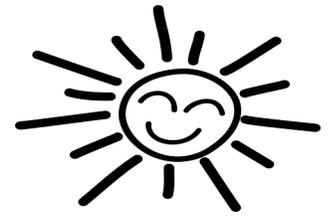


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## Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

### Utah Historical Quarterly Magazine

The Utah Historical Quarterly is now available as a subscription magazine on digital cartridge. The Utah Historical Quarterly contains articles about Utah's history: the people, events, and places that have made the Beehive State the amazing place it is today. First published in 1928, it remains the premier source for Utah history. Editions are published in the Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. The subscription to Utah Historical Quarterly is not limited to Utah patrons. It is also available to patrons living in Alaska and Wyoming. There is no cost for subscribing. Please call or email us to set up your subscription, and learn more about the fascinating history of our great state!

### In person book pick up

We are always delighted to have patrons come by the library to pick up book orders, as it gives us an opportunity to meet you in person. So that we can get the books ready quickly, if you call in a book order that you will pick up in person, please tell this to the reader's advisor before giving them your order. Our process for checking books out to you when you are picking them up is not the same process that we use when we mail the books to you. The latest time to call in an order that you plan to pick up from the library is 4:30, and the latest time to pick up your order is 5:00. The library's hours of operation are 8:00 to 5:00, Monday-Friday.

*"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."*

*-J.K. Rowling*



## **Staff News**

I'd like to introduce you to April Kennedy, our new Reader's Advisor at the library. April is a life long reader and book lover, and is putting her knowledge to great use working for the library. Originally from Staten Island, New York, April relocated to Utah with her family over 20 years ago. She has an awesome fiancé, three wonderful grown children, and soon will have three adorable grandsons. Before joining our staff, April worked at the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind in the Instructional Materials Access Center, and the Educational Resource Center. We are delighted to have April on our team, and are positive that you will enjoy working with her as much as we do!

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

The spotlight is shining on our wonderful volunteer, Mickie Douglas. Mickie has worked for the Social Security Administration for over 30 years, and is a Public Affairs Specialist for the State of Utah. Mickie decided to volunteer to read books because she loved to be read to as a child. One of her most comforting childhood experiences was her daily visit to a neighbor lady who lived across the alley. Mickie's neighbor fed her peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and read her the "funnies". Over time, her neighbor taught her to read them by herself. From Mickie's perspective, reading books for the blind and visually impaired is a good way to give something wonderful back to the community. She quoted Winston Churchill: "We make a living with what we get, we make a life with what we give." Whether the life is our own or another's, the act of volunteering and giving enriches us all.

*"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library"*

*-Jorge Luis Borges*



## Book Discussion

Our next book discussion will take place **Tuesday, September 12th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. We will discuss two books, “When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi, and “A Town Like Alice” by Nevil Shute.

**A synopsis of “When Breath Becomes Air”:** At the age of 36, on the verge of completing a decade’s worth of training as a neurosurgeon, the author, Paul Kalanithi, was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. He wrote about his own experience with dying to help others face their mortality. His wife’s epilogue follows his 2015 death, and is included in the book. This book contains some strong language. Non-fiction.

**A synopsis of “A Town Like Alice”.** Jean Paget is an Englishwoman living in Malaya during World War II. Jean, along with other women and children are captured by the invading Japanese and forced on a death march around the island. Jean is befriended by an Australian prisoner of war who risks his life to help her. After the war, she returns to England. A surprise inheritance allows her to travel to Malaya to repay her debt of gratitude to the villagers who saved her life, and then to Australia to begin a new life in the Australian outback. Fiction.

Please contact Reader’s Advisor Paula Stuart if you want to participate in the book discussion. Paula will send you a copy of the braille or the digital cartridge books. The information about the books follows.

**When Death Becomes Air. BR021371 (braille) DB083643 (digital)**

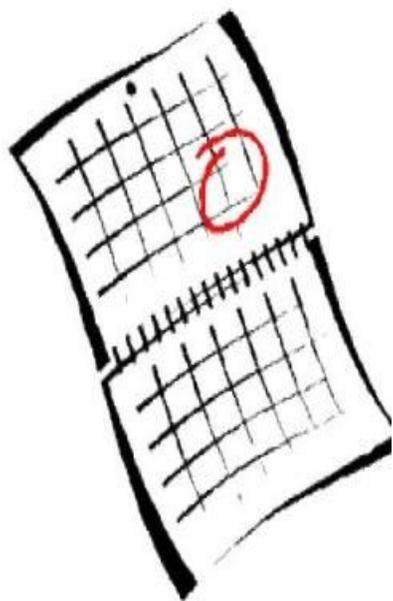
**A Town Like Alice. BR005053 (braille) DB017647 (digital)**

*“My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read”  
-Abraham Lincoln*

## Books from other sources

Sometimes when you order books, we tell you that we do not have the book available, and we will need to have a copy made or order it for you from another library. The Multistate Center West is the library we get these books from, and it is also a resource for all other libraries serving the blind and disabled across the country. Because the Multistate Center West creates copies of books for many libraries, it may take up to a month for you to receive your book. The Multistate Center West mails the books directly to you. When you've read the book and are ready to return it, you simply turn the mailing card over, just as you do with the books that you receive from us, and put it in the mail.

*"There is no friend as loyal as a book"*  
*-Ernest Hemingway*



## Holiday Closures

The library will be closed the following dates

Pioneer Day -- Monday, July 24

Labor Day -- Monday, September 4

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 9

Veteran's Day -- Friday, November 10

Thanksgiving Day -- Thursday, November 23

Christmas Day -- Monday, December 25

New Year's Day -- Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -- Monday, January 15

President's Day -- Monday, February 19

# Reader Response Sheet

Please fill in your patron number, name, and address on the lines provided below. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter.

Patron Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list book numbers or book titles or other items desired, or explain any service problems you may have:

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Please return this sheet to the library by folding it so that the library's address is on the outside. No postage is necessary. If you have questions or wish to order by phone, please call:

Local: (801) 715 - 6789; Utah toll free: (800) 662-5540;

Out of State toll free: (800) 453-4293 or email the library at

[blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov)

## **Free Matter for the Blind**

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## Historical Mysteries - Booklist

History and mystery, what a great combination! These stories of intrigue and suspense bring the mysteries of the past to life.

**DB081256 The House of Silk: A Sherlock Holmes Novel** - 19th century. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson return to solve a murder. A thrilling tale of action, adventure, and unexpected plot turns. Descriptions of violence.

**DB074076 Death Comes to Pemberley** - Regency England. On the eve of the Darcy's autumn ball, the majestic Pemberley estate becomes the setting for a murder. Lydia and Wickham are at the root of the mystery.

**DB083832 Jackaby; Beastly Bones** - 19th century New England. R.F. Jackaby, a detective of the supernatural, knows that ghosts and vampires exist, and on occasion, commit crime. Jackaby and his assistant Abigail Rook use science to solve cases, making the paranormal seem normal.

**DB085349 Murder in Time** - In 2015, FBI criminal profiler Kendra Donovan trails a criminal to a historic British manor house. Inside the house, she climbs a staircase and is flung back in time to 1815. There she uses FBI methods to solve a murder. Some violence and strong language.

**DB056614 A Body in the Bathhouse** - Rome, A.D. 75. Marcus Didius Falco is sent to Britain by the Emperor to resolve problems with the construction of a new villa. With his eccentric family in tow, Falco finds more wrong in Britain than he expected, including murder!

**DB060713 The Historian** - 20th century. A young woman finds an ancient book and old family letters in her father's library. Intrigued by what she's read, she pursues the mysterious tale and discovers a startling truth about the legend of Dracula. Some violence.

**DB028174 A Morbid Taste for Bones** - 12th century Wales. Benedictine monk Brother Cadfael is sent to buy relics - a saint's bones. Before long, the quest for the bones leads to murder. Brother Cadfael is determined to uncover the murderer.

**DB035630 Cater Street Hangman** - Victorian England. Inspector Pitt is sent to the Ellison home to investigate the murder of a servant girl. The Ellison sisters join the investigation, determined to find the killer. As they investigate together, Inspector Pitt and Charlotte Ellison fall in love.

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