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# WHAT'S YOUR WATER STORY? Join us for FREE activities!

APRIL 26 – JULY 31, 2021

Enjoy two EXHIBITIONS in Vernal!

Uintah County Heritage Museum  
155 East Main Street, Vernal, UT  
435.789.7399  
[www.uintahmuseum.org](http://www.uintahmuseum.org)  
[www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday](http://www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday)

Monday-Thursday, 9am-6pm  
Saturday, 10am-4pm  
(may change due to COVID)

- **H2O Today** is a traveling Smithsonian exhibition that explores the beauty and essential nature of water, our planet's lifeblood. Through immersive content, interactives, and digital media, the exhibition explores the diversity and challenges of our global water sources, as well as Utah's unique relationship with water. What does water mean to you?
- **Through Their Eyes: Photographs from the Second Powell Expedition** is an exhibition featuring the work of A.D. Shaw and Randy Fullbright. The artists reconstructed images captured by John Wesley Powell's Second Expedition and paired them with diary entries from members of Powell's crew describing the breath-taking scenery along the Green River.

APRIL 26, 2021  
1:00-2:00pm  
At the Museum

**Exhibition Ribbon-Cutting and VIP Tour**

Join officials from Uintah County Heritage Museum, Utah Humanities, and the Vernal City Chamber of Commerce to open *H2O Today* and *Through Their Eyes* and welcome the Smithsonian to Vernal!

May 12, 2021  
5:00-8:00pm

**Humanities in the Wild | Going Jurassic with Larry Cesspooch and Mary Beth Bennis**

Dinosaur Track Site Trailhead  
Red Fleet State Park  
Highway 191 north of Vernal

Join us for an exploratory outdoor experience that encourages you to step into the beautiful and rugged landscape of Red Fleet State Park's Dinosaur Trackway. Traverse a trail once trekked by dinosaurs with paleontologist Mary Beth Bennis and Ute storyteller Larry Cesspooch and learn about the science, history, and water story behind Red Fleet Reservoir along the way. Followed by light refreshments and conversations about the environment and humanities. Limited space, masks required, sign up at [www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday](http://www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday)

JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29  
JULY 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2021  
10:00am-12:00pm

**Weekly Water Activities | Tuesdays with the Uintah County Library**

Uintah County Library & Plaza  
204 East 100 North, Vernal, UT

Join Library staff and local experts for two months of weekly water-themed story time and craft events for children! Join us outside to learn about the water cycle and your own water footprint. Get involved with community water clean-up and conservation efforts. Learn about the symbolic meanings of water throughout the world through art, poetry, and science. Find details for each activity at [www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday](http://www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday)

JUNE 8, 2021  
7:00-8:30pm  
Online

**The River Knows Everything: Desolation Canyon and the Green | Talk with author Jim Aton**

Join us to hear Jim Aton discussing his book *The River Knows Everything*, an overview of the 12,000-year history of humans in Desolation-Gray Canyons, including Native peoples and Anglo ranchers. Sign up at [www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday](http://www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday)

JUNE 22, 2021  
4:00-5:00pm  
Online

**Utah Water Ways & the Uinta Basin | Talk with Greg Smoak, Utah State Scholar for H2O Today**

Utah is land of scarcity and plenty, and those extremes have shaped our relationship to water. Join Greg Smoak (Director, University of Utah's American West Center) to explore how water has motivated great cooperation and great conflict between peoples, communities, and governments. Sign up to attend at [www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday](http://www.uintahlibrary.org/h2otoday)

*We are excited to welcome you to the Uintah County Heritage Museum! Our exhibitions and activities will accommodate social distancing and sanitary practices. We ask visitors to be considerate of others and respect social distancing and recommend visitors wear a mask. We will provide you with one if needed! Thanks!*

*H2O Today* is a traveling exhibition created by the Smithsonian Institution and brought to you by Utah Humanities and the Uintah County Heritage Museum. *H2O Today* is part of *Think Water Utah*, a statewide collaboration and conversation on the critical topic of water presented by Utah Humanities and its partners.

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