AUTHOR INTERVIEW: ALLY CONDIE

Ally Condie is the award-winning author of multiple novels, including the critically acclaimed and #1 New York Times bestselling Matched series, as well as the Orem Public Library’s featured Orem Reads 2017 book, Summerlost.

Learn more at allycondie.com.

Question: Summerlost is quite different from your previous books. Tell us about the book and how it came to be.

Answer: I was supposed to be writing something else, a young adult novel, for my publisher. But my oldest son, who at the time was about twelve, kept asking very interesting questions at bedtime that I couldn’t fully answer. And I started thinking about how pivotal that age—twelve—was for me. I lost a sibling and a grandparent, and I also met my best friend. I started jotting down notes about a character who has suffered great loss but who finds something magical in friendship. The book wouldn’t let me go.

Question: What made you decide to start writing?

Answer: Reading Anne of Green Gables in third grade had a huge influence on me. My parents always took us to bookstores when we went on vacation, and we could choose a new book. This was long before you ordered books online, so bookstore trips were a huge treat. Anne of Green Gables was one of those vacation picks. I loved Anne, and I loved where she lived, and I loved all the big words she used. I wanted to be her. I read the book thirty-three times that year. (I know this because I made a mark on the inside front cover every time I finished reading.) I’ll always be grateful to my parents for starting that tradition.

Question: What advice would you give a novice writer?

Answer: I actually don’t remember a time when I wasn’t writing. Even before I could physically write, I told stories to my babysitter and asked her to write them down for me. Writing is how I’ve made sense of my world and of my place in it. I’d tell a novice writer to write what they love, to do things they find exciting, and to pay attention to the world and stories around them.

Question: What is the Library Book Sale?

Answer: The Library Book Sale was held in November and featured a variety of books, including literary classics, popular novels, and children’s books. The sale is a popular event that draws many visitors.

Question: What is the OREM PUBLIC LIBRARY?

Answer: The OREM PUBLIC LIBRARY is a public library located in Orem, Utah. It serves the community by providing access to a wide range of resources, including books, magazines, and newspapers.

Question: What is the purpose of the Parent Education Resource Center?

Answer: The Parent Education Resource Center is a community learning and creative center that provides access to creative tools and technology. It is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-8 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm.

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Question: What is the purpose of the Library Programs?

Answer: The Library Programs are events and activities that are offered to the public. They include book clubs, storytimes, and special events.

Question: What is the purpose of the Library Media Collection?

Answer: The Library Media Collection is a collection of movies, music, and other media that are available for patrons to borrow.

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Here are a few of our favorite online databases:

**MANGO LANGUAGES**

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Mango encourages you to make the process of learning intuitive, challenging, and fun. Register with an email address and your library card at oremlibrary.org/mango.

**TUTOR.COM**

Tutor.com provides high-quality online learning, resume help, and thousands of academic and career resources to library patrons nationwide. K-12 and college students can get help with homework, studying, projects, essay writing, and test prep in almost every subject, including algebra, statistics, chemistry, physics, social studies, and English. Adults can get help with job searches, GED prep, writing assignments, assessment and feedback, and a collaborative learning environment for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. Lifelong learning not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, but also competitiveness and employability. Over 150,000 patrons around the world use Universal Class daily through their local libraries. Get started at oremlibrary.org/universalclass.

Access to the databases is free of charge, but requires online registration of your library card and PIN number. Feel free to ask a librarian or call our reference desk at 801-229-7175 if you need help. Check out the full list of databases on our website: http://www.oremlibrary.org/all-databases/

**UNIVERSAL CLASS**

Have you ever searched YouTube for tutorial videos to help you learn software, perfect a hobby technique, or for home improvement? Universal Class is a continuing education program with over 500 courses in topics including computer training, personal finance, business, health and medicine, pet and animal care, arts and crafts, and much more! The database provides engaging video-based lessons, lesson exams, writing assignments, assessment and feedback, and a collaborative learning environment for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. Lifelong learning not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, but also competitiveness and employability. Over 150,000 patrons around the world use Universal Class daily through their local libraries. Get started at oremlibrary.org/universalclass.

**TEENS AT THE LIBRARY**

For ages 12–18. Treats provided.

**TEEN SCREENINGS**

For ages 14–18 only.

**TEEN WORKSHOPS**

For ages 12–18. Treats provided.

**TEEN AFTER HOURS**

Art Workshop with Aly Jenkins

November 18

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Media Auditorium

**TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL**

November 14 & December 12

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Media Auditorium

For ages 14–18 only.

**TEEN LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Ever wish there were more exciting, interactive, and educational things to do as a teen? Check out what our teen patrons were up to in 2017.

**2017 TEEN LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Writing book reviews for the library blog in February.

Fun with magnetic slime at the Teen Summer Reading kickoff in June.

Over 60 teens came to our steampunk-themed escape room in July.

Crafts, trivia, a flashlight scavenger hunt, a costume contest, and treats in October.
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Timpanogos Chorale
North Utah County’s premiere community choral ensemble presents beautiful music from diverse cultures and genres, including Christmas favorites, for all to enjoy.

DECEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM  Fireplace
The Happy Valley Ukes
Enjoy holiday favorites with a ukulele twist! This merry group of ukulele players and vocalists is based in American Fork and performs regularly across Wasatch.

DECEMBER 8, FRIDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13, 1989)

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Rebecca Dunford: A Light in Winter
Vocalist Rebecca Dunford presents “A Light in Winter,” a concert of Celtic music celebrating the winter season.

DECEMBER 12, TUESDAY
Film Screening:
Utah Valley Handbell Ringers
Directed by Karen Eskew-Ring in the holidays with Utah’s renowned handbell choir, Utah Valley Handbell Ringers 7:00 PM  Fireplace
6:30 PM   Media Auditorium
DECEMBER 11, MONDAY
Film Screening:
Louis & Luca and the Snow Machine (NR, 2013)
The small town of Flåklypa is experiencing a great lack of helpful friends, Louis and Luca, set out to fix them. 76 min.

DECEMBER 14, THURSDAY
Estate Planning Seminar: The Special Needs Trust
Celebrate the spirit of the season with the legendary Thomas Cordner Memorial Pipe Band and An Rogaire Dubh at a very special Celtic Christmas party featuring songs and dancing from the Emerald Isle.

DECEMBER 15, FRIDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screenings: The Box (PG-13, 2009)

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Wasatch Classical Guitar
Enjoy a peaceful evening listening to traditional Christmas carols played on classical guitar by young guitarists from the local Wasatch Classical Guitar Studio.

DECEMBER 16, SATURDAY
Library Closed for Christmas

DECEMBER 18, MONDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Gremlins (PG, 1984)

7:00 PM  Fireplace
Utah Valley Writers
Six: 6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening:
National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (PG-13, 1989)

DECEMBER 22, FRIDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation (PG-13, 1989)

Library Closed for Christmas

DECEMBER 23, SATURDAY
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Willow (PG, 1988)

JANUARY 1, MONDAY
Library Closed
New Year’s Day

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
MONDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 13
10:00 AM  Storytelling Wing
Music & Movement / toddlers

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
(through December 23)
10:00 AM  Storytelling Wing
Laptite | infants & toddlers
10:30 AM  Storytelling Wing
Storytime | preschoolers & up

WEDNESDAYS
4:00–6:00 PM (through December 13)  Storytelling Wing
CoderDojo Coding/Gaming club for kids 8 and up

THURSDAYS
4:30–5:30 PM  Children’s Mezzanine
Lego Lab
Free play and building challenges with LEGO and DUPLO blocks. Caregiver must accompany ages 7 & under.
No registration.

MONDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 6
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  Media Auditorium
ReLaunch (cancelled November 22)
ReLaunch is a four-week program to help prepare women who have been out of the workforce return to work or make a career transition. In ReLaunch, you will update and focus your resume, write cover letters, practice interviewing, start a LinkedIn account, and learn how to use the Internet to find a job. Participants will also receive a free professional head-shot to use with their LinkedIn accounts. Space is limited and commitment to attend all four weeks is required. Enroll by email digitalinclusion@unitedwayuc.org or call 801-691-5375.

THURSDAYS
6:30 PM  Media Auditorium
Open Chess

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Q-Peers brings together LGBTQI+ and straight teens to socialize and support each other, connect with resources and opportunities, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQI+, and economic justice.

NOVEMBER EVENTS
NOVEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM  Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers
Utah Valley Writers (UVW) is a non-profit, non-commercial community of serious writers dedicated to learning the craft and business of writing. New members are welcome.
November 8, Wednesday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Horse Feathers (Not Rated, 1932)

November 10, Friday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Onassis Performance 2016, Orem Library Book Club: True Grit
This month the Orem Library Book Club will read and discuss True Grit by Charles Portis, which tells the story of 14-year-old Mattie Ross and her quest to avenge the death of her father by a coward named Tom Chaney. First published in 1968, True Grit has been adapted into two award-winning films—one starring John Wayne in 1969 and another directed and produced by the Coen brothers in 2010—and remains an American classic with eccentric, unforgettable characters and laconic storytelling. Books are available at the main floor general reference desk.

November 15, Wednesday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Murder on the Orient Express (PG, 1974)

November 17, Friday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Utah Valley Writers

November 19, Saturday
6:00 PM Media Auditorium
Utah Baroque Ensemble
Join Timpanogos High School's premier auditioned choir as we usher in the Orem Library's Holiday Series Concert.

November 20, Monday
6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Lights On After Party
Join local artist Aly Jenkins for a fun and creative night doing a makeover on your personal light. Participants must be 14-18 years old. Contact Marilee at 801-229-7474 or mclarke@oremlibrary.org for more information.

November 20, Monday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: The Princess Bride (PG, 1987)

November 21, Tuesday
7:00 PM Media Auditorium
Utah Valley Earth Forum
Dr. James Westwater, a two-time National Endowment for the Arts Artist-in-Residence and a National Science Foundation Artist-in-the-Antarctic, will present an illustrated talk on “Stewardship: Photographing and Caring For Creation in Utah and Beyond.”

November 23, Thursday–November 24, Friday
Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday