



Message From The Director

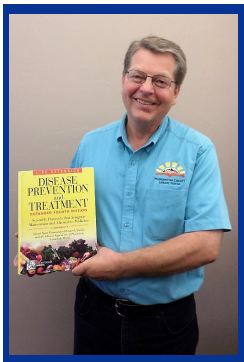
I beg to differ...

...with a popular marketing campaign from a major bank / credit card issuer (and I am sure they have spent a lot of money to get this message out). They ask you, what is in your wallet with the implied undertone that the very most important card in your wallet should be their credit card. They even have a noted Hollywood spokesman ask the question. I differ with the message that a credit card should be the most important thing in your wallet. There are many things in your wallet that can be important. Let me tell you about just one of them. September is national library card sign-up month; now there is a card worth its weight in silver, gold, or platinum (maybe even all three added together).

September has arrived and school has started; life gets back into routines for families. If you have a new student, someone in your home without a library card, or if you yourself are in need of a library card, come to any of the Washington County Library System locations with appropriate identification—we will get you a shiny new card for your wallet. Students go shopping for new clothes, new pencils, new paper, new backpacks, new lunch boxes, and such. Have you ever considered that a new library card could be one of the most important back-to-school supply items they need? We can help with required reading, source material for reports, science project how-to books, supplemental math books, and the list goes on—and on—and on.

The American Library Association writes "...this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply... and everyone should have one!" (see <https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>)

So the moral of this story is, remember everyone should have a library card because: "...a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy..." and so when you come to the library, don't forget your wallet. Better yet, as another credit card company has pointed out...do not leave home without it...so not only in September, but year round—remember your library card.



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System



Get in Your Element this September and sign up for a library card! September is Library Card Sign-up month. If you have a library card, you know the benefits of having a library card, so share the love and tell your friends and family to sign up for their own card! You can find your once upon a time, or your happily ever after in books, audio books, movies, and more!

Library Card Sign-Up Month began in 1987, when the Secretary of Education, William Bennett stated that every child needs a library card to enhance and support their education.

The following year, September was officially declared Library Card Sign-Up Month. Why is a library card so valuable? The Library offers free access to a wealth of knowledge with books, internet access, digital books, online learning databases, Makerspaces, Virtual Reality sets, telescopes, and so much more.

The library is an anchor for the community that offers resources to all, which allows our community to thrive. Whether we are in a time that is prosperous or lean, libraries provide resources to all segments of the community. For some, it is resources to help find a new job, for others it is early literacy support through story time. Yet no matter what is happening in society, the Library is like an old friend that is always ready to offer support.

A library card is also your most important school supply—it's elemental, really-and everyone should have one! For more information on how to get a card, log on to our website at www.library.washco.utah.gov, or call us at 435-301-7580.

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Shannon Williams as the August employee spotlight. Shannon originally started at the Santa Clara Branch in March 2022, as a part-time clerk. Her enthusiasm, great customer service, and attention to detail made Shannon a perfect fit for the library. Shannon brought creativity and a theater background to Santa Clara, which definitely came in handy with programs and especially the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and staff themed Ghostbusters costumes.



At Santa Clara, Shannon had taken on the responsibility for end cap displays. Each month she developed a theme and book selections for display. This summer, Shannon developed a beginner's computer class for Santa Clara. She recently completed her first program, and the response was positive. Fortunately (or unfortunately in Santa Clara's case) Shannon has taken her welcoming smile, enthusiasm, and talents over to the St. George branch. She recently moved into a full-time clerk position in St. George.

Shannon is the last of nine children, and grew up locally in Santa Clara. She has been married to her favorite person in the world for the past 4 years. Their shared love of theatre has been a delightful element in their marriage.

Shannon's favorite thing about working at the library is being able to fulfill the needs of a diverse variety of patrons. Seeing them smile and thank us for helping them warms her heart. Shannon said, "During the holiday season of 2022, a frequent patron wrote a heartfelt letter to the staff at the Santa Clara branch about how helpful and supportive our presence became in their life. That letter meant so much to me, as the patron took the time to express how grateful they are for library spaces and the services we provide to the community. I will always treasure that memory!"

Congratulations to Shannon, as she moves into a full time position at St. George, she is an asset to the Washington County Library System...regardless of which branch!

