

SHAKESPEARE



Dear Weber County Residents:

Weber Reads is designed to create a community-wide discussion by providing opportunities for people to read, reflect, and engage in meaningful dialogue built around selected texts that help illuminate experiences and beliefs while transcending group values to unite us as human beings. The success of this program has been acknowledged by the American Library Association, which has three times chosen Weber Reads to receive its Community Reading Program "Best of Show Award."

This year we will focus on the works of William Shakespeare with the goal of making this unparalleled master of the English language accessible to readers of every age. Readable editions of books, written by and about Shakespeare, are being made available throughout the Weber County Library System. Whether your forte is a children's picture book, a graphic novel, a book of sonnets, an audio recording, or a film of one of his plays, the Library has Shakespeare in a format you will enjoy.

To help facilitate involvement of young people in our discussions, every school in the County will receive Weber Reads teaching materials, created by teacher consultants from the Wasatch Range Writing Project, the local site of the National Writing Project. Copies of appropriate texts, purchased in part by Friends of the Weber County Library, are also being given to each school library along with an invitation to have librarians from the Weber County Library visit classrooms to deliver a special presentation on Shakespeare's life and work. The presentations will be educational and will encourage students to continue reading for fun.

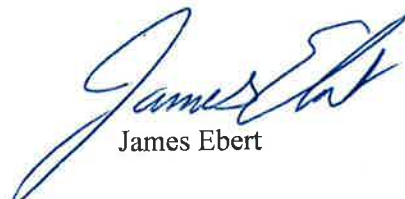
The Library Board will sponsor those local book groups wishing to hold their discussion at a Weber County Library and invite the community to join their conversations. If requested, the Library will provide refreshments and a discussion leader for these meetings. You are also invited to attend special programs hosted at the Library, on the campus of Weber State University, and throughout the community. Watch the Library Web site (www.weberpl.org) for details.

Please join us. We hope no one will be left out of the discussion.

Weber County Commissioners,

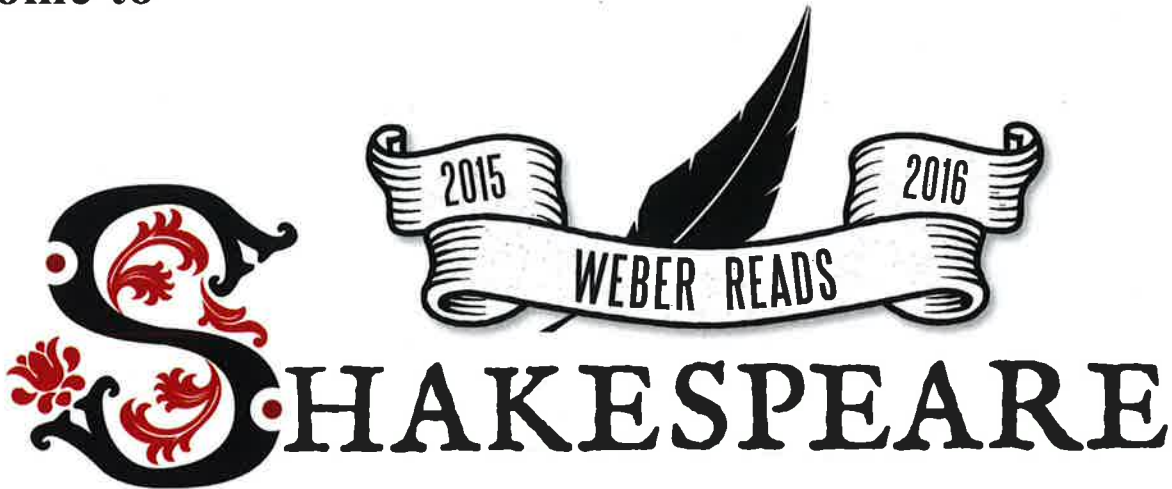

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Students, Teachers, Media Specialists, and Administrators Welcome to



On April 23, 1616, William Shakespeare died, leaving behind plays, sonnets, poems and a reputation that is unmatched in the English speaking world.

Four hundred years later, we celebrate his life and work in Weber Reads Shakespeare 2016. The teachers who write the lessons for Weber Reads decided to focus on making this work accessible to young people, hoping that all ages can share in the joy of his work, the excitement of the stage, the passion and wisdom of his characters on that stage.

The word play is important in the study of Shakespeare, both as verb and noun. A play is played on the stage. We hope that teachers will also use that word as they look at these lessons, as students play with sounds and words and speeches, play as they act out scenes and try on characters. Learning to love Shakespeare is a gift for a lifetime.

In this box you will find lesson plans written by teachers in the Wasatch Range Writing Project and edited and produced by the staff of the Weber County Library System. You will also find books selected and purchased by the Friends of the Weber County Library. The books, depending on the grade level of your school, provide a look at the life of Shakespeare; his theater; graphic adaptations of Romeo and Juliet and The Merchant of Venice; a book about the sonnets; and collections of teaching activities on Shakespeare.

Also included is a list of all the lessons written this summer for every grade level and a bibliography. The lessons not included in your box, because they were prepared for another grade level, can be found on Weber County Library's Web site (www.weberpl.org). Likewise, all the books on the bibliography are not in every box as some are for readers in other grades or are supplementary texts. All of the books are, of course, available at your local library.



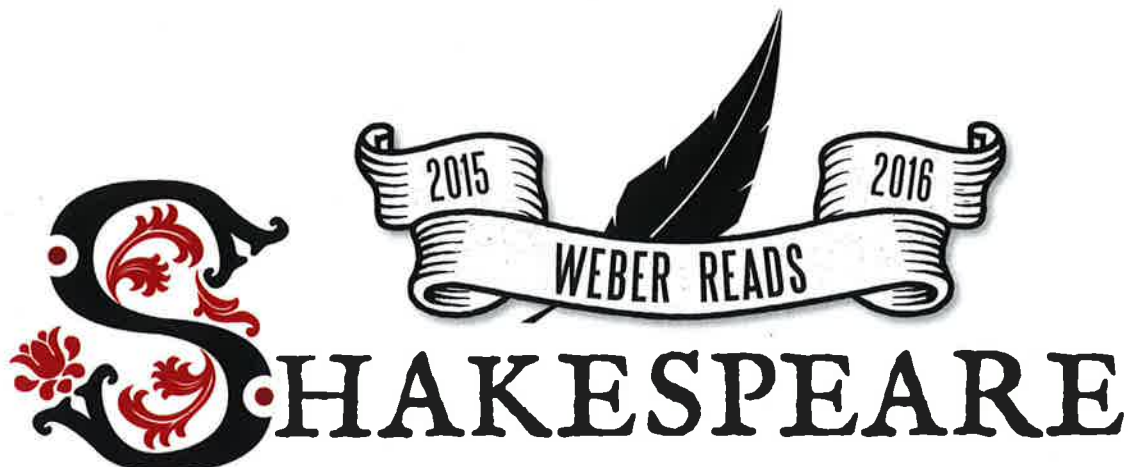
We have included a list of the teachers who wrote these lessons and their contact information. We welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions for extensions and adaptations. Such collaboration is at the heart of both Weber Reads and the Wasatch Range Writing Project.

Finally, we also include an invitation from the librarians at the Weber County Library System to come to your classroom and present a lesson on Shakespeare. These lessons are prepared for all grade levels. We love visiting schools!!

Weber Reads is a community organization sponsored by the Weber County Commission, Weber County Library, the Standard Examiner, and Weber State University. Working together, we have previously prepared lessons and purchased books on the following topics:

- *Beowulf* – 2008
- *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelly – 2009
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain – 2010
- *Narrative of the Life of A Slave*, by Fredrick Douglass and *Life of A Slave Girl*, by Harriet Jacobs – 2011
- The Founders and their Documents – 2012
- Emily Dickinson – 2013
- *The Odyssey*, by Homer – 2014
- *Charlotte's Web*, and other writings, by E. B. White – 2015

Materials on these topics may be found on Weber County Library and Weber State University Web sites.

