

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We've all heard the saying that "It takes a village," and this was recently demonstrated in a big way in Springdale.

On September 11, 2024, Willamarie Huelskamp of Springdale was riding her bike in Zion National Park. She ran into another biker, a visitor from Milan, Italy, and struck up a conversation. When she learned that he was on a multi-month bike ride from Alaska to Argentina (followed by a walk through Patagonia to Tierra del Fuego) and was camping every night, she invited him to spend a couple of nights with her and her husband, Ira Rubinfield. He stayed in their comfortable home for three nights and then continued his journey.

Two days later, Fabio was riding toward Jacob Lake Lodge from Kanab when he saw a semi-rig lose control and roll onto its side. It was sliding toward him, and he knew he had to try to get out of the way. He ran in the opposite direction, but the truck hit his lower legs, resulting in multiple large wounds and fractures. His bicycle and gear were completely demolished. He was life-flighted to the nearest hospital, St. George Regional Hospital, for treatment.

Fabio knew two people in the area -- Willa and Ira - so he called them. They didn't hesitate to sign on to be his caretakers and advocates, and they not only took him back into their house but also drove him to doctor appointments and multiple surgeries over the course of the next 2-1/2 months.

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Invasive Species Removal Project – Public Open House February 11

The Town of Springdale has recently received funding to continue removal of invasive trees (Russian olive and tamarisk) from the North Fork and East Fork of the Virgin River and side canyons and washes within Springdale. The Virgin River Watershed provides critical wildlife habitats and is a vital source of water for residents. The project will remove invasive Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) and tamarisk (*Tamarix ramosissima*) trees which threaten the watershed's health by out-competing native trees, channelizing water flows, and degrading wildlife habitats.

Removal of these trees reduces the risk of wildfires, improves fish and wildlife habitats, improves water quality, and can also increase property values. Zion National Park has been working to remove these invasive trees from the Park for the past 25 years. Over the past eight years, the State of Utah has worked directly on the North Fork of the Virgin River to remove most of the invasive trees within the Town of Springdale. This project will extend that work and reduce additional seed banks from spreading downstream to other communities.

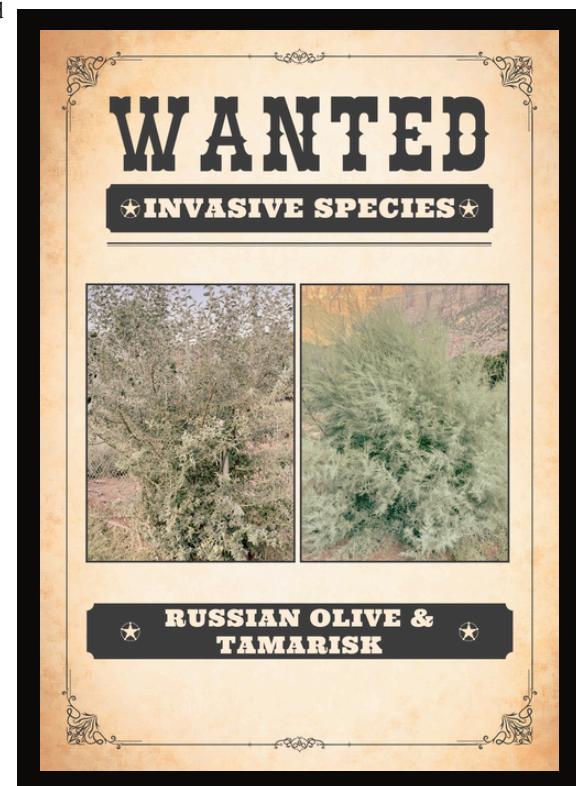
We will be holding a public gathering February 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Canyon Community Center to inform the public about this project. Come to this public open house to learn from experts the benefits of removing these invasive trees from the community.

We expect work removing the trees to begin this Fall. The work will be done by trained contractors who will cut the trees, treat the stumps with herbicide, and then remove the cut material from the property. Areas where invasive trees are removed will be revegetated with native willows.

We will be holding workshops and field tours for property owners February 18, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the George Barker River Park. Letters containing an invitation to this workshop have been sent to property owners that have Russian olive and/or tamarisk trees on their property. If you have not received a letter, and believe you have Russian olive or tamarisk trees on your property, please reach out to Kyndal Sagers.