- Alan Anderson,
Director



Library cards are magical things. With them you can open portals to other worlds, listen to others' thoughts, or bring home mystic discs that are encoded with images and voices from times past. In other words, you can check out all kinds of amazing books and DVDs. September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, and just in case you don't have one yet, (although, let's be honest—if you're reading this newsletter, you probably do), let this month be the time you finally take home that piece of plastic that can open up entire worlds to you. Once you have it, you may want to check out some of these new DVDS:

MOVIES

- Asteroid City
- Fast X
- Monster High: The Movie
- Dead Man's Hand
- Brightwood
- Confidential Informant

TELEVISION

- Sesame Street: Abby & Elmo's Amazing Adventures
- Silent Witness- Season 26
- NCIS- Season 20
- Back to Life- Season 1 & 2
- Sweet Tooth - Season 1

Once you have your magic Washington County library card, DVDs are FREE to check out. I mean, c'mon. That's practically the equivalent of pixie dust. So come on by the library and test out your new magic powers by checking out some great DVDs.

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
2. *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
3. *Dead Mountain* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
4. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
5. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
6. *After That Night* by Karin Slaughter
7. *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
8. *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell
9. *Lion & Lamb* by James Patterson and Duane Swierczynski
10. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

NONFICTION:

1. *Outlive* by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford
2. *Gambler* by Billy Walters with Armen Keteyian
3. *The Wager* by David Grann
4. *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy
5. *Necessary Trouble* by Drew Gilpin Faust
6. *Never Enough* by Jennifer Breheeny Wallace
7. *The In-Between* by Hadley Vlahos
8. *Poverty, By America* by Matthew Desmond
9. *Beyond the Story* by BTS and Myeongseok Kang
10. *What Happened to You?* by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey

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
Wednesday, September 6 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Thursday, September 7 - Science Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12 - Arts & Crafts 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13 & 27 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Friday, September 15 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13 & 27 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, September 14 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20 - Jr. Dungeons & Dragons 3:30 pm
Thursday, September 21 - Reading with Molly, Saphira & Lujza 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 & 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 28 - Lego Club 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
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
Friday, September 8 - Art 4 Kids Club - 3:00 pm
Monday, September 11 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, September 21 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Friday, September 29 - Root Beer Float Book Club (grades 1-5) 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
Saturdays - Movie Matinee 2:00 pm
Friday, September 1 - USU Create Your Plate Story Time 11:00 am
Tuesday, September 5 & 19 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, September 7 - History of Okinawa 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12 & 26 - Art Club for Kids 4:30 pm
Thursday, September 14 - Cultural Diversity 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 21 - Bookworms of the Bygone 3:00 pm
Thursday, September - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, September 28 - Apothecary Bottle Craft
*Sign-up required 6:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:30 am
Friday, September 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, September 6 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 7 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Monday, September 11 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13 - Teen Program
Thursday, September 14 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 19 - Open Music Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20 - Teen Program 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 21 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 26 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 27 - Booklanders Book Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, September 28 - Coding Club for Kids 4:00 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Friday, September 1 - Sweet Reads Book Club 12:00 pm
Friday, September 8 - STEM Club 12:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12, 19, & 26 - Youth Explorers 2:00 pm
Friday, September 15 - Sweet Reads Book Club Movie 12:00 pm
Saturday, September 16 - Anime Club 2:15 pm
Saturday, September 23 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesdays - Youth Activities 3:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 am
Wednesday, September 13 - Book Club 11:30 am
Wednesday, September 27 - Tween Book Club 2:00 pm
Thursday, September 28 - Paint Night 5:30 pm



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SEPTEMBER 2023



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<p>3</p> <p>THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Washington Library 10:00 & 11:00 am Story Time 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</p>	<p>6</p> <p>St. George Library 10:00, 11:00, 2:00 & 5:00 Story Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Nerd Herd Hildale Library 11:00 am Story Time 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</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time 6:00 pm History of Okinawa Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm PAWS. for Tales Hurricane Library 10:30 am Story Time 4:00 pm Science Club 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Santa Clara Library 11:30 am Baby Story Time 4:00 pm Chess Club New Harmony Library 11:30 am Adult Exercise Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>St. George Library 11:00 am Toddler Time Washington Library 10:30 am Story Time Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Spanish Story Time Hildale Library 12:00 pm STEM Club</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Santa Clara Library 10:30 am Tai Chi St. George Library 2:00 pm Movie Matinee</p>
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