



## Message From The Director

*A Place for the Library?*

It is often the case when I tell people I work at the library, one of two replies is given. First, and most often I hear something to the effect that they love the library and think that it is a great place to work (and I agree one hundred percent). Second, the other common reply is to the effect that with the Internet they are surprised the library is still around. To the second group I would like to share some quotes or findings about library history in the United States and the viability of libraries going forward:

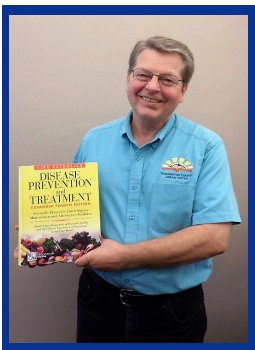
*"The Franklin Public Library in Franklin, Massachusetts is America's first lending library. In 1778, when the town was incorporated, the designated name Exeter was changed to Franklin in honor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. When asked to donate a bell, Franklin responded with an offer of books for the town's residents, acknowledging that "sense" was preferable to "sound." The original Franklin collection is still housed in a bookcase in the library."*

(see: <https://www.sturgislibrary.org/oldest-library/>)

*"Despite dire predictions in the late twentieth century that public libraries would not survive the turn of the millennium, their numbers have only increased. Two of three Americans frequent a public library at least once a year, and nearly that many are registered borrowers. Although library authorities have argued that the public library functions primarily as a civic institution necessary for maintaining democracy, generations of library patrons tell a different story...Whether as a public space, a place for accessing information, or a home for reading material that helps patrons make sense of the world around them, the public library has a rich history of meaning for millions of Americans. From colonial times through the recent technological revolution, libraries have continuously adapted to better serve the needs of their communities...the commonplace reading materials users obtained from public libraries have had a transformative effect for many, including people such as Ronald Reagan, Bill Moyers, Edgwin Danticat, Philip Roth, Toni Morrison, Sonia Sotomayor, and Oprah Winfrey."*

(see: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/part-of-our-lives-9780190248000?cc=us&lang=en&#>)

Libraries continue to grow and develop, survive and thrive, innovate and impact in our communities and the lives of patrons. So...long live the library, and may it continue to be relevant and impactful to the next Ronald Reagan, Oprah Winfrey, or whomever.




Alan Anderson, Director  
Washington County Library System

## Honoring 35 Years of Dedication: The Journey of Kathleen Bruhn at the Library

For 35 incredible years, Kathleen Bruhn has been a cherished volunteer at the St. George Library, witnessing firsthand the immense growth and transformation of both the Library and the surrounding area. Her dedication has made her a beloved part of the Library's history.



Kathleen's story begins in the foothills of San Diego, where she was born and raised. Growing up on her family's ranch, she spent her days working with horses, nurturing a love for the outdoors and adventure that has shaped her life.

Fate played a pivotal role when Kathleen embarked on a covered wagon journey along the historic Honeymoon Trail, traveling from Pipe Springs, Arizona to St. George, Utah. It was on this unforgettable trip that she met her future husband. Soon after their wedding, she made St. George her home, where she has lived for the past 36 years.

Kathleen and her husband share a passion for exploring the natural wonders of the area. They often travel together to study ancient petroglyphs and archeological sites, and Kathleen, an avid photographer, loves capturing the breathtaking landscapes they discover. Her photos tell stories of the land's history and beauty.

By day, Kathleen works as a crossing guard, devoting 35 years to the "hazardous duty of wrangling kids and cars." Her dedication and care for the community extends far beyond the library doors. When she's not volunteering or working, Kathleen loves diving into books on history, theology, biography, and archeology. One day, she dreams of traveling to Scotland to photograph the rugged beauty of the Highlands, a goal that perfectly reflects her adventurous spirit.

Kathleen has become an irreplaceable part of the St. George Library family, admired for her steadfast commitment, warmth, and passion. We are incredibly grateful for the many years of service she has given us. Thank you, Kathleen, for your unwavering dedication and for being such an important part of our community!

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Halloween comes in all kinds of flavors. There's the spooky version, where your neighbor's yard looks like a zombie apocalypse with eerily lifelike skeletons and gory corpses (a little too realistic, right?). Then, there's the adorable side of Halloween—think wide-eyed black cats, smiling pumpkins, and tiny witches casting cute little spells. But let's be real: the ultimate Halloween is candy Halloween, where it's ALL about the sweets! Whether you're a fan of Halloween's spooky thrills or its cuter side, we know the candy version is everyone's favorite.

And after all the trick-or-treaters have retreated, what's better than curling up with some leftover candy and a good movie? We've put together a list of recently added DVDs that pair perfectly with your stash of snack-sized treats.

**MOVIES**

- Before Dawn
- Exorcism
- Inside Out
- Horizon: An American Saga - Chapter 1
- Longlegs
- Treasure
- Fabulous Four
- Lights Out

**TELEVISION**

- Resident Alien - Season 3
- La Brea - Season 3
- Fire Country - Season 2
- Crown - Season 6
- Young Sheldon - Season 7
- Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live - Season 1
- Brokenwood - Season 10

Feeling the pinch from all those candy bags and inflatable pumpkins? Don't worry—our DVDs are free to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So swing by, grab some spooky (or sweet) flicks, and if you feel like sharing your candy haul... well, we're not saying no!

The Washington County Library System will be closed on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Columbus Day.



