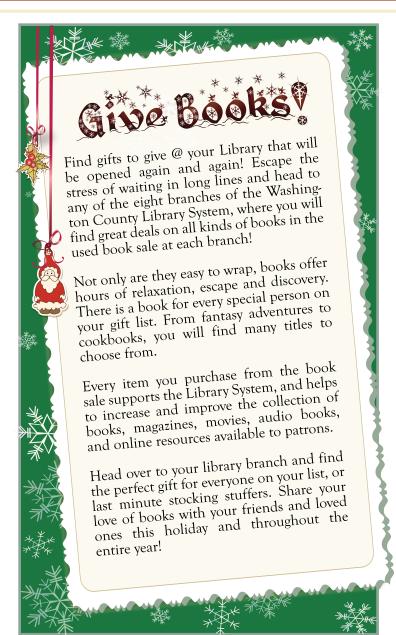
With a \$50 threshold, most people who return books (even late) will not be impacted. This will mostly cover those items that are not returned or items (multiple or expensive) that are destroyed. When a book is not returned, it generally goes to "Lost" status six weeks after it is due. That means we don't anticipate the item being found, and you are responsible to pay for the book (which can be waived if the item is returned). Two weeks after an item goes to lost status, which is 60 days after the item was due, if the account is not resolved, the \$10 nonrefundable collection fee will be added and Unique will start contacting the patron.

It is not our intent to cause problems for our patrons, but as

responsible stewards of the collection, we should all work together to responsibly share the resources with our neighbors and friends. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Merry Christmas! See ya next year!

Joel E. Tucker, Director Washington County Library System



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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 Dicken's 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) \sim Will Ferrell plays the part of Buddy, a toddler who was accidently 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 \sim The classic story by Dr. Seuss is available in the original animated version (1966), as well as the live action movie (2000). Find out how the mean, green Grinch finds the spirit of Christmas.

Employee Spotlight



It is my pleasure to present Amanda Salgado as the employee spotlight for November 2018.

Amanda has worked as a clerk for the Washington County Library System since 2014. She started out at the St. George Branch, and then 2 years ago

moved out to the New Harmony Branch Library.

Amanda coordinates the 'tween program for the New Harmony Library. She is in charge of the new book displays, adult fiction and nonfiction displays, YA displays and helps with the children's displays. She is an excellent organizer and is in the process of organizing all of the art materials at the New Harmony Branch. She is making it easy to find and access the materials we need for programs.

Amanda is a henna artist and loves to Zentangle and draw. She assisted with the two Zentangle classes that were held in October at the New Harmony Branch. In November, she presented two Henna classes and those classes were informative and fun. Amanda has two wonderful children who are avid readers! Amanda loves to talk books and movies with patrons, and patrons often ask her to give them recommendations. We are fortunate to have Amanda as part of the library team!

-Joel Tucker, Director



It's December, which means that tomorrow, when we look outside, we'll see that snowdrifts have piled against the front door, leaving us buried in powdery white until spring comes.

Just one moment... I have recently been informed that we, in fact, live in Washington County, which means that for most of us, winter is a lion without any teeth. But that doesn't mean you can't pretend to be trapped by a fierce snowstorm. After all, you may sometimes (quite understandably) just want to bundle into all of the blankets in your house and curl up on the couch to watch a nice DVD from the library. Here are some recent additions you might want to try:

Movies & TV:

- ALPHA
- ANT-MAN AND THE WASP
- HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3
- MAMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN
- THE MEG
- MILE 22
- WHEN CALLS THE HEART. SEASON 5

Documentaries:

- ALONE ON THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS
- THE AMAZING HUMAN BODY
- ANCIENT INVISIBLE CITIES
- BASQUIAT: RAGE TO RICHES
- MISTER ROGERS: IT'S YOU I LIKE
- THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS

Unlike snow shovels and bags of ice melt, DVDs are FREE to borrow with your Washington County Library Card. So do your best to brave the (really not so harsh) winter weather and come on by to get a DVD.