Please contact Kyndal Sagers ksagers@springdale.utah.gov with questions.

We appreciate that our community cares about the health and safety of the river and side washes in Springdale and are excited to include residents and property owners in this undertaking.



Coming This Year: Springdale Trails Master Plan

If you have had the chance to look at the most recent version of the Parks Master Plan on the Town website, you may have noticed some information regarding trails in Springdale. This year, staff will be working with other agencies, trail enthusiasts in the community, resident stakeholders, and more to take what is in the Parks Master Plan and craft a more detailed Springdale Trails Master Plan. There will be more information to come, but if you have any questions or are interested in participating, please contact Ryan Gubler at rgubler@springdale.utah.gov.

Zion Canyon Phone Book

The Zion Canyon Phone Book has been updated!

If you have any revisions, please email them to:
zioncanyonphonebook@gmail.com

The current copy of the phone book is located on the Town's website at:
<https://www.springdaletown.com/DocumentCenter/View/335/Zion-Canyon-Phone-Directory>

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration has started at Springdale. It's time to register for next school year! If your child is starting kindergarten or you're new to the area, please register online at see.washk12.org or call the school office (435)772-3279.

Glen Andersen,

Principal, Springdale Elementary
 898 Zion Park Blvd
 Springdale, UT 84767
 435-772-3279
ses.washk12.org

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This is where the village came in. People in the community learned of the situation and stepped up to help. Residents of Springdale and Rockville brought Fabio lunch almost every day and took time to visit with him, giving him much-needed social interaction throughout his recovery.

Fabio headed back to Italy in early December and is recovering, but he hopes to return to the United States to complete his planned bike route. I'm sure he'll be forever grateful to Willa and Ira but also to the small town in Southern Utah where people took him under their wings and helped him in his time of need.

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bbruno@springdale.utah.gov
 801-243-5861



February 2025



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2	3 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	4	5 • 5PM-7PM Planning Commission Work Meeting • 2-3PM Alcoholics Anonymous	6	7		8
9	10 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	11	12 • 5PM-7PM Town Council Regular Meeting • 2-3PM Alcoholics Anonymous	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>		15
16	17 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous <i>Town Hall closed in observance of Presidents' Day</i>	18	19 • 5PM-7PM Planning Commission Regular Meeting • 2-3PM Alcoholics Anonymous	20	21		22
23	24 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	25	26 • 2-3PM Alcoholics Anonymous	27	28		

Canyon Community Center Class Calendar

126 Lion Blvd, Springdale

FEBRUARY 2025

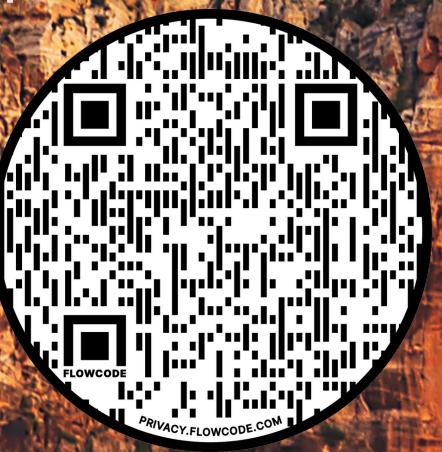
Scan the QR code [below](#) or visit bit.ly/CCCWellFit to do any of the following:

- Purchase a CCC Wellness Loyalty Card
- Pay a single Wellness class drop-in fee
- Sign a class waiver



Scan the QR code [below](#) or visit bit.ly/CCCWorkshops to do any of the following:

- Purchase an Art Workshop Loyalty Card
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We are updating our account information and want to make sure we have the right contact information for your account. Please fill out the form below and either mail it back with your utility bill to P.O. Box 187 Springdale, UT 84767, put it in our Utility Drop Box, email it to me at rakkerman@springdale.utah.gov, or call me at (435)772-3434.

Thank you so much!

NAME:
ACCOUNT #:
SERVICE ADDRESS:
MAILING ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS:

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR BILLING STATEMENT?

- E-Mail / Paperless
- Mail

* Please consider signing up for paperless to save on paper.

