

Message From The Director

Time flies when you're having fun! We are halfway through summer reading, and hopefully, you are enjoying the programs and the reading. I hope y'all are enjoying the summer, it's going to pass before ya' know it.

I wanted to take a minute to address a common concern that I keep getting lately. In short, the question is: my old library did it, why don't you? "It" varies depending on who is asking the question, but different subjects have included going fine-free, letting people check out items longer, letting people check out more items, letting people sleep in the library, and so on.

While there are multiple reasons why we operate how we do, the main reason is that different libraries don't all work for the same boss (and that is a good thing in my opinion). We are not a federal organization like the post office, but each local library operates under their own library board, under their own local governments, with different budgets, and different support structures. As a result, different libraries operate differently.

On the budget side, that means that we can operate the 5th largest library in the state with an incredibly low tax rate. Where you might pay over \$100 a year on average for access to another library, our average is more like \$33, depending on your home value. Nice right? But that also means that as we consider whether or not to go fine-free, our low budget, comparatively speaking, makes a big difference.

As we consider how to effectively share the library resources, considering holds, budget, and other factors, we do the best we can to set good policies and procedures to make it fair for all.

Having said that, we did just make a change to the number of checkouts for children. In the past, kids were only allowed to check out 10 items, while adults could check out 20. To make it all the same, we have changed it to allow everyone to check out 20 items, regardless of age. Yeah! Have fun!




Joel E. Tucker, Director
Washington County Library System

Summer Reading Sponsors



the "Summer Slide."

The Summer Reading program is the largest and most popular program that the Library System provides to patrons. The program encourages reading throughout the summer, and free weekly activities are held at each branch throughout the program. Why is the program so important? Studies have shown that students who participate in summer reading avoid

The "Summer Slide" is a common phrase that reflects a loss of reading skills that occurs when school is out. It shows up when children go back to school and have to regain their reading abilities. One way to combat the summer slide is to create a daily reading habit - this is where the Summer Reading program can help! The program rewards readers of all ages with incentives that are awarded when reading goals are reached.

These rewards are made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. The support that these businesses offer fills a gap created by budget constraints, and allows the Library System to provide a high-quality reading program to the members of our community.

The Library System would like to thank our sponsors. Their support of the Library System provides opportunities to increase literacy throughout the community. Sponsors donate coupons, gift certificates, and prizes that are given to participants who reach their reading goals. Through generous acts of support, these sponsors are investing in the future of our youth, our community, and our society. Check out the sponsor list @ your library and offer your own personal "Thank you" to the sponsors!

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Is there anything better on a summer day than standing outside, listening to the hiss and sizzle of juicy cuts of steak and/or vegetables as they drip onto the open flame of your outdoor grill? HECK YES. Who on earth decided that the best time to cook in front of a literal fire was the summertime? You are tough as nails, of course. You would never DREAM of passing out from the heat while flipping that burger. But, you know, just in case it happens anyway, we have a foolproof way to recover: settling into your air-conditioned home with a DVD from your local library. (Oh, and getting medical attention. Seriously. Do that first.) Here are a few of our recently acquired DVDs that are guaranteed (not really) to bring your temperature down a notch or three:

MOVIES AND TV:

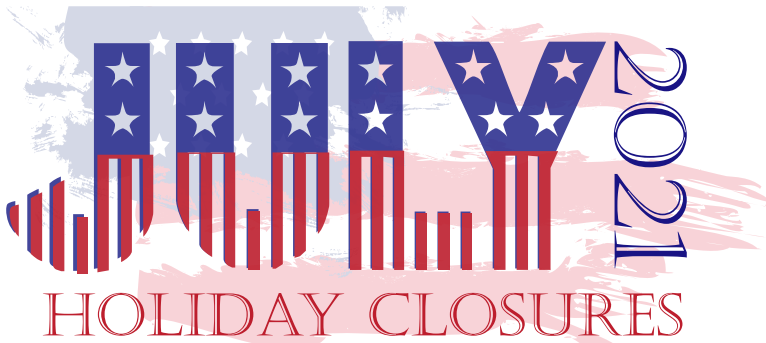
- BEYOND THE FARTHEST STAR
- CHAOS WALKING
- THE COURIER [Benedict Cumberbatch version]
- FULLER HOUSE. SEASON 5
- GODZILLA VS. KONG
- SAS: RED NOTICE
- SUPERNOVA
- TOM & JERRY: THE MOVIE

