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**Question:** Tell us a little about your book, Cure for the Common Universe.

**Answer:** It’s about a kid who’s committed to video game rehab ten minutes after he scores the first date of his life. Lucky for him, V hab is “gamified” so he’s able to earn points by learning real-life skills like learning how to play the ukulele, doing some cross-stitching, or winning a Four Square tournament. I may as well be up front with you right now and tell you that this kid, Jaxon, is kind of a terrible person. I’m sorry. I am so sorry.

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5. KEEP BOOKS DRY
It’s a good idea to bring a bookbag (we sell them for $6 if you need one) or ask for a sack on rainy or snowy days. Avoid placing your library books near water hazards at home, such as kitchens, bathrooms, outdoors, or near plants that get watered. If a book comes in contact with water, place the book in a plastic bag and put it in the freezer. Bring the book to the library when it is frozen and we will do the rest. If we get the book while it is frozen or is still wet, there is a better chance we can prevent mold and warped pages to save it.

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Now Playing at the Library

HIGH DEFINITION FILM SCREENINGS AND FILM EVENTS IN THE MEDIA AUDITORIUM MONDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS

NOVEMBER 4, FRIDAY 6:30 PM
Silverado (PG-13, 1985)
In 1880, four men travel together to the city of Silverado, where they have all come for vengeance against an evil sheriff and his no-good deputies.

NOVEMBER 7, MONDAY 6:30 PM
Breakheart Pass (PG, 1975)
A train with medical supplies and Army unit is heading through the Rocky Mountains. Among its passengers are a governor, a priest, a doctor, and a U.S. Marshal with his prisoner, John Deakin. However, nothing on the train is what it seems.

NOVEMBER 11, FRIDAY 6:30 PM
Three Amigos (PG, 1986)
Three actors accept an invitation to a Mexican village to perform their onscreen bandit fighter roles, unaware that they have been thrown into a real gunfight.

NOVEMBER 14, MONDAY 6:30 PM
North to Alaska (NR, 1960)
During the Alaska gold rush, prospector George sends partner Sam to Seattle to bring his fiancée, but when it turns out that she married another man, Sam returns with a pretty substitute, the hostess of the Henhouse dance hall.

NOVEMBER 18, FRIDAY 6:30 PM
Shanghai Noon (PG-13, 2000)
Jackie Chan plays a Chinese warrior who travels to the Wild West to rescue a kidnapped princess. After teaming up with a train robber, the unlikely duo takes on the kidnapper and his boss, a corrupt Marshal.

NOVEMBER 21, MONDAY 6:30 PM
True Grit (PG-13, 2010)
A tough U.S. Marshal is hired to help a stubborn teenager track down her father’s murderer. When they are joined by a Texas Ranger, the unlikely trio find danger and surprises on the journey, and each has their “grit” truly tested.

NOVEMBER 25, FRIDAY CLOSED
Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER 28, MONDAY 6:30 PM
Rango (PG, 2011)
In this animated western, Rango is an ordinary chameleon who accidentally winds up in the town of Dirt, a lawless outpost in the Wild West in desperate need of a new sheriff.
DECEMBER 10, SATURDAY

2:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Tumbleweeds Film Festival Screening: Triple Trouble (NR, 2014)
A team of three pets—a playful ferret, a sweet canary, and a know-it-all stick insect—head out to ask Saint Nicolas for presents for their animal friends and themselves.

DECEMBER 12, MONDAY

6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Holiday Affair (NR, 1949)

DECEMBER 13, TUESDAY

6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Teen Library Council Meeting

DECEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Timpanogos Chorale with the American Fork Children’s Choir
Timpanogos Chorale is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide members with vocal opportunities, to aid in the development of their musical talents and skills, to assist in the development of their appreciation for beautiful music from diverse cultures and genres, and to present such music to the community. Join them for a joint holiday concert with the American Fork Children’s Choir.

DECEMBER 15, THURSDAY

6:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Utah Valley Writers

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Utah Vocal Arts Academy
Utah Vocal Arts Academy (UVAA) presents holiday tunes to enjoy and more in its annual Singer’s Showcase, a recital featuring songs from classical, Broadway, and commercial genres sung by award-winning vocalists.

DECEMBER 16, FRIDAY

6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: The Lemon Drop Kid (NR, 1951)

DECEMBER 19, MONDAY

6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Remember the Night (NR, 1940)

DECEMBER 23–26, FRIDAY–MONDAY CLOSED

LAPTIME & STORYTIME

MONTDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 14
10:00 am | Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers

Music & Movement Storytime | toddlers

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
10:00 AM | Liger’s Den
Laptime | Infants & toddlers

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November 11, Friday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
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9:00 PM Fireplace
After Hours Wizard Rock Concert: Harry and the Potters
Harry and the Potters are the first wizard rock band, consisting of brothers Joe and Paul DeGeorge. The band plays songs about books. They also helped co-found the Harry Potter Alliance, were profiled in the 2008 documentary We Are Wizards, and appear on a Trivial Pursuit card in Sweden. Since 2002, they have played nearly 800 shows in libraries, rock clubs, art spaces, bookstores, basements, and pizza places all over the world. Bring a new or gently used book to donate to United Way's Everyday Learners Program! Call Julie at 801-229-7379, or see a reference desk for more information.

