



Message From The Director

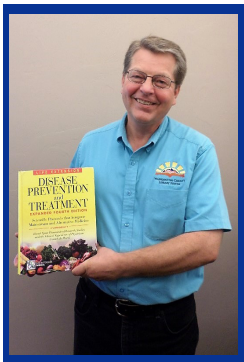
“The Dog Days of Summer”

July is passing, and August is arriving...but what are the dog days of Summer? We have heard the phrase used and may even wonder when this is, and who started it anyway?

Simply put, this relates to the hottest days of the summer months (July 3 – August 11); however, it is defined by the stars and the earth’s orbit, or our place in the solar system. “This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year’s heliacal (meaning “at sunrise”) rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris—the “Greater Dog”—which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, Alpha Canis Majoris. Not including our own Sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky” (<https://www.almanac.com/content/what-are-dog-days-summer>).

Ancient people were keen observers of nature. Most of history has been without electric lighting. While we rely upon the electric light, it causes interference with the night sky and we don’t see the impressive number of stars and it’s vastness in size or scope. The night sky can hold us spell bound and overwhelm us with wonder. You can still see this same sight that impressed ancient people and pushed them to study and learn over the centuries. Now you have to leave cities and towns to see the magnitude fully, and make a trip to the high desert, or to the mountains for an overwhelming view of the night sky.

If you want to escape the heat and stay inside, we have stuff you can hunker down with, or if you want to get out and see the night sky we have books, DVDs, Great Course’s instructional materials, and even telescopes you can check out. Whatever your preference, enjoy the closing weeks of summer; we are here to help!



Alan Anderson, Director
Washington County Library System

Back to School @ Your Library

These are stressful times, and we can be sure that back to school season can add to the stress of both parents and children. Stress and anxiety seem to be rising as high as inflation, and compounding that with the stresses caused by peer pressure and new classes, apprehension about starting school is a common feeling. If you are looking for one of the best tools to assist your children that are preparing to start a new year, turn to your Library!

Books with school-related themes and settings are a natural choice for the first weeks of school and may help relieve some of the nervousness that occurs when facing a new situation. Here are some suggested titles to help your child get ready to launch into the school year ahead:

Preschool

Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney
Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins
Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by James Dean
How Do Dinosaurs Go To School by Jane Yolen

Kindergarten

Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London
Kindergarten Rocks by Katie Davis
Lookout Kindergarten, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson
A Place Called Kindergarten by Jessica Harper
First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

Elementary

Follow the Line to School by Laura Ljungkvist
Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Middle School

Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja by Marcus Emerson
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
6th Grade Can Really Kill You by Barthe DeClements

High School

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Schooled by Gordon Korman
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

There are hundreds of titles to choose from at the library, and you can find books, research assistance, language tutorials, and personalized assistance by a genuine librarian available at your library branch. Check it all out @ Your Library!

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Employee Spotlight

I am pleased to present Celesta Barlow as the July employee spotlight. Celesta has a deep love of the library and was thrilled when the library opened in her home town in 2016. She started reading when she was four years old. Celesta began volunteering at the library after she completed high school and soon became a substitute for the library.

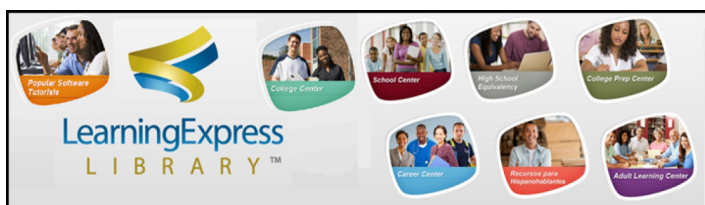


When a part time position opened up last year she was excited for the opportunity to work in the library. Her favorite thing about working in the library is the seeing all of the different and interesting books that move through it. She adds so many books to her 'to read' list each time she works it can be hard to keep up some times.

Celesta came on as a part time employee in 2022 and has gone full steam ahead since. She oversees the teen programming and has done a wonderful job working with them. She comes up with engaging and fun activities for the teens each month including book tasting, paint nights, and building tiny fairy houses. This was her first year putting together the Teen Summer Reading Program. She put together a great program line up full of fun and exciting events. Celesta also enjoys helping create engaging book displays around the library and decorating for holidays. You will often find her working hard to keep the shelves of the library in order and looking neat.

Celesta has two pets a border collie named Mable and a cat named Soda pop. She loves reading, running, being in her hometown of Short Creek, and out in nature. If she could do any job for just one day she would want to try acting and find out what it is really like.

- Alan Anderson,
Director



Do you want to prepare for AP or College Entrance Exams? Whether you are in elementary, middle, or high school, Learning Express Library has the resources you need to improve your math, reading, writing, science, and other skills.

Learning Express Library also offers resources for college students, including skills reviews for math, reading, grammar, and writing. An if you need assistance preparing for a CLEP exam, there are practice exams for most college classes.

Resources for Adult Learning include modules in math, writing, grammar, and reading. There is also a module to prepare for the test to become a U.S. Citizen. Some learning modules are offered in Spanish as well. Call the reference desk at the St. George branch for more information, 435-301-7580, ext. 7602.