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

**FICTION:**

1. *The Butcher Game* by Alaina Urquhart
2. *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman
3. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
4. *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty
5. *Somewhere Beyond the Sea* by TJ Klune
6. *The Games Gods Play* by Abigail Owen
7. *The Night We Lost Him* by Laura Dave
8. *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig
9. *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
10. *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout

**NONFICTION:**

1. *Something Lost, Something Gained* by Hilary R. Clinton
2. *Confronting the Presidents* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
3. *The Third Gilmore Girl* by Kelly Bishop with Lindsay Harrison
4. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
5. *On Freedom* by Timothy Snyder
6. *Nexus* by Yuval Noah Harari
7. *Lucky Loser* by Russ Buettner and Suzanne Craig
8. *Want* by Gillian Anderson
9. *Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson
10. *Blind Spots* by Marty Makary

**Library Octoberfest: A Celebration of Resources**

Join us this October as we kick off the library's very own "October fest," celebrating the wealth of resources available for everyone in the community. Just like the traditional festival, our Octoberfest offers something for every age, from the young to the young-at-heart.

Kids can dive into a world of fun and learning with engaging books, interactive storytimes, and hands-on programs like our Science Club for Kids. Teens are invited to enjoy their own slice of the fest with activities like gaming events, creative writing contests, and access to a huge selection of young adult fiction.

Adults, it's your turn to celebrate too! Whether you're interested in expanding your knowledge with our presentations by local experts, joining a book club, or exploring new hobbies at craft nights, our library has resources to keep your mind active and entertained. And if you're in the mood to just relax, we've got plenty of cozy spots to unwind with a great read.

From online databases and eBooks to in-person programs and community events, this Octoberfest at the library is the ultimate celebration of lifelong learning and fun. Come in this month and discover the many ways your library can be your go-to place for entertainment, education, and enrichment!

## Library Programs and Events

### Enterprise Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesdays- Youth Activities 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat and Library Maze 10:00 am

### Hildale Branch

Mondays - Story Time 2:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am  
Monday, October 7 - LEGO Club Plus 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 15 - Creative Kids 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 22 - STEM Lab 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 23 - Teen's Only Fall Party 3:00 pm

### Hurricane Branch

Mondays - Thursdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Tuesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - D&D Meet-Up 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons 7:00 pm  
Thursday, October 3 - Science Club 4:00 pm  
Friday, October 4 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 8 - Arts & Crafts Club 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 9 & 13 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm  
Thursday, October 10 & 24 - Lego Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 17 - Reading with Molly 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 22 - Escape the Haunted Library 4:00 pm  
Monday, October 28 - Zookkeepers Club 1:00 pm  
Saturday, October 26 - Halloween Conic Fest  
Thursday, October 31 - Story Time Halloween Party 10:30 am & 12:00 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, October 17 - Card/Tag Making Workshop  
Friday, October 18 - Book Club 1:00 pm

### St. George Branch

Mondays - English/Spanish Story Time 11:00 am  
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, October 1 & 15 - Science Club for Kids 4:30 pm  
Thursday, October 3 - Adult Program 4:00 & 6:00 pm \*sign-up required  
Tuesday, October 8 - Page Turners Book Club 2:30 pm  
Thursday, October 10- Adult Program 6:00 pm  
Thursday, October 17 - Teen Night 5:00 pm \*sign-up required  
Tuesday, October 22- Block Busters Book to Film Club  
Thursday, October 24 - Life in 19th Century St. George 6:00 pm  
Saturday, October 26 - Children's Halloween Carnival 2:00 - 4:00 pm

### Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Adult Dungeons & Dragons 2:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 9 - Book Club 11:30 am  
Thursday, October 10 - Teen/Tween D&D 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 23 - Tween Book Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 24 - Adult Paint Night 5:00 pm

## Library Programs and Events

### Santa Clara Branch

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teens After School 3:00 pm \*Begins on Aug. 21st  
Thursdays - Toddler Time 10:30 & 11:30 am  
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm  
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am  
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 am  
Friday, October 4 - Root Beer Float Book Club Plus 3:00 pm  
Monday, October 7- Lego Club  
Tuesday, October 8 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm  
Friday, October 11 - Art 4 Kids 3:00 pm  
Friday, October 18 - Root Beer Float Club for Kids 3:00 pm  
\*registration required  
Tuesday, October 22- Adult Paint Night 3:30 pm

### Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am  
Wednesdays - Fridays - Story Time 10:30 am  
Wednesdays - Teen Programs 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 8 - Homeschooling @ the Library 1:00 pm  
Thursday, October 10 & 24 - Kid's Coding Club 4:00 pm  
Thursday, October 17- Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 22 - Arts & Craft Club 2:00 pm  
Thursday, October 31 - Children's Halloween Carnival all day

## Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Dawne Roper as the September Employee Spotlight.

Dawne works at our Washington Branch, and has a get-it-done work ethic. She stays positive and enthusiastic through all that work brings. Dawne became a full-time circulation clerk at the start of the year. She keeps the circulation area running smoothly, from overseeing volunteers to coordinating with other staff members. Dawne does a great job communicating and working with everyone.

Dawne puts patrons first. She helps them find the information they are looking for. Patrons have reported their gratitude for her thoroughness and willingness to help them and provide information on library services.

Outside of the library she enjoys croqueting, hiking, riding horses, and biking in her spare time. She just completed her Bachelor's Degree at SUU and is excited about this achievement. She loves visiting her grandkids. A new grandbaby was recently added to the roster.

- Alan Anderson,  
Director



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