Brandon Mull is the author of the New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal bestselling Beyonders and Fablehaven series. Brandon resides in a happy little valley near the mouth of a canyon with his wife and four children.

My goal is to write books whole families can read and share.

What books have most inspired you?

The Lord of the Rings, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Chronicles of Blackmoore, the Bronte sisters but also wishes there were more wholesome shows on TV.

What's your favorite book that you've written?

The Lord of the Rings yet because it’s really long and he’s also been busy looking up the new Zelda videogame. The latest book in Mull’s Five Kingdoms series, The Rogue Knight continues the adventures of Cole Randolph in a strange world between reality and imagination known as the Outskirts, where mysterious, dangerous enemies wield magic and threaten to overthrow the balance of power in the five kingdoms.

Blackmoore by Julianne Donaldson is an evocative and mesmerizing novel about a young woman who is determined to secure her insistent mother to let her travel to India. It would be a great gift for your mom, who is obsessed with the Regency era and the Bronte sisters but also wishes there were more wholesome shows on TV.

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and is majoring in photography. You should get her Ann Dee Ellis’s The End or Something Like That, a quirky, sad, and sweet book about a teenager’s struggle to cope with the death of her best friend.

For your wacky co-worker who is just a little superstitious and always reads too much into her fortune cookies, pick up Natalie Whipple’s The House of Ivy and Sorrow, a funny, engaging story about a girl who has spent ten years hiding from a curse that killed her mother, but finds herself deep in witchcraft as she tries to escape her fate and learn the truth about the curse.

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Handbell Choir, An Rogaire Dubh, and Flying Ship” on November 17 and a series of holiday concerts in December featuring skilled performers such as the Utah Baroque Ensemble, the Utah Valley Handbell Choir, An Rogaire Dubh, and more. More details on each event can be found online at oremlibrary.org or on the Orem Library Facebook page.

On Saturday, December 6, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Orem Public Library will host a special holiday event featuring celebrated local writers such as Ally Condie, Brandon Mull, Brandon Sanderson, Shannon Hale, and more. This Holiday Book Sale/Author Book Signing is the perfect opportunity to get signed copies of your favorite local author’s newest book, find new and exciting books and authors to fall in love with, and check off your Christmas shopping list for friends and family.

To make the process easier, we’ve already started for you!

For your teenager who enjoys dystopian fantasy and won’t stop talking about Divergent, try Atlantis by Ally Condie, author of the internationally bestselling Matched series: in a futuristic society where people live above on Earth or below to be free of pollution, a girl named Rio dreams of leaving the underwater city of Atlantis, but she is betrayed and abandon by her sister.

The Rogue Knight by Brandon Mull will be perfect for your brother who loves adventure and fantasy but hasn’t finished The Lord of the Rings. Your dad, who knows your family history, will love it! For Elise

...in a futuristic society where people...
For many people, the holidays wouldn’t be complete without a healthy dose of music. That’s why the Orem Library will be providing many opportunities to enjoy holiday music and the arts during November and December. Join us for a bountiful schedule of community performances right here at the library.

December 3, Wednesday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
Utah County Men’s Choir
This all-male vocal ensemble brings men’s voices to the ears and hearts of local audiences. They will delight audiences with traditional and contemporary holiday selections.

December 4, Thursday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
WASATCH CLASSICAL GUITAR
Wasatch Classical Guitar features a Christmas classical guitar ensemble. Enjoy a night of carols on these beautiful instruments.

December 5, Friday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
VOCAL PERFORMANCE: CONNIE JENSEN VOCAL STUDENTS
UVU professor Connie Jensen features favorite Christmas music as well as opera, classical and pop music performed by her students, as well as piano compositions by Aaron Foster, from his soon to be released CD.

December 8, Monday
6:00 PM | Fireplace
UTAH BAROQUE ENSEMBLE
HOLIDAY SING-ALONG
Join Utah Baroque Ensemble for their annual holiday sing-along featuring excerpts from Handel’s Messiah.

December 9, Tuesday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
CHAUTENETTES
Come and fill your ears with Christmas at the Chautenette’s 65th annual Christmas concert including a variety of family-friendly, fun, and sacred music. Featured selections include Meredith Willson’s “Pine Cones and Holly Berries” to John Rutter’s “Candlelight Carol,” some accompanied with handbells, flute, and even a piano duet.