There's a change in the air. The woody scent of newly sharpened pencils wafts by, and you find yourself in a store aisle filled with blank notebooks, packages of pens, and...is that a Lisa Frank folder? Yes, the new school year is almost upon us. And while the children in your life may be mourning the impending end of summer, you may be...less mournful. In fact, you may be gleefully wondering what to do with the many, many hours you will now have available while the kids are at school. May we humbly suggest these recently added DVDs?

MOVIES

- Avatar: The Way of Water
- Evil Dead Rise
- Big George Foreman
- Covenant (Jake Gyllenhaal)
- Fool's Paradise
- Love Again

TELEVISION

- Universe Revealed: NOVA
- Our House
- Gangs of London - Season 2
- Skymed - Season 1
- Walker - Season 3
- Neighborhood- Season 5

School supplies aren't free, but DVDs ARE when you check them out with your Washington County Library Card. So in between trips to stock up on backpacks, pencil cases and highlighters, come by the library to check out a DVD or two

New York Times Best Sellers - Hardcover Fiction and Nonfiction

FICTION:

1. *Fourth Wing*
by Rebecca Yarrow
2. *Happy Place*
by Emily Henry
3. *Lessons in Chemistry*
by Bonnie Garmus
4. *The Five-Star Weekend*
by Elin Hilderbrand
5. *The Covenant of Water*
by Abraham Verghese
6. *Demon Copperhead*
by Barbara Kingsolver
7. *The Only One Left*
by Riley Sager
8. *Hello Beautiful*
by Ann Napolitano
9. *Yellowface*
by R.F. Kuang
10. *Palazzo*
by Danielle Steele

NONFICTION:

1. *Outlive* by Peter Attia
with Bill Gifford
2. *The Wager*
by David Grann
3. *I'm Glad My Mom Died*
by Jennette McCurdy
4. *Unbroken Bonds of Battle* by Johnny Joey Jones
5. *1964*
by Paul McCartney
6. *The In-Between*
by Hadley Vlahos
7. *Pageboy*
by Elliot Page
8. *The Art Thief*
by Michael Finkel
9. *What an Owl Knows*
by Jennifer Ackerman
10. *Spare*
by Prince Harry

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, August 2 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Friday, August 4 - Readers Circle Book Club 3:00 pm
Wednesday, August 9 & 23 - Crochet Club 3:30 pm
Thursday, August 10 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 16 - Teen Time 3:30 pm
Thursday, August 17 - Reading with Molly, Saphira & Lujza 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 22 - Zookeepers Club 2:30 & 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 24 - Lego Club 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Branch

Mondays - Story Time for Toddlers 10:30 & 11:30 am* begins 8/21
Tuesdays - Family Play Group 10:30 am * begins 8/22
Wednesdays - Story Time for 4s & 5s 10:30 & 11:30 am *begins 8/23
Wednesday - Teens After School 3:00 pm *begins 8/23
Thursdays - Baby Story Time 11:30 am *begins 8/24
Thursdays - Chess Club 4:00 pm
Fridays - Spanish Story Time 10:30 am *begins 8/25
Saturdays - Tai Chi 10:30 pm
Tuesday, August 8 - Chapter One Book Club 3:30 pm
Monday, August 14 - Lego Club 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 17 - P.A.W.S. for Tales 4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 22 - Adult Paint Night 4:00 pm
Friday, August 25 - 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
Thursday, August 3 - Forensics & Fingerprinting 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 10 - Nutrition and the Five Food Groups 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 17 - Bookworms of the Bygone 3:00 pm
Thursday, August 17 - Teen Night 5:00 pm
Thursday, August 24 - Marriage and Family Therapy
Thursday, August 31 - Emergency Preparedness 6:00 pm

Springdale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 10:00 am *begins 8/16
Wednesday, August 9 - Book Club 11:30 am
Thursday, August 10 - Board Game Night 5:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30 - Tween Book Club 2:00 pm
Thursday, August 31 - Paint Night 5:30 pm

Library Programs and Events

New Harmony Branch

Mondays - Adult Art Class 1:00 pm
Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am *begins on August 16
Thursdays - Adult Exercise Class 11:30 am
Friday, August 18 - 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, August 2 - Teen Nerd Herd 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 9 - Teen Event - Solar Ovens pt. 1 4:00 pm
Monday, August 14 - Library Techies 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 15 - Open Music Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 16 - Teen Event - Solar Ovens pt. 2 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 17 - Book Ends Book Club 4:30 pm
Tuesday, August 22 - Arts & Crafts Club 2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 23 - Booklanders Book Club 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30 - Teen Game Night 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 31 - Board Game Night 5:30 pm

Hildale Branch

Wednesdays - Story Time 11:00 am
Saturday, August 19 - Anime Club 2:15 pm
Tuesday, August 22 - Youth Explorers 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 29 - Youth Explorers 2:00 pm
Saturday, August 26 - Movie Matinee 12:00 pm

Enterprise Branch

Wednesday, August 2 - Costa Rica 3:00 pm
Friday, August 4 - Summer Reading Awards 11:30 am
Friday August 4 - Bubble Party 12:30 pm
Wednesday, August 9 - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday, August 16 - Story Time 11:00 am
Wednesday, August 23 - After School Activity 3:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30 - After School Activity 3:00 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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