-Beth Meyers,

St. George Library



The Washington County Library System is working together with local charities to help those in need during the holidays. The libraries will be "decorating" their giving trees with donations of warm winter scarves, hats, mittens, and small baby blan-

kets. Branches that do not have a giving tree set up will accept donations and send them to a branch to add to the donated items to be distributed.

This year's donations will be taken to the Dove Center, The Children's Justice Center, and Canyon Creek Services for those in need. The Library System would like to thank all os the patrons and community members who support the Giving Tree!

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursdays - Story Time 11:00 am * Please note:

There will not be story time on Dec. 24th & 31st

Thursdays - Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm

Fridays - Tots 'n Toys 11:00 am

Saturdays - Video Game Club 11:00 am

Friday, Dec. 7 - Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 3 & 17 - Dungeons & Dragons Club 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 5 & 19 - Dungeons & Dragons Club 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 12-Crochet Club 3:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Retro Game Day Event 12:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 28- Writers & Artist Club 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:15 & 11:30 am

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:15 & 11:30 am

Wednesdays - Teen Gamers 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am

Saturday, Dec. 1 - Movie 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 - Food, Fun & Reading 12:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 10 - Lego Free Play 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 14 - Art 4 Kids (registration required) 4:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Movie 4:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 17-L.I.F.E. Program 10:30 am

Thursday, Dec. 20 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 22 - Polar Express Party 3:00 pm

St. Georae Branch

Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm

Mondays - Story Time with Grandpa Steve 10:00 & 11:00

Mondays - Story Time with Miss Jill 1:00 pm

Wednesdays-Story Time with Mrs. Mann

10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00

Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:00, 11:00 & 1:00 pm

Fridays - Toddler Time 11:00 am

Monday, Dec. 3 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 4 & 18 - Science Club for Kids 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Art Club for Kids 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Adult Coloring Club 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Zion Brass Quintet Christmas Program 6:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 21 - Polar Express Party with Santa 3:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 26 - Teen Book Club 4:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Fridays - Computer Classes 10:00 am

Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 26 - Book Discussion Group 7:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am & 3:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 15 - Fairy-tale Anime Club 5:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 19 - After School @ the Library -Santa Claus is Coming to Town 3:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 20 - Illiterati Book Club 5:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Toddler Time 10:00 & 11:00 am

Story Time - Wednesday - Friday 10:30 am * Please note:

There will be no story times Dec 26-28

Wednesday, December 5 - Nerd Herd Meeting 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Homeschooling @ the Library

1:00 pm ages 4-7 2:00 pm ages 8-12

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Teen event "Snowball Fight" 4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Coding Club 4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 13 - Christmas Ornament Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 20 - Book Ends Book Club

Christmas Social 4:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 21 - Christmas Story Time with Santa 11:00 am Wednesday, Dec. 26 - Papercuts Teen Book Club 4:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am * Please note: There will not be a story time on Dec. 26

Wednesdays - Youth Activities 2:45 pm* Please note: There will not be an activity on Dec. 26

Fridays - Toddler Music Time 10:30 am * Please note: There will not be Toddler Time on Dec. 28.

Thursday, Dec. 6 - Decorating Nutcracker Class - Sign up required Time TBA

Friday, Dec. 7 - Movie "Christmas with the Kranks" 1:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 13 - Shirt Craft - sign up required 2:45 pm Friday, Dec. 14 - Movie "Babes in Toyland" 1:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Story Time with Santa 10:30 am

Friday, Dec. 21 - Movie "How the Grinch

Stole Christmas" 1:00 pm

New Harmony Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am & 1:00 pm Thursday, Dec. 6, 20 & 27 - Kinder Art 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Santa Claus is Coming to Town 5:30 pm

Classic Holiday Stories for Kids

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or other traditions, get in the spirit of the season with these tales that evoke nostalgia and fun:

- · How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Suess
- · The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore
- · Is it Hanukkah Yet? by Chris Barash
- · Home for the Holidays by Debbie Mumm
- · Li'l Rabbit's Kwanza by Donna Washington
- · A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- · D is for Dreidel by Tanya Stone

These are just a few of the many titles available @ your library. Stop in today and check out some holiday titles to share with your children.