OTHER UTILITY INFORMATION

To set up Auto Pay or Pay Online:

1. Visit www.springdaletown.com
2. Click "Utility Services"
3. On the "Utility Bill Payments" page you will find further directions for Xpress Bill Pay.

To keep track of your water usage and history:

1. Visit www.springdaletown.com
2. Click "Utility Services"
3. Click "Water Meter Login"
4. Follow the "Eye on Water Login Instructions"

Town of Springdale February 2025 Events

SOUTHWEST
UTAH PUBLIC
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT



PERSONAL & FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION

Date: Friday, February 7, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Canyon Community Center
126 Lion Boulevard
Springdale, UT 84767

LEARN HOW TO CREATE A PLAN FOR YOUR
FAMILY'S SAFETY IN EMERGENCIES:

- GET A KIT
- MAKE A PLAN
- BE INFORMED
- GET INVOLVED



SPRINGDALE TOWN BIRTHDAY

LOCALS WEEK
PRIZE
DRAWING!

Date:
Friday, March 7th
2PM-4PM

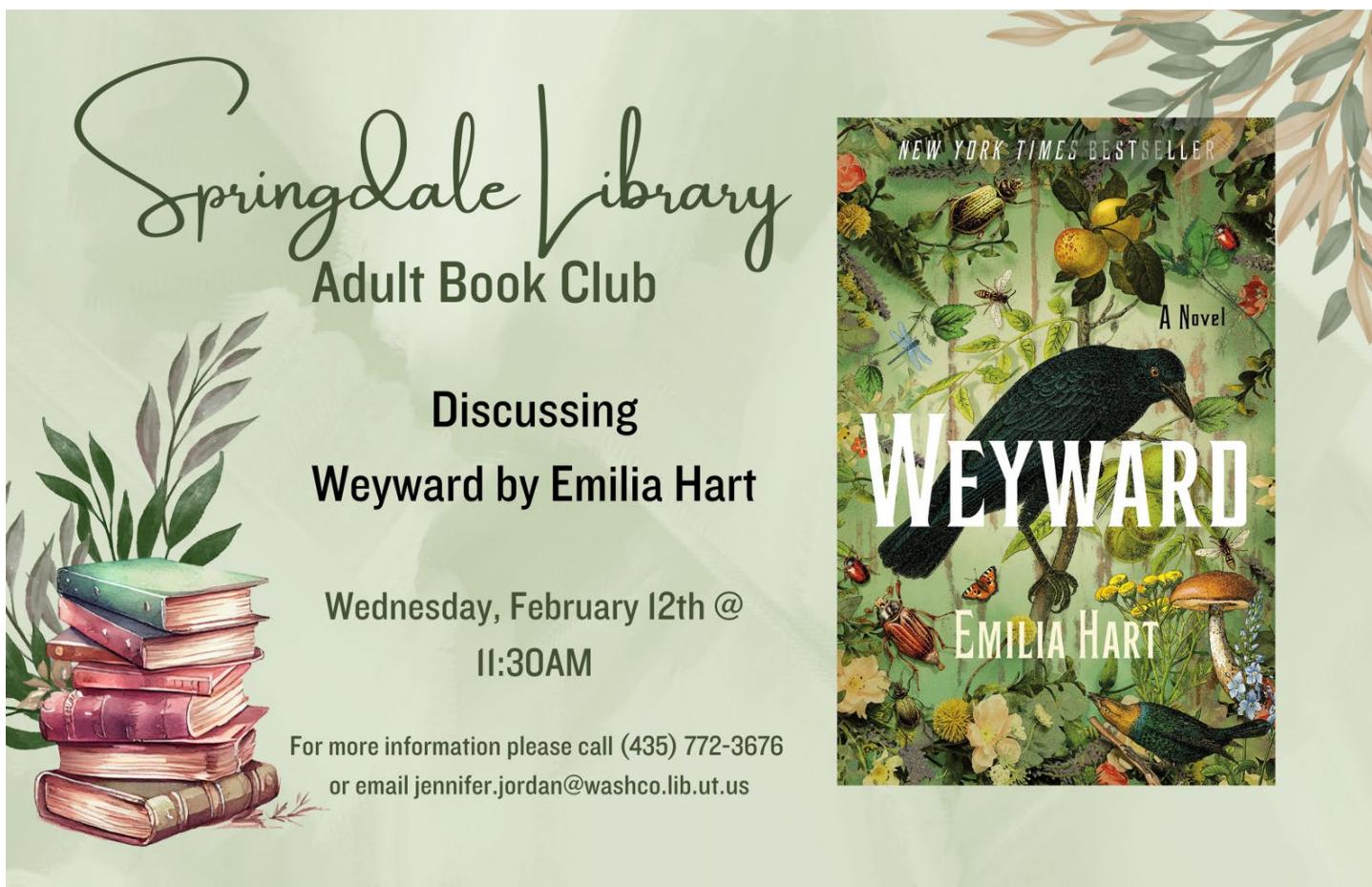
Venue:
**Canyon Community
Center**
(126 Lion Blvd., Springdale UT)