DOCUMENTARIES:

- ANCIENT ALIENS. SEASON 13
- THE BIBLE. PART ONE
- BIG BEND: THE WILD FRONTIER OF TEXAS
- BILLIE: BILLIE HOLIDAY SANG THE TRUTH...
- CREATED EQUAL: CLARENCE THOMAS IN HIS OWN WORDS
- HEMINGWAY: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE WRITER REVEALED

Buying all of that steak may have cost you a bit more than you anticipated, so never fear: DVDs are FREE to check out with your Washington County Library Card! So come on by the library, and buy some DVDs to watch while your bratwurst are getting those nice little grill lines. (And if you happen to burn the whole lot after you get really absorbed with a DVD, we promise not to tell a soul.)

-Beth Meyers,
St. George Library



The Washington County Library System will be closed on Monday, July 5th to observe Independence Day.

The Library System will also be closed on Saturday, July 24th to observe Pioneer Day.

Employee Spotlight

Please join me in congratulating Brianna Scow as the spotlight for June 2021!



Brianna is a clerk in Hurricane and has worked there for almost 2 years. Brianna epitomizes quality customer service, genuinely likes people and enjoys helping patrons with a friendly, positive attitude. She especially likes assisting with reader's advisory when she gets the opportunity. In addition to helping at the circ desk, she researches, compiles, and creates monthly posters for new fiction, non-fiction, inspirational, and young adult titles. Brianna's posters include books, audio, Playaways, and electronic resources. The posters are on display at HB and patrons enjoy discovering new authors or new books by favorite authors.

Brianna hails from California and came to Utah in 2014 for a service mission with her grandparents at the Family History Center in St. George. As fate would have it, Brianna met her husband, married in 2017, and had a son just last year, and has locked in her Southern Utah ties (yeah!). She enjoys reading and writing fiction. Her favorite genres include dystopian, fantasy, and paranormal. She is also interested in teaching herself costume design and received a sewing machine for Christmas towards that goal. Say hello to Brianna next time you are at the Hurricane branch!

- Joel Tucker,
Director



Are you a wizard with a sewing machine? Do you create incredible woodworking projects? Do you make imaginative videos? The Washington County Library System would like to invite makers of all mediums to show us your summer projects!

The Library System will be hosting a Maker Showcase on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the St. George Library. Entries will be displayed and judged on creativity, use of materials, technique, and presentation. Winners will receive a gift card, and one grand prize winner will receive a 3D Printer!

The Library System offers 3D printers, scrapbooking materials, a laser cutter, sewing machines, video equipment, and more in the library branch's Makerspaces. Check out what's available today! For more information, please call Joe at 435-634-5737, ext. 2271.

Library Programs and Events

Hurricane Branch

Wednesdays & Thursdays - Dungeons & Dragons Club 7:00 pm
Friday, July 9- Reader's Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 7 & 21- Magic the Gathering 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 14 & 28 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, July 8 & 22- Lego Club 4:00 pm
Tues, July 6 - Summer Reading - Red Cliffs Desert Reserve 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, July 13 - Summer Reading - Origami Lady 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, July 20 - Summer Reading - Rosenbruch Wildlife 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, July 27 - Summer Reading - Josh the Magician 10:30 & 11:30 am

