

## Author to debut book at Provo Library; Businesses support Kids on the Move; Orem Library chosen for NASA initiative

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Ann Dee Ellis  
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### Ann Dee Ellis debuts children's book at Provo Library

The Provo City Library will host Ann Dee Ellis for the launch of her new children's novel "You May Already be a Winner", a funny and heartfelt story of resilience and hope.

Join a discussion and book signing with the author at 7 p.m. on July 11 in the Bullock Room, on the third floor of the Academy Wing.

"You May Already Be a Winner" centers on 12-year-old Olivia, who dreams of winning a million dollars and moving her family out of Sunny Pines Trailer Park. And she has a plan to do it.

By entering every lottery, contest, and sweepstakes she comes across, Olivia is certain she can save her little sister, Berkeley, and her overworked Mom from their hardscrabble life. Dad's left and Mom's not quite herself anymore, so it also falls to Olivia to take care of Berkeley and run the house, all while trying to make friends and not miss school too much. Her humor, resilience, and optimism are sure to inspire readers.

This is a free event; no tickets are required. Books will be available for purchase from the King's English Bookshop in Salt Lake City.

### Orem Library selected for national STEM programming initiative

The Orem Public Library has been selected through a competitive application process to be one of just 75 public libraries nationwide to be part of NASA@ My Library, an initiative to engage public audiences nationwide in informal and lifelong learning with the excitement of NASA exploration and discovery.

As a NASA@ My Library partner, the library will receive the following benefits:

- Two NASA STEM Facilitation Kits (total value: \$750) designed for use in hands-on programming in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math. The kits will include STEM tools and hands-on activities based on the following themes: "Sun-Earth-Moon Connections" and "Expanding Your Senses."
- An 8-inch tablet computer, pre-loaded with apps, educational games, and visualizations relevant to the kit materials.
- A \$500 grant to cover the cost of programming.
- Inclusion in a two-day NASA workshop in Denver in February, with an \$800 stipend to cover travel costs.
- Additional training and networking opportunities.

With the assistance of the NASA STEM Facilitation Kits and other resources, the library will hold several special programs between now and October 2018 that engage various age groups in learning and sharing the scientific explorations of our solar system and the universe beyond.

Space Night, which will be at 2 p.m. on July 11, will give participants a chance to join Solar System Ambassador Amy Oliver from Clark Planetarium and NASA's Night Sky Network to learn more about the science and stages of an eclipse and how to view one safely in preparation for the solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

There will also be a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 21. At the event, there will be a variety of activities exploring NASA science and technology. All ages are welcome. Eclipse viewing glasses will be given out at the program.

## Businesses 'play it forward' with sports challenge for children

Kids On The Move hosted its 12th annual Corporate Sports Challenge on June 16 to raise money for children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Companies from across the valley participated in eight rotations of sports and a service station to compete for the traveling cup trophy. Sports included an extreme inflatable relay race, bubble ball king of the hill, volleyball, rock climbing, kickball, soccer, dodgeball and tug of war. At the service station, players made musical instruments used to teach children about movement and music.

The Eboda team, sponsored by Adobe, won the overall events as well as many of the individual events. Orem city took overall second place and another team from Adobe took third. Their competitors included 13 other teams from companies within the community.

During the lunch program, the Ivie family spoke to the players about their experience with the different programs at KOTM. Having used resources from the Early Head Start, Early Intervention, and Respite Care Programs, Suzzane Ivie gave a tearful testimony on how KOTM has saved their family.

"Our 12th Annual Corporate Sports Challenge was an amazing success as we highlighted our newest program Respite Care," said Scott Bean, CEO of Kids On The Move. "Respite allows parents who care 24/7 for disabled children an opportunity to recharge their battery and build their marriage."

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