December 10, Wednesday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
UTAH VALLEY HANDBELL CHOIR
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December 11, Thursday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
REED CRIDDLE VOCAL STUDIO
UVU professor and director of the UVU Chamber Choir Reed Criddle will present a selection of holiday music as performed by his students.

December 12, Friday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
CANTORUM
This performance of Renaissance and Baroque choral music from the 15th–17th centuries will feature pieces relating to the Advent.

December 16, Tuesday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
FLUTE AND HARP CHRISTMAS CONCERT: UVU MUSIC STUDENTS
The Christmas Spirit comes alive with music of flute and harp. The UVU flute and harp students combine to present beautiful, soothing, and fun Christmas music for those of all ages. You will be delighted by the variety of Christmas classics performed by fine college musicians.

December 17, Wednesday
7:00 PM | Fireplace
AN ROGAIRE DUBH

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SCREENINGS NOVEMBER | MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 6:30 PM
Dean Duncan Presents
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 6:30 PM
Star Wars, Episode IV: A New Hope (PG, 1977)
Luke Skywalker teams up with Captain Han Solo, a wookiee, a Jedi, and two plucky droids to save Princess Leia from the sinister Darth Vader and destroy the Death Star, a devastating super weapon created by the Galactic Empire.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 6:30 PM
Star Wars, Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back (PG, 1980)
The rebels are forced to abandon their newly established base and are pursued by Darth Vader and the Imperial Forces. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker seeks advanced Jedi training with Master Yoda and prepares to face Vader when his friends are taken captive.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 6:30 PM
Star Wars, Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (PG, 1983)
As the rebels plan an attack on the Emperor’s second Death Star, Luke Skywalker must use his mastery of the Force to rescue his friends from Jabba the Hutt and to wage a crucial battle against Darth Vader, who has sworn to win Luke over to the Dark Side of the Force.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 LIBRARY CLOSED
DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY
11:00 AM–1:00 PM  Fireplace
Holiday Book Sale & Author Book Signing
Featuring celebrated Utah authors such as Ally Condie, Brandon Mull, Shannon Hale, Gerald Lund, and more, this event is the perfect occasion for you to meet your favorite local authors, purchase signed copies of their latest books to keep and exchange as Christmas gifts, and find out what they’re working on now.

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DECEMBER 10, WEDNESDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
WeNooch Society
The WeNooch Society is a historical society concerned with the study and preservation of Utah historical sites. The public is invited to attend their monthly meetings featuring local experts.

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Film Screening: Elf (PG, 2003)
7:00 PM  Fireplace
Cantorum
This performance of Renaissance and Baroque chorale music from the 15th-17th centuries will feature pieces relating to the Advent.

DECEMBER 13, SATURDAY
2:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Tumbleweeds Film Festival Screening: The Muppet Christmas Carol (G, 1992)
The Muppet characters tell their version of the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, an old and bitter miser who is forced to face his past, present, and future and who eventually finds redemption on Christmas Eve.

DECEMBER 15, MONDAY
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LAPTIME & STORYTIME
MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME 10:00 AM
Mondays through November 17
10:00 AM  Storytelling Wing

EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY
10:00 AM  Ship’s Cove
Laptime! for Infants and Toddlers
10:30 AM  Storytelling Wing
Storytime! for Preschoolers and Up
SATURDAY STORYTIME 10:30 AM
Saturdays
10:30 AM  Media Auditorium

NOVEMBER EVENTS
NOVEMBER 3, MONDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace (PG, 1999)

NOVEMBER 4, TUESDAY
6:30 PM  Storytelling Wing
Book Launch: The Unhappening of Genesis Lee by Shallee McArthur
Utah author Shallee McArthur’s debut YA sci-fi novel The Unhappening of Genesis Lee focuses on a teenage girl who is genetically enhanced to store her memories in external objects and must hunt down a memory thief with the help of the only person she’s ever forgotten. Kirkus reviews praise the book’s “sensitively handled emotional details . . . McArthur’s debut suggests fascinating and chilling possibilities.” Copies are available to purchase through The King’s English Bookstore.

