



Message From The Director

I am responsible for reporting our usage and relevant statistics to the state and to the library board on an annual basis. Having just completed those reports, I thought I should share how we did in 2020. What can we say about library use in 2020? If I were to borrow a line from Dr. Seuss' Grinch in regards to COVID, "The three words that best describe you are as follows, and I quote 'Stink, stank, stunk!'"

While we were slow to close our doors, and quick to open them in relation to other libraries, we were definitely impacted by the virus. As a result of that stanky COVID, our stats are significantly down in comparison to previous years. 2020 Visits to our library = 437,788 (15% higher than comparable national libraries pre-COVID, but...)

- 32% decrease from previous year
- 38% average decrease in library visits across Utah
- 66% decrease in visits in Salt Lake County (OUCH!)
2020 Circulation/# of Checkouts = 877,642 (30% higher than comparable national libraries pre-COVID)
- 39% decrease from previous year
- 20% average decrease in circulation across Utah
- 2 libraries actually increased their circulation (Salt Lake City and Orem - weird)
- 23% increase in electronic circulations (silver lining, we continued to rise in ebook checkouts)

2020 PROGRAMMING -

- 1,540 Programs held (37% decrease. Instead we created take home kits for patrons)
- 42% average decrease in number of programs held in comparable Utah libraries
- 30,466 attendees at those programs (56% decrease. COVID...stunk.)
- 49% average decrease in program attendance for comparable Utah libraries

A few other interesting stats, we have 177.5K residents in Washington County, and 121.8K library card holders. While a portion of those are nonresident cardholders, approximately 65% of our residents hold library cards. That's good! Spread the word, lets make that number grow!

Another interesting comparison is with the tax rate. We are the 5th largest library in the state, but of the 27 libraries that have a dedicated tax rate, we are 16th. The average tax rate is .000329, the median tax rate is .000319, and our tax rate is .000189. Multiply that rate by your home value for how much you pay for library services. Bottom line, we provide great services at bottom dollar prices!

I look forward to leaving 2020 in the past, and reconnecting with you in the library!

Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - a celebration of the 20 million people of Asian or Pacific Islander decent that live in the United States. Totalling about 6 percent of the U.S. population, immigrants from the Asian continent, Pacific Islands and Polynesia have built strong roots in the United States that have enriched the heritage and history of our country.

Celebrate this month with some fiction and non-fiction titles that offer insight into the cultures and experiences of Asian Pacific Americans:

Children

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi
Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee by Marissa Moss
Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku by Ellie Crowe and Richard Waldrep
Inside Out and Back again by Thanhha Lai

Young Adult

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
American Born Chinese by Luen Yang Gene
The Tiger at Midnight by Swati Teerdhala
For A Muse of Fire by Heidi Heilig

Adult

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life by Hector Garcia
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

There are many more titles available for all ages available at the library. For more information, call your library branch or log on to www.library.washco.utah.gov.

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May Day is unfortunately not celebrated as much in the U.S. as it is in Europe. I have, to my disappointment, never danced around a maypole, nor have I ever been crowned the Queen of May (though I have my fingers crossed for this year). But there's no real reason why we can't celebrate the holiday here in Washington County. (And apparently May Day involves cake, so I'm 100% on board with it.) So maybe tie some ribbons around the top of a tether ball pole! Leave May baskets full of flowers (and cake!) for your neighbors! Host a parade and walk around wearing flowers (and eating cake!)! And did I mention cake? And at the end of your celebrations, come home and take a well-deserved rest while watching one of the library's DVDs. Here are a few new ones to choose from::

MOVIES AND TV:

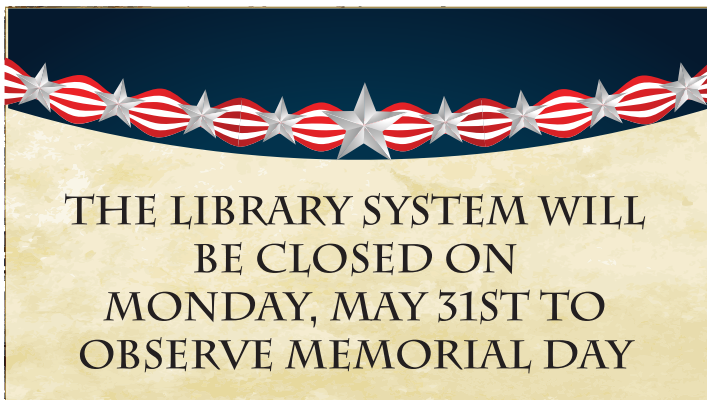
- THE CHOSEN. SEASON 1
- DES
- NEWS OF THE WORLD
- PAW PATROL. DINO RESCUE: ROAR TO THE RESCUE
- PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN
- SHADOW IN THE CLOUD
- SOUL
- WONDER WOMAN 1984

DOCUMENTARIES:

- ABANDONED-
- ADVOCATE
- ALBERT EINSTEIN: STILL A REVOLUTIONARY
- ASSASSINS
- THE BOOKSELLERS
- CROCK OF GOLD: A FEW ROUNDS WITH SHANE MACGOWAN
- FINDING YOUR ROOTS. SEASON 6

Because we want to keep your budget completely available for necessary cake purchases, we'll make sure that all DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card. So weave a crown of flowers for yourself, make an absolute tangle of ribbons around a maypole, and come check out a DVD from the library! And if you happen to have some extra May Day cake, we will not object to a piece.

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library



Employee Spotlight

Please join me in congratulating Vicky Harmon as the Spotlight for April 2021.



Vicky works at the St. George circulation desk and is a valuable asset to the library. She started working for the Library as a substitute in 2005, and has helped in that capacity off and on over the years. In Feb. 2019, Vicky was hired as a part-time employee at the St. George Branch.

Vicky is patron oriented and goes out of her way to assist patrons. Her reliability and calm demeanor are much appreciated at the circulation desk as she is a welcoming and steadying influence for patrons and staff. In addition to helping at the circ desk, Vicky has also been filling in with the Technical Services Department due to staff short falls. She helps circulation with mending and quick fix items. She is versatile, dependable, and we are fortunate to have her as part of the team

In her off time, Vicky enjoys spending time with family. She is known in St. George for her ornate bento lunch box. She enjoys the ocarina (small flute) and generally has one as a necklace. And been growing a food forest in her back yard. She reports that she has managed to kill six cherry trees, two temperate avocado trees, and a peach tree...but has seen good success with the pistachio, persimmon, and nectarine trees (with a few other trees that are questionable but currently still hanging on ☺). Congratulations Vicky!

- Joel Tucker,
Director

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *Ocean Prey* by John Sanford
2. *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman
3. *The Devil's Hand* by Jack Carr
4. *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
5. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
6. *The Red Book* by James Patterson and David Ellis
7. *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth
8. *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab
9. *Win* by Harlan Coben
10. *Stargazer* by Anne Hillerman

NONFICTION:

1. *On The House* by John Boehner
2. *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson
3. *Broken Horses* by Brandi Carlile
4. *Empire of Pain* by Patrick Radden Keefe
5. *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey
6. *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson
7. *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
8. *Broken* by Jenny Lawson
9. *Finding Freedom* by Erin French
10. *Think Again* by Adam Grant

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Tuesdays & Wednesday - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Friday, May 7- Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, May 12 & 26- Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Wednesday, May 5 & 19- Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Thursday, May 13 & 27- Lego Club 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am
May 3 - 8 - Mother's Day Make n' Take Craft
Tuesday, May 4 - May The Fourth Be With You Craftivity - all day
Tuesday, May 11 - Chapter One Book Club via Zoom
Saturday, May 15 - Pottery Painting for Teens 3:00 pm
Monday, May 17 - Homeschoolers At the Library
10:30 am *Registration required
Monday, May 24 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

St. George Branch

Mondays - Story Time 11:00 am & 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
Tuesday, May 4- Grab 'n Go Science Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 11 - Pageturners Book Club 2:30 pm
Tuesday, May 18 - Grab n' Go Art Club for Kids 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, May 20 - Teen Activity 5:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