November 12, Saturday
2:00 PM Media Auditorium
Tumbleweeds Film Festival Screening: Molly Monster (NR, 2016)
Molly Monster is the deeply-loved only-monster of Popo and Etona. She spends her days in familiar surroundings playing with her best friend Edison, a clockwork toy with a life of his own. But when mama gives birth to an egg (which papa must hatch), Molly sets out on a journey to find her new place in the family. Recommended for ages 4+.

November 14, Monday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: North to Alaska (NR, 1960)

7:00 PM Fireplace
Cantorum
Cantorum Chamber Choir is an elite early music vocal ensemble of twenty-six singers from across the Wasatch Front. They specialize in performing a cappella sacred vocal music and regularly present concerts spanning 500 years of choral music.

November 16, Wednesday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Orem Library Book Club: A Christmas Memory
November 16 | 7 pm | Media Auditorium
Call Julie at 801-229-7379, or see a reference desk for more information.

7:00 PM Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Earth Forum
For the third and final event in this series on stewardship, the topic will be “Caring for the Air.” The Wasatch Front receives an “F” grade from the American Lung Association for periods of harmful air pollution and we rank as the nation’s 6th worst air-polluted metropolitan area for the same standard. Addressing this critical topic and what should be done to fix it will be a team from the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, HEAL Utah, Utah Moms for Clean Air, and Citizens Climate Lobby.

November 17, Thursday
6:00 PM Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers

7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Community Class: Talking to Your Kids About Sex
Studies have shown that parents speaking early and often with their children about sex helps them make better choices about sexual activity, which benefits families and society. Join a presenter from the Utah County Health Department for this parent workshop, which uses scenarios, role plays, and evidence-based strategies to help parents learn what works best when talking to their children about sex.

November 18, Friday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Shanghai Noon (PG-13, 2000)

7:00 PM Fireplace
UVU Chamber Choir
Where words end, music begins. UVU’s award-winning Chamber Choir will present ‘Song of the Shulamite,’ a stunning presentation of love poetry from the Song of Solomon, featuring Melissa Heath, soprano; Doug Smith, marimba; Tracy Furr, vibraphone; and Kate Zurcher, harp.

November 19, Saturday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Teen After Hours Movie Night: Finding Dory (PG, 2016)
All teens 12-18 are invited to a special after hours screening of Finding Dory at the library. Treats will be provided. Be here at 6:30 pm with your library card to browse and check out books before the movie starts at 7:00 pm.

November 21, Monday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: True Grit (PG-13, 2010)

7:00 PM Fireplace
Holiday Concert Kickoff: Johan zur Haar
Powerful Dutch bass/baritone Johan zur Haar will present a concert of art songs from around the world, as well as Broadway and holiday selections.

November 24-25, Thursday-Friday Closed
Thanksgiving

November 26, Saturday
4:00 PM UVU Chamber Orchestra

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Rango (PG, 2011)

December 1, Thursday
6:00 PM Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers

7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Timp Tellers: Holiday Story Share
The holiday story share is an informal event. We share memories from holidays past and allow those to spark memories in others. It's a fun opportunity to get to know our fellow Timp Tellers better.

December 2, Friday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Christmas in Connecticut (NR, 1945)

7:00 PM Fireplace
Utah Valley Handbell Ringers
Ring in the holidays with Utah's renowned handbell choir, the Utah Valley Handbell Ringers. Directed by Karen Eskew-Willey, the group is composed of 56 bells, each tuned to a single note, which when rung together create melodies full of rich overtones.

December 3, Saturday
4:00 PM Fireplace
Nutcracker Gala featuring the Academy of Ballet
Start your holiday season off right with the Nutcracker! The gala will feature selections from the Nutcracker Ballet performed by the Academy of Ballet, a Nutcracker photo booth, and a special treat from the Land of Sweets.

December 5, Monday
6:00 PM & 7:30 PM Fireplace
Utah Baroque Ensemble
Join the Utah Baroque Ensemble for a fun, informal family concert. The choir will alternate music from their recent Christmas concert with sing-along carols with the audience. Children are welcome. There will be one concert at 6:00 pm and another at 7:30 pm.

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: It Happened on 5th Avenue (NR, 1945)

December 6, Tuesday
7:00 PM Fireplace
UVU Chamber Orchestra
The UVU Chamber Orchestra consists of music major and non-major scholarship recipients. The ensemble performs staple works for the string orchestra, collaborates with groups includ ing the UVU Contemporary Dance Ensemble, and features UVU music faculty as soloists.

December 9, Friday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Love Finds Andy Hardy (NR, 1938)