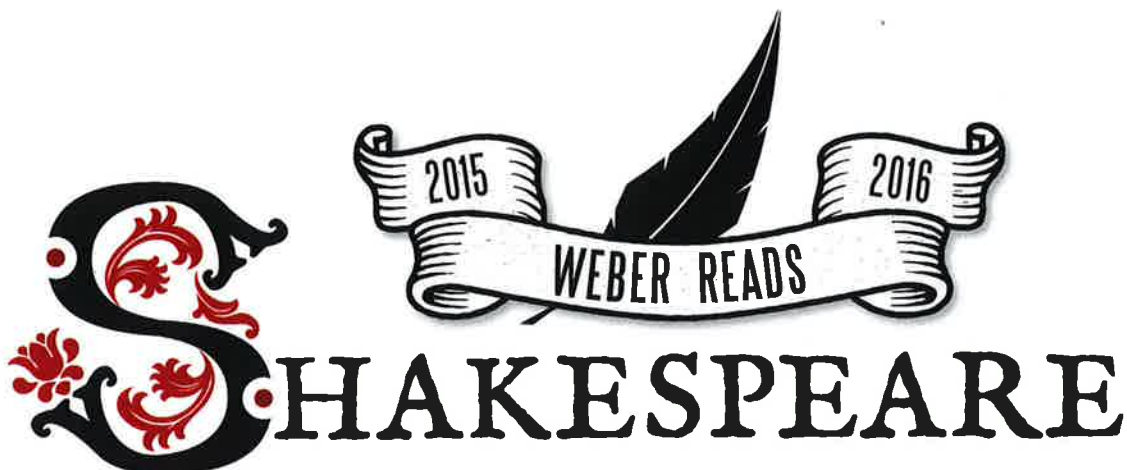


School Presentations

Let the Weber County Library youth services staff help bring Shakespeare into your classroom.

Once again, in conjunction with Weber Reads, we will offer a free, fun 30- to 45-minute presentation on Shakespeare and aspects of his plays. Presentations are available during January, February, and March of 2016. They are suitable for students in grades 4-12 and can be adapted in length and focus. Please schedule your classroom visit at least one month in advance. Groups of 30 to 40 students are preferred and presentations can be given back-to-back to accommodate class sizes.

For more information, or to schedule an elementary presentation, please contact Phoebe Carter at pcarter@weberpl.org. To schedule a presentation for secondary students, please contact Sarah Lovato at slovato@weberpl.org.



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Lessons

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All Grade Levels

Breaking the Language Barrier: An Intro to Shakespeare Unit.....	Alycia Cole
For the Love of Shakespeare!	Paula Simonson
Good Greetings, William Shakespeare.....	Judy Chesley
Making Shakespeare Come Alive: A Look at Activities for Beginning, Middle and End	Rayne Kolloch
Shakespeare Multigenre	Jana Patchett
Shakespearean Language: Learning, Interpreting, Using Shakespeare’s Words and Phrases	Monique Benard
Shakespeare’s Language in Action (Summary Log).....	Michael Handy
Snippets of Shakespeare	Judy Chesley
What’s the Big Deal about Shakespeare	Paula Simonson
Words for the Seasons.....	Patricia Lowe
Writing from a Map.....	Patricia Lowe

Middle, Junior and Senior High

Comparing Shakespeare Films.....	Michael Handy
The Merchant of Venice: A Readers’ Theater.....	Jana Patchett
Reading the Funeral Speeches in Julius Caesar in Context with the Nixon-Kennedy Debates.....	Michael Handy
Romeo and Juliet: Love or Infatuation?.....	Natalie Wilson
Shakespeare: To Whom Did He Talk?.....	Dee Anne Squire
Soliloquy Close Read.....	Jana Patchett

High School Only

Iago’s Persuasions and Provocations	Gwen Romero
Shakespeare Sonnet 71 and Macbeth Monologue–Comparison Activity	Gwen Romero
Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice.....	Joe Burke

