



# JACKSON COUNTY

Library Services

## — Applegate Library —

Our library is off to a great start this year. Thanks to the new library district we are now open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm. So far the new hours are well received. We have had the pleasure of showing off talent from Applegate School's art class—a school of fish is swimming in our display case and has brought a lot of attention. Thanks to Linda Kappen for bringing them in.

The community room is a bustle of classes and community events. We have three yoga classes: Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am with Teri Becker, and Thursdays with Cassidy Geppert from 9 to 10:30 am. If you have any questions about these classes, please call the library.

Saturdays we are busy with Story Time from 10:30 to 11:30 am, followed by a craft.

We are going to have a "Game Night" on the last Friday of each month starting Friday, February 27, from 5 to 7 pm. There will be all kinds of games set out for you to start or you can join in on games already in progress. This is for all ages. A light refreshment will be provided.

On Valentine's Day, Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) hosted its first book sale of the year and a sing-along in the community room.

There is so much going on you'll just have to come and check it out! Our hours are Tuesdays from 2 to 6 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm, Fridays from 2 to 6 pm, and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Our library community is expanding—come enjoy the fun!

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## — Ruch Library —

Please join us at Ruch Library on Saturday, March 14, to celebrate Pi(e) Day, in honor of pi, 3.141592653..., which will occur this year at 9:26:53 (am and pm) on that day, and also to honor Albert Einstein's 136<sup>th</sup> birthday! The women from Women Helping Other Women (WHOW) will be furnishing the pies (they prune, paint, weed AND bake), and every patron who comes to the library that day is welcome to a piece of pie. There will also be an Albert Einstein look-alike contest, the winner of which will receive an entire pie to take home! Be sure to come by the library on Saturday, March 14, from 11 am to 4 pm to help us celebrate.

We continue to offer preschool Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 am, followed by a craft that ties into the stories. We also have a Babies and Wobblers Program presented by Janis Mohr-Tipton on Thursdays at 4 pm. This is an interactive time for children up to three years old that sparks interest in early literacy through stories, rhyming, and song. Our LEGO collection continues to grow, and we have

LEGO Fun the first Saturday of every month from 12 to 4 pm.

The Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) will have a board meeting on Thursday, March 5, which will include taking nominations for people who would like to be on the board. This is an exciting time for FORL—the intense fund-raising efforts for our Saturday hours are over, and now we are planning FORL's role with the library and community. The annual meeting will be Saturday, April 4, and will include FORL board elections and a new deck celebration and book sale at the A-Frame Bookstore. As usual, there will also be a book sale in Historic Buncom during Buncom Days this May.

With the addition of two more hours, we are now open Tuesdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursdays from 11 am to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and at our A-Frame Bookstore!

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### Friends of Ruch Library needs board members

Do you have experience in leadership positions?  
Are you retired? Bored?  
Do you have a desire to serve?

The Friends of Ruch Library is seeking new board members for general board and executive board positions. The change of the guard takes place at our May meeting, but we'd love to meet you sooner if you're interested in contributing to your community through your local library. The board usually meets for about one and a half hours at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of some months (not every month).

Join the Friends in promoting library usage and programs—there's fun to be had in doing so. For more information, call Gerrie Leinfelder at 541-846-9602 or Ruch Branch Library at 541-899-7438.



## — Williams Branch Library —

### Connecting you to the world Ongoing events

Chess Club: Mondays 3:45 to 5 pm.  
All ages and skill levels welcome.

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Stories followed by craft project.

### Upcoming events

Join us in March as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday! We'll have art projects and contests throughout the month for kids of all ages.

Save your household items for our Annual Yard Sale in April or May. Funds support Williams branch Adopt-an-Hour. (Last year the community matched a generous donation by Herb Pharm to extend open hours from 9 to 12 hours per week.) Musicians, food, and activities for kids will be a part of the event.

The Summer Reading Program for children begins in June. Kids are encouraged to keep their reading skills sharp while they also earn prizes and make crafts.

Garden classes will also be offered all summer long through the library.

### Technology services

The internet has given us the ability to learn and connect like never before. Technology is a large part of what our libraries provide. In fact, many of the people using our services are utilizing public-access computers, printers, and Wi-Fi provided by Josephine Community Libraries. Libraries give people access to

millions of resources including expensive online books and references available only through the library.

Technology services are vital to folks in rural communities like Williams, who might otherwise be left behind in this digital age. Drive by any day of the week and you will see folks parked outside the library using the Wi-Fi (donated by Hunter Communications). During open hours, people come in and print documents, check emails and social media, do research for school papers, and look for jobs online.

Two new computers, provided by Four Way Community Foundation, and a table for laptop use allow more patrons to enjoy these services. Williams Library is open in the here-and-now *and* has a free-to-the-public, community-sponsored high-speed Internet hotspot available 24/7!

### Volunteers needed

We currently need volunteers to work the front desk, help plan and work the children's Summer Reading Program, and help with book sales and other events. Call the branch manager or stop by to sign up.

To join Friends of the Library, volunteer, or share your skills with local children, please stop by. The library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm.

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### A friendly donation to FOAL

Our library is the center of our community. It's more than a place to check out books—it also serves as an Internet access, a research library, and a place to read newspapers and magazines, and it provides a beautiful meeting room for activities like yoga, choir practice, board meetings (of the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council), and programs of all kinds.

In the past, Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) sent out newsletters each year providing information about the library's activities and asking for donations of \$15 for a year's membership to FOAL. This year, because of the high cost of postage, we are just asking for any donation to FOAL, for which any donor will become a "member."

Our new library district provides money for librarian salaries, the purchase of new books and computers, and general maintenance of libraries. Individual libraries must provide their own funding for programs, some landscaping, summer reading programs for the kids, winter reading programs for adults, upkeep on the printing machine, and advertising for fund-raising activities, just to name

a few of the responsibilities.

Most of our income over the past years has come from our book sale, our hat sale, and the one-time craft fair we had at the Applegate River Lodge. Our income for the year of 2014 totaled \$1,363.61. Our expenses, however, exceeded our income by almost \$500. This means that we must ask for more donations to keep our library active and functioning on the same level that it has in the past.

We are asking that all of you who come to our library, whether to use the computers, check out books and DVDs, read newspapers and magazines, or attend programs and activities in the meeting room, to please take a minute to write a check for whatever amount you can afford and send it to Friends of the Applegate Library, PO Box 3287, Applegate, Oregon 97530. Or just bring a check to the library and leave it with the librarians.

FOAL is a nonprofit organization so all donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you so much!  
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