NOVEMBER 6, THURSDAY
7:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Timp Teller Meeting: Round Robin
Practice makes perfect! Join us for a night of round robin story telling practice. We’ll break into groups and tell our five-minute stories over and over again. Story prompts and time will be provided to start a new story if you don’t have one already.

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Orem Chorale
Under the direction of Russell Oliphant, the Orem Chorale sings spirituals, folk songs, sacred hymns, and classical works. Join them for an evening of inspirational and uplifting music spanning a broad range of styles and vocal abilities.

NOVEMBER 7, FRIDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones (PG, 2002)

NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY
2:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Tumbleweeds Film Festival Screening: Ernest & Celestine (PG, 2012)
The story of an unlikely friendship between a bear, Ernest, and a young mouse named Celestine, who soon discover that not everyone—above ground or below—is so accepting of their unprecedented friendship.

NOVEMBER 9, SUNDAY
10:00 AM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Arthur Christmas (PG, 2010)

NOVEMBER 10, MONDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
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Film Screening: The Polar Express (G, 2004).

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7:00 PM  Media Auditorium
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November 15, Saturday
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  Storytelling Wing
National Federation of the Blind
The National Federation of the Blind is a national organization with 50,000 members and has affiliates in all fifty states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. The public is invited to attend meetings of the Utah Valley Chapter of the NFB of Utah.

November 17, Monday
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening:
Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13, 2005)
7:00 PM  Fireplace
Vocal Performance: Derek Banks
BYU Young Company: The Fisherman and his Wife
This tale of the fisherman who catches an enchanted fish and uses his three wishes to secure happiness for his wife is a delightful storytelling and audience participation. Children will learn that harmony and sensibility are better than greed and the never-ending thirst for more.

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November 20, Thursday
10:00–11:30 AM  Media Auditorium
Preschool Vision Screening
Are you concerned about your child’s vision? Sign up for a free vision screening by calling 229-7161 or register at the Children’s Reference Desk.
7:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Hope After Suicide
Wendy Parmley, RN, MBA, recognizes the need to unashamedly support those who must continue to live in the painful aftermath of a loved one’s suicide and passionately lends her voice to that cause. She hopes to give courage to others to share their own stories and begin their own healing journeys. In conjunction with International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on November 22, join Wendy to lend your voice to support those touched by suicide, to reduce the stigma of suicide and mental illness, and to increase community awareness and involvement in suicide prevention.

November 21, Friday
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening:
Star Wars, Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back (PG, 1980)

November 22, Saturday
2:00 PM  Fireplace
Bob Peterson and Friends
Join professional musician and teacher Robert Peterson as he performs with his students. They will highlight a variety of jazz including Dixieland, big band, and Latin. Don’t miss this night of talent, tradition, and exceptional music.

November 24, Monday
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening:
Star Wars, Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (PG, 1983)
7:00 PM  Fireplace
Piano Concert: Derek Banks
From Pleasant Grove, Utah, Derek Banks began learning piano at age five and showed strong musical talent. Under the direction of Dr. David Glen Hatch, Derek (age 15) enjoys the process of learning, mastering, and performing difficult compositions and has been a recipient of awards and honors in local and state solo, ensemble, and concerto competitions. In 2013 Derek performed internationally to groups including the U.S. Embassy in Johanesburg and Cape Town, South Africa; he recently returned from an international concert tour in New Zealand, where he performed in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

November 26, Wednesday
Library closes at 6:00 PM

November 27 and 28, Thursday and Friday
Library closed for Thanksgiving

December 1, Monday
7:00 PM  Media Auditorium
Rise of the Guardians
This all-male vocal ensemble brings men’s voices to the ears and hearts of local audiences. They will delight audiences with traditional and contemporary holiday selections.

December 3, Wednesday
7:00 PM  Fireplace
Orem Stories
Trained storytellers recall their favorite holiday stories. Join us to celebrate the holiday season with thrilling tales, jingle bells, and drumming.

December 5, Friday
7:00 PM  Fireplace
Wasatch Classical Guitar
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December 6, Saturday
7:00 PM  Media Auditorium
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December 7, Sunday
1:00 PM  Media Auditorium
String Concert:
Utah Valley Youth Symphony
Tune up your pipes and get ready to sing along as the Utah Valley Youth Symphony performs a variety of holiday music.

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