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SMITHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

A Message from the Library Director

Hello, library friends!

As I've mentioned the last couple of months, we have a couple of big projects happening at the library this December and I'd like to let you know a little about them. We're partially closing the library again to replace our carpet in the teen area upstairs, and while that happens, we're also shifting some of our collections in order to make them more organized and easier to navigate. All children's collections will move to our first floor, and all adult fiction and young adult fiction will move upstairs.

We plan to **close the library completely from Dec. 7-12** and then we'll provide limited **lobby hours (12-6 PM, Mon-Fri, 12-4 on Sat)** through the rest of December. Even though most of the library will be closed to the public, our front desk will be open so you can return books, pick up holds and Interlibrary loans, browse a couple of book carts from our collection, and even check out some preassembled grab bags of picture books, holiday books, and DVDs. Check out Page 2 of the newsletter for more information, and if you have questions, you can email us at **library@smithfieldutah.gov** or call us at **435-563-3555**!

We know this is a pain in the neck, but we hope that it'll make for a more unified and logical collection and will give us more room to expand in the future. Thank you as always for your patience and your willingness to adapt to our projects!

Don't forget! The Smithfield Christmas Storybook Festival is happening on **Monday, Dec. 7 from 5:30-8 PM right here at Library Square.** You won't want to miss it!

Warm holiday wishes from all of us at the library,
Shawn

How to Place Holds on Your Library Account

- Navigate to the Aspen catalog: smithfield.aspendiscovery.org/
- Locate the item you want, and then click on the blue Place Hold button
- If you are not already logged into Aspen, you will be prompted to enter your library card number and PIN in a pop up window. Remember, your PIN is typically your last name with the first letter capitalized (example: Smith).
- Confirm that the location where you want to pick up the hold is correct.
- Click the blue Submit Hold Request button.
- Wait for a text or call from the library saying your hold is ready.
- Questions? Call us @ 435-536-3555

Holds will take a minimum of 48 hours to be ready, please wait for confirmation text or call

THE LIBRARY IS GETTING A HOLIDAY MAKEOVER

This December, the library will be partially closed while we renovate our upstairs teen area.

Stay tuned for new carpet and more shelving!

DECEMBER HOURS

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
CLOSED					
14	15	16	17	18	19
LOBBY HOURS ONLY					
21	22	23	24	25	26
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28	29	30	31	1	2
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LOBBY HOURS

MON-FRI | 12-6 PM

SAT | 12-4 PM

During lobby hours, patrons may pick up holds or browse popular, holiday, new, and children's book bundles available on carts in the lobby. **Book shelves will not be open for public browsing, and study rooms and other communal areas will be unavailable in December.**

FAQ's

When will the library be closed?

We plan to close the library completely from Dec. 7-12 and then we'll provide limited lobby hours (12-6 PM, Mon-Fri and 12-4 PM on Sat) through the rest of December.

Why will the library be closed?

We are replacing the carpet upstairs in the Teen Area and we're also installing additional shelving upstairs. While that happens, we are going to be shifting all children's collections to the first floor, and all adult fiction and young adult fiction to the second floor.

Can I still check out books?

YES! Even though our book shelves will not be open for public browsing, our front desk will be open for limited **Lobby Hours** throughout the month where patrons can pick up holds or browse popular, holiday, new, and children's books and movie bundles available on carts in the lobby. Our book drop will remain open through December as well.

Can I still call the library for help?

YES! During lobby hours, we will be answering the phone, but you can also text us your questions 24/7 and we will get back to you as soon as possible. **435-563-3555**

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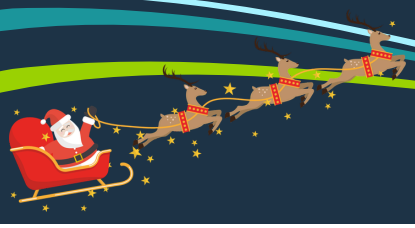
Visit our website for more details on library programs



Upcoming Programming @ the Library

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Multiple Ages

Utah Author's Day: Saturday, Dec 5 12-2 pm
The library will have two visiting authors sharing their books at the library...

Adults

Stitch & Stories: Thursdays @ 1 pm
Dec 3: at the Smithfield Library
Dec 10 & 17: @ the Smithfield City council chambers

Teens/Tweens

Teen D&D: Wednesdays Dec 2 @ 5 pm
(this will be the last D&D meeting for the year)

1st Chapter Friday (tween): Friday, Dec 4 @ 3 pm

Kids

Toddler Storytime: Wednesday, Dec 2 @ 10:30 am

Music & Movement: Wednesday, Dec 2 @ 1 pm

Growing Together Storytime: Thurs Dec 3 @ 10:30 am

Book Babies: Thursday, Dec 3 @ 1 & 3 pm

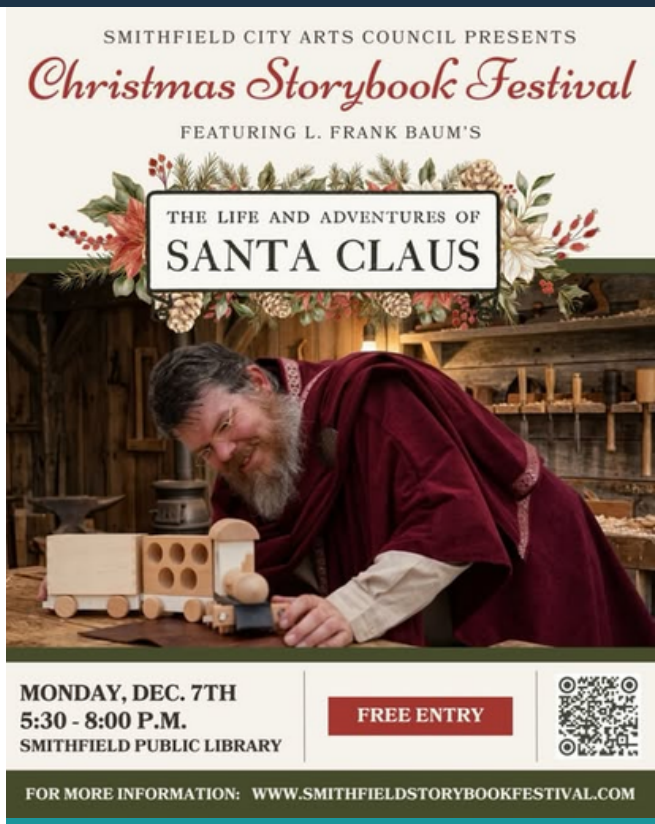
Preschool Storytime: Fridays, Dec 4 @ 10:30 am

Book Dragons: Tuesday, Dec 1 @ 4:30 pm

Reading Rangers: Tuesday, Dec 8 @ 4 pm in the Smithfield City council chambers

Christmas Storytime: Friday, Dec 11 @ 11 am
at the Smithfield Senior Center (375 Canyon Rd,)
featuring a jolly storyteller!







Shawn's Truly Hilarious Dad Joke of the Month

Why should you always eat Eggs Benedict on disposable plates at Christmas time?

Because there's no plate like foam for the hollandaise.

Download our printable December Calendar