May 1-15 - Submissions for Cutest Pet Contest
May 17-22 - Voting for Cutest Pet Contest
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 2:45 pm
Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
Wednesday, May 5- Nerd Herd for Teens 4:00 pm
Monday, May 10 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 12 - Teen Event 2:00 pm
Thursday, May 13 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 20 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Wednesday, May 19 - Techno Teens 4:00 pm
Tuesday, May 25 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 26 - Booklanders Teen Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, May 27 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Saturday, May 1, 15, & 29 - Storytime at Cherish Families 10:30 am
Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Kids Business Classes 3:30 pm
Thursday, May 13 - TAG Karaoke Night 4:30 pm
Wednesday, May 19 - Anime Club 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 22 - Movie @ the Library 12:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

Springdale Branch

Thursdays - Story Time 3:00 pm
Mothers Day Craft - May 1 - 8
May Craft Contest - make a recycled Robot, supplies available at the library, - entries due May 26
Thursday, May 27- One Book One Utah 7:00 pm
Grab n' Go Bird House Craft

New Harmony Branch

Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 2:00 pm
Wednesday - Story Time 12:00 pm
Thursdays - Chess Club 10:00 am
Thursday, May 6- Teen & Tween Magic Wallets 5:00 pm
Friday, May 14- Adult Make n' Take Sugar Scrub 12:00 pm and virtually via zoom
Make n' Take Self Care Kits - available while supplies last

Un-Bound * 2021 UPCYCLED BOOK ART CONTEST

The 2021 Un~Bound Upcycled Book Art contest was a great success. There were entries submitted at all of the eight branch locations, and the challenge to transform a book into a work of art based on the theme "Metamorphosis" was met with creativity and ingenuity. Each piece was unique and one-of-a-kind. The judging was provided by faculty members of the Dixie State University Art Department, who judged the entries for originality, creativity, technical difficulty, and theme. The winners in the categories are as follows:

Adults:

Best of Show - Tayden Merrill
1st Place - Holly Blaha
2nd Place (tie) - Dovey Roah
2nd Place (tie) - Amanda Whitney
3rd Place (tie) - Christa Phelps
3rd Place (tie) - Lynne Hynes
Honorable Mention -
Tiffany Barlow, Jordan Clark, Raquel Culligan,
Joseph Larson, April Poulsen, Lindsey Wintch

Adults 62 +:

1st Place - Sandy Bell
2nd Place - Gloria Wagner
3rd Place - Linda Powers
Honorable Mention - Everett Maynard

Special Needs:

1st Place - Levi Jessop
2nd Place - Bill Doughty
3rd Place - Bob Porter
Honorable Mention - John Stewart,
Sue Cruz

Children 5-8:

1st Place - Miles Burr
2nd Place - Greta Smith
3rd Place - Molly Cox
Honorable Mention - Gavin Smith, Phoebe Burr, LilyAna Stine, Lennox Evans, Gabriel Jessop, Harvey Fanger



Best of Show entry titled "Portable Magic" created by Tayden Merrill.

Children 9-12:

1st Place - Eleanor Jones
2nd Place (tie) - Jedidiah Cox
2nd Place (tie) - Aubree Ames
3rd Place - Adaline Cox
Honorable Mention - Emmalee Yost, Emily Evelyn, Analise Jessop, Dan Jessop, Brigham Whitney, Marli Burgess, Felicity Yost

Young Adults 13-18:

1st Place (tie) - Annie Gutierrez
1st Place (tie) - Daisy Cox
2nd Place (tie) - Lavinia Lentz
2nd Place (tie) - MJ Jensen
3rd Place (tie) - Allison Ames
3rd Place (tie) - Torrey Jackson
Honorable Mention - Lucy Benson, Sofia Duran, Truman Hale, Amy Baumgarten, Robin Summers, Sariah Bergens

The Library System would like to congratulate all of the participants for their artistic efforts, and offer a special thanks to Dixie State University, Washington County School District, and the Recreation, Art and Parks Board.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

MAY 2021

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