

100 Years with the Smithfield Public Library



Smithfield citizens have been dedicated to library service since pioneer days when a library was formed by the LDS Church's Smithfield Ward Sunday School in 1868. The movement started when a group of Sunday School teachers raised some money for this purpose with a series of dances and some donations. The total proceeds from these two fund raisers came to \$237.79. Francis Sharp was the librarian with a salary of a five cent fee, per month, from each person who used the library. However, not everyone paid as he averaged a little over \$1.00 per month.

On February 3, 1915, Smithfield City appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of building a library. A temporary reading room was opened in the LDS Church's Smithfield Second Ward tithing office building in 1917, with Hazel Miles as librarian.

During this time the commission was in contact with the Carnegie Corporation in New York. A local architect, Fred J. Hodgeson, gave an estimated cost for a suitable building at \$20,000. The Carnegie Corporation made a grant of \$12,000, with the city pledging the balance. A prominent site for the new building was chosen at Main and Center, a piece of ground which carries many cherished memories down through the years for Smithfield citizens. This new Carnegie library building was opened on December 3, 1922.

The spirit that prompted a Sunday school library has never dimmed in our community. After many years of discussing the need to increase the size of the library, Smithfield City broke ground on an addition to the Smithfield Carnegie Library in May 2014. The addition was designed by Skyline, AES Inc and built by Landmark Companies. The addition was completed in November 2014 and dedicated on June 1,

2015.

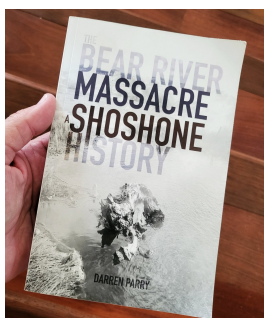
From those modest beginnings we have moved steadily forward in providing library services for the community. Countless individuals and groups could be listed who have given considerable money and many hours of service towards the growth of the library. As we mark 100 years with the Smithfield Public Library we thank them all. May we continue another 100 years of this noble library tradition.



Fall Storytime Programs

Fall storytime programming has begun. We have daily storytime groups available for many different age ranges: babies, toddlers, preschool children and more. [Visit our website](#) to register your children for storytime with Miss Karen.

September Book Club



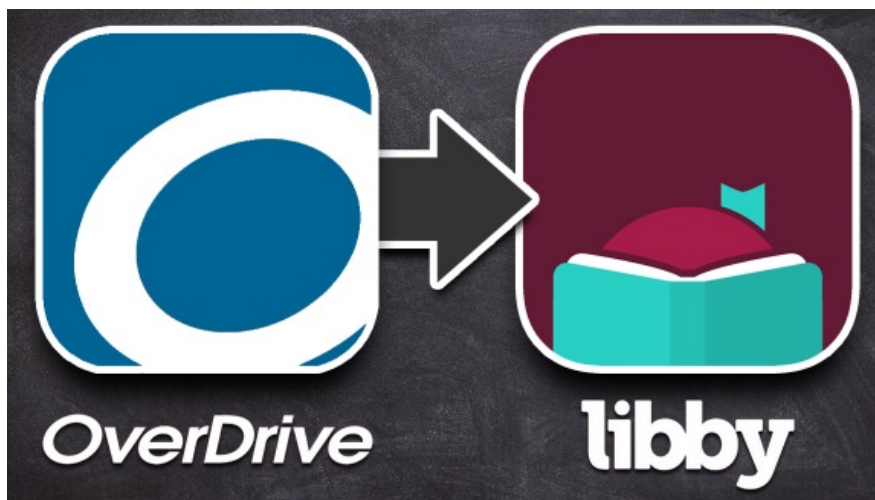
We are reading **The Bear River Massacre: a Shoshone History by Darren Parry** this month for our library book club. Copies of the book are available at the library and we will meet Thursday, September 15 at 10 am. We would love to see you there as we discuss this history of the Shoshone people. Read more about this title on [Goodreads](#).

September Take & Make Kits



This month the library has pool noodle boat kits for children to pick up and take home to create. We also have a special edition "Subscription Box" for our teen patrons ages 11 to 18. Each box features a copy of the book *Escaping Neverland* by Melissa Lemon, an art journal craft & some pixie "dust" stix.

*Kits are available at the library while supplies last.



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DIGITAL LIBRARY USERS**

It's Time to Upgrade to Libby!

In early 2023, the OverDrive app will be discontinued. We encourage you to make the switch to Libby, a newer reading app. Libby is made by the same people, with the same goal of connecting you to the Smithfield Library's content on the Beehive Library Consortium and to your favorite books, audiobooks, and magazines.

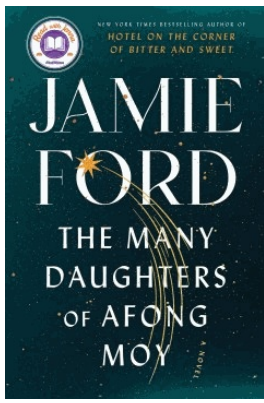
Download Libby on your device or visit libbyapp.com to get started. Current users of the OverDrive app may keep using it for now, but OverDrive plans to discontinue it in early 2023. If you have questions or need help switching to the Libby app, please visit the library. We'll be glad to help!



**Help Us Care For Our
Library!**

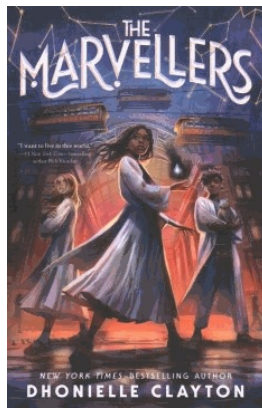
The library has many things to offer our community. Books & DVD's. WIFI Hotspots. Storytime to Go! kits. A Telescope, Microscope, Kindles and even a family pass to the Dinosaur Park in Ogden. These items have been purchased and donated with the community in mind and are costly to replace. We hope you'll help us by taking good care of these items.

New at the Library



The Many Daughters of AFong May

The first Chinese woman to set her lotus-bound feet in America is destined to set off a ripple through time and space, as her descendants struggle with her legacy of loss and loneliness. Themes of karma, courage, love, and motherhood weave timelessly through eight generations of women seeking to find balance in an increasingly tempest-racked world.



The Marvellers

The Marvellers is a rich, enchanted melting pot of magic, thrills, and color . . . filled with heart, wit, and humor. Reinventing the magic school trope is a tall order, but author Dhonielle Clayton is well up to the task . . . A tantalizing introduction to an exhilarating fantasy universe.



Rabbit & Bear series

The Rabbit and Bear books are lovely stories about friendship and sharing and, of course, just a little bit of poo! The series is ideal for readers moving on from picture books; with its gorgeous illustrations, it feels like a modern classic in the making.

OGDEN'S GEORGE S. ECCLES DINOSAUR PARK



Dinosaur Park Pass

Thanks to the generous donation of a local family, the Smithfield Public Library has a family pass to the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park in Ogden which can be borrowed from the library. We are excited to offer this great resource to the community.



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