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YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS & ENJOY
REFRESHMENTS!

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Springdale Library Events February 2025

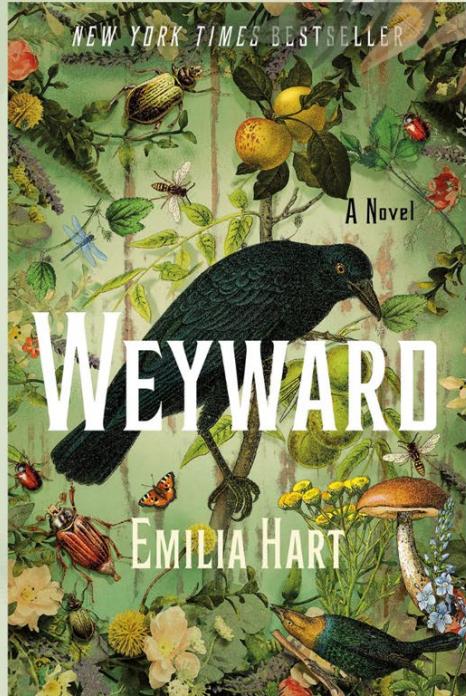


Springdale Library
Adult Book Club

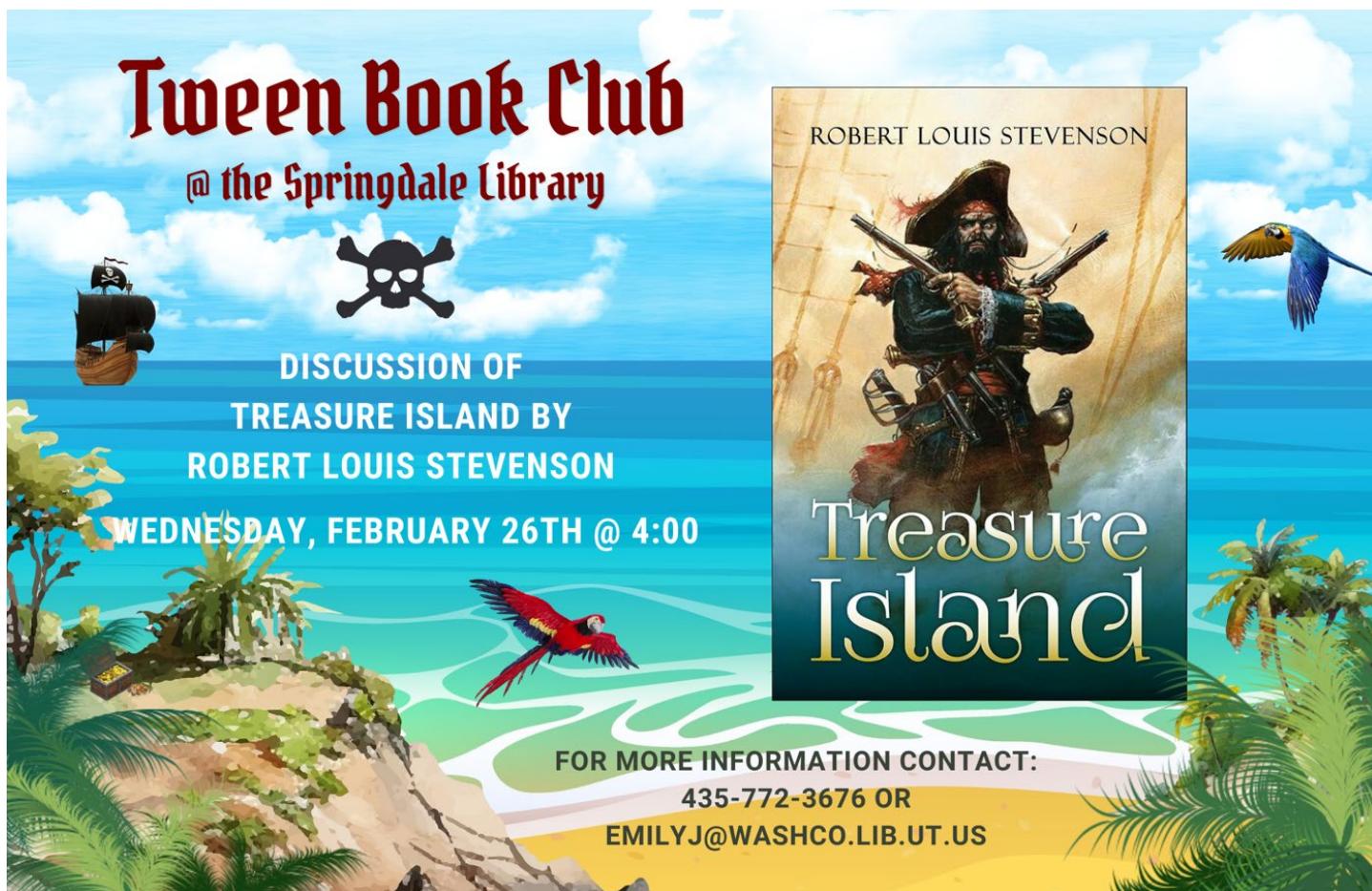
Discussing
Weyward by Emilia Hart

Wednesday, February 12th @
11:30AM

For more information please call (435) 772-3676
or email jennifer.jordan@washco.lib.ut.us



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
A Novel
WEYWARD
EMILIA HART



Tween Book Club
@ the Springdale Library

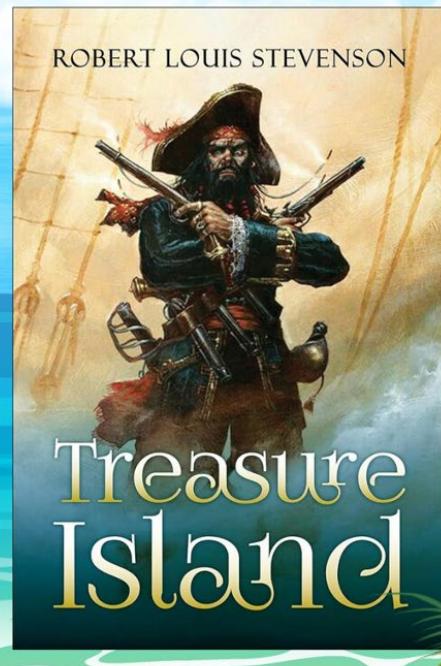


DISCUSSION OF
TREASURE ISLAND BY
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

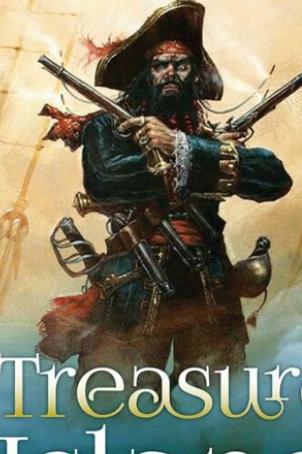
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH @ 4:00



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
435-772-3676 OR
EMILYJ@WASHCO.LIB.UT.US



ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
Treasure Island



JR. D&D CLUB

@ THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY

EVERY SECOND
THURSDAY @ 5

FOR MORE INFO CALL: (435) 772-3676
OR EMAIL: EMILYJ@WASHCO.LIB.UT.US

PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME,
BUT NOT REQUIRED



Come make a fun keychain with us,
as a fun introduction to the craft!

Perfect for all skill levels!

February 27

5pm - 4pm


LIBRARY
CRAFT NIGHT

This free event is open to all patrons 18 and older, all materials are provided, but space is limited. Please register in advance at (435) 772-3676 or Jennifer.Jordan@washco.lib.ut.us