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Tai Chi 12:30 pm
Thursdays - Yoga 10:30 am
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Fridays - Lego Challenges 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, July 6 - Teen Summer Reading - Paint Night 1:00 pm
Wed, July 7 - Kid's Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors 10:30 & 11:30 am
Tues, July 13 - Teen Summer Reading - Dungeons & Dragons 1:00 pm
Tues, July 13 - Chapter One Book Club 5:30 pm
Wed, July 14 - Kid's Summer Reading - Origami Fun 10:30 & 11:30
Mon, July 19 - Adult Summer Reading - Paint n Sip Owl 4:00 pm
Tues, July 20 - Teen Summer Reading - Interactive Movie 1:00 pm
Wed, July 21 - Kid's Summer Reading - Drive-In Movie & Pizza Party 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm * sign-up required
Tues, July 27 - Teen Summer Reading - Escape Room 1:00 pm
Wed, July 28 - Kid's Summer Reading - Josh the Magician 10:30 & 11:30

St. George Branch

Mondays - 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
Tues July 6, 12 & 20 - Civil War Lecture Series 10:30 am
Tues, July 6 - Kid's Summer Reading - Storytelling Superstars 3:00 pm
Tues, July 6 - Adult Summer Reading - US History Trivia Battle 6:00 pm
Thurs, July 8 - Teen Summer Reading - Shrinky Dink Animals 5:00 pm
Tues, July 13 - Kid's Summer Reading - Origami Fun 3:00 pm
Tues, July 13 - Adult Summer Reading - "Born in China" movie 6:00 pm
Thurs, July 15 - Teen Summer Reading - DIY Plush Sloth 5:00 pm
Tues, July 20 - Kid's Summer Reading - Professional Storyteller 3:00 pm
Wed, July 20 - Adult Summer Reading - Zambia Baboons 6:00 pm
Thurs, July 22 - Teen Summer Reading - Movie Night 5:00 pm
Tues, July 27 - Kid's Summer Reading - Josh the Magician 3:00 & 4:00 pm
Thurs, July 29 - Teen Summer Reading - All About Owls 5:00 pm
Friday, July 30 - Summer Reading Finisher Party 1:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Fridays - Movie Matinee @ the Library 1:00 pm
Wed, July 7 - Kid's Summer Reading -
Friday, July 9 - Family Game Activities 4:00 pm
Wed, July 14 - Summer Reading - Petting Zoo 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wed, July 21 - Kid's Summer Reading - Elephant & Piggie Day 10:30 am
Wed, July 21 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Harry Potter Day 5:00 pm
Thurs, July 22 - Adult Summer Reading - Digital Photography 11:30 am
Wed, July 26 - Summer Reading Finale - Josh the Magician 10:00 am (at the Community Center)

Springdale Branch

Thurs, July 8 - Summer Reading - SUU Animal Ambassadors 2:00 pm
July 8 - 14 - Take and Make Wooden Animal Craft
Thurs, July 15 - Summer Reading - Birds of Prey 2:00 pm
July 15 - July 31 - Take and Make Insect House
Thurs, July 22 - Summer Reading - Animal Yoga 2:00 pm
Thurs, July 29 - Summer Reading Finale - Josh the Magician 2:00 pm

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays, July 12-Aug. 16 - Abstract Art Class - 1:00 pm
Tuesdays - Sit n' Stitch 2:00 pm
Tuesday, July 1 - Teen Summer Reading - Obstacle Course 1:00 pm
Wed, July 7 - Kid's Summer Reading - Build a tale 1:00 pm
Thursday, July 8 - Teen Summer Reading - Candy Olympics 1:00 pm
Friday, July 9 - Adult Summer Reading - Book Cozy 12:00 pm
Wed, July 14 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Sound Bingo 1:00 pm
Thursday, July 15 - Teen Summer Reading - Origami 1:00 pm
Wed, July 21 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Ambassadors 1:00 pm
Thursday, July 22 - Teen Summer Reading - Silhouette Painting 1:00 pm
Wed, July 28 - Kid's Summer Reading - Josh the Magician 2:00 pm

Washington Branch

Tuesdays - Story Time 10:00 & 11:00 am
Wednesday - Friday - Story Time 10:30 am
Wed, July 7 - Teen Summer Reading - Stop-Motion Film Making 4:00 pm
Thursday, July 8 - Adult Summer Reading - Backyard Farming 5:30 pm
Mon, July 12 - Kids Summer Reading - Origami Lady 2:00 pm
Wed, July 14 - Teen Summer Reading - Origami Lady 4:00 pm
Thursday, July 15 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Mon, July 19 - Kid's Summer Reading - USU Extension Office 2:00 pm
Tuesday, July 20 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wed, July 21 - Teen Summer Reading - Redwall Virtual Escape Room 4:00 pm
Mon, July 26 - Kid's Summer Reading - Josh the Magician 1:00 & 2:00 pm
Wed, July 28 - Teen Summer Reading - Paint Nite 4:00 pm
Thursday, July 29 - Adult Summer Reading - Stuffed Animal Pet Adoption - for the entire family! 5:30 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Thurs, July 1 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Create a Creature 3:00 pm
Tues, July 6 - Kid's Summer Reading - Loyal K9 Dog Training 11:00 am
Tues, July 6 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Pet Portraits 3:00 pm
Wed, July 7 - Adult Summer Reading - Animal Towel Origami 5:00 pm
Tues, July 12 - Kid's Summer Reading - USU Extension & Ladybug Release 11:00 am
Thurs, July 15 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - Animal Magnets & Wild Animal Jeopardy 3:00 pm
Tues, July 20 - Kid's Summer Reading - Animal Ambassadors 11:00 am
Tues, July 20 - Tween & Teen Summer Reading - All About Owls 3:00 pm
Wed, July 21 - Adult Summer Reading - Paint Night 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, July 29 - Summer Reading Finisher Party with Josh the Magician 11:00 am



Summer is in full swing and so are some great summer programs. Utah Education Network (UEN) has created a program for children ages Pre-K through 2nd Grade called Thump, Bump & Jump into Summer 2021! Go to preschool.uen.org/summer21 for links to click and explore the 21 fun activities. You can pick up a flyer at the library that includes pull-off tabs for each of the activities, or just go to the website and begin exploring!

When all 21 activities have been completed, come into any of the eight library branches to pick up your Preschool Pioneer promo!

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Flash Flood Hits Springdale Library

On Tuesday, June 29th at around 3:00 pm, more than 1 1/2 inches of rain came down within an hour in Springdale and the surrounding areas, causing a major flash flood. The affected areas included the Springdale Library, which is temporarily closed due to flood damage.

Water levels reached between 18 and 24 inches during the initial flood, covering the exterior walkways and parking areas in mud. Clean up efforts are underway and the branch will reopen when the restoration is complete.



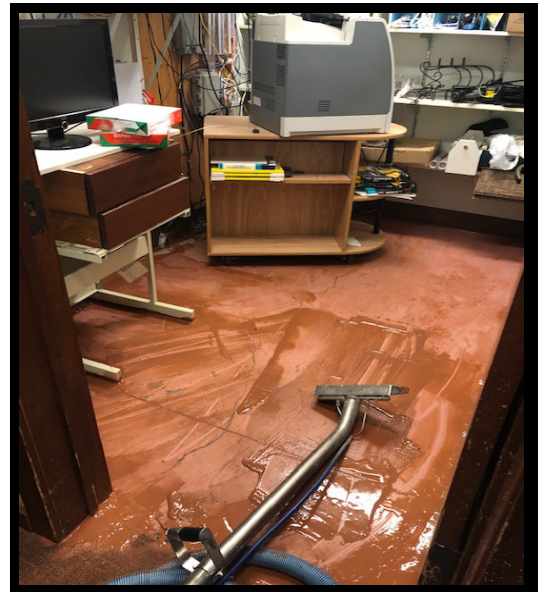
The exterior entrance on the west side shows the water level of the flood.



The sidewalk and parking area covered in mud and debris from the sudden cloudburst.



The staff entrance and server room where water and mud entered.



Cleaning and drying the affected areas.

