



JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

— Applegate Library —

Summer is upon us and what a great time to be at the library! “Summer Reading” will begin on June 12 at 2 pm. Reading is a great activity during the summer. We have books on camping, hiking, water safety, planting—you name it, we can find something for you!

But first, great news! The new Library District has approved a Nonresident Library card effective July 1, 2015.

Here is a look at what is happening at Applegate Library this summer:

June 13. “Superfoods” with nutritionist Barrett Gifford, 2 - 3 pm. Informative talk on healthy foods.

June 19. Weaving with Thalia Truesdell, 3 - 5 pm. Come and learn how to weave natural materials into great masterpieces.

June 23. Map it Out, 2 to 5 pm. Be creative with maps. Arts/craft.

July 10. Face painting with local artist Angela, 2 to 6 pm.

July 10. Book talk with Anna Monders, 3 to 5 pm. Book talk and recycle craft fun, ages 10 and up.

July 15. Firefighter Randi Ann Martin and Smokey Bear, 12 to 1 pm. Applegate student follows her dreams to

become a firefighter. Encouragement for boys and girls to find and follow the hero within. Enjoy a visit by Smokey Bear.

July 24. “Aquaman” with John Jackson, 2:30 to 3:30 pm. This program highlights seashells, plant life, and preserved animal life and features sea life coloring pages, real seashell souvenirs, and take-home guides.

July 28. Rich Glauber, 2 to 3 pm. Music educator who specializes in creating interactive musical experiences for participants of all ages.

August 4. Recycled t-shirt capes, 4 to 5 pm. Enjoy the afternoon transforming t-shirts into superhero capes.

Storytime is every Saturday at 10 am with a craft following, and Game Night is on the last Friday of the month at 5 pm.

Jackson County Library Director Kim Wolfe retired on April 30. It was a pleasure to work with Kim—she taught me courage, confidence and patience. Thanks for believing in me, Kim!

Come enjoy the fun!

For more information, contact branch manager Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or lmartin@jcls.org.

— Ruch Library —

Ruch Library is gearing up for an exciting summer of programs, story times, and air conditioning, and we hope to see you often.

Preschool story times are Tuesdays at 11:30 am. Babies and Wobblers story time for children three and younger is Thursdays at 4 pm with lots of movement and rhyme to cultivate early literacy. The Summer Reading Program, “Every Hero Has a Story,” begins June 6 and offers incentives, activities, prizes, and fun for *all* ages!

We also have several fun and educational programs this summer:

Saturday, June 13, 1 to 2 pm: “Beneficial Insects, the Heroes of the Garden” with Gail Saito. Create seed balls to toss (plant) to grow plants that attract these beneficial insects. For all ages; sign-up required.

Thursday, June 18, 2 to 3 pm: “Heroes Among Us: Volunteer Firefighting.” Meet Randi Ann Martin, Applegate’s youngest firefighter, and learn what it is like to be in the fire department as a woman, teenager, and student. Randi Ann will have activities for all ages.

Thursday, June 25, 2 to 3 pm: “Real Heroes Don’t Wear Capes!” with Amber Bishop. Children ages three and up will explore the concept of “heroes” with a simple but engaging discussion of everyday heroes—from doctors and search-and-rescue dogs to adoptive pet owners and political activists. Children will also make an upcycled flower pot and plant a tree to take home and nurture as a reminder of their hero potential.

Thursday, July 2, 2 to 4 pm: Anna Monders will present a mini book talk coupled with a craft project: “Found Object Animals: Create Your Own Creature from Everyday Materials,” for ages 10 and up.

Saturday, July 25, 1 to 3 pm: “Robots!” Create a cardboard robot (and give it pretend superpowers). For all ages.

Tuesday, July 28, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm: “Music in Action.” Rich Glauber, a gifted troubadour/music educator, specializes in creating interactive musical experiences for participants of all ages. His performance is an upbeat mix of songs, creative movement, storytelling and comedy, all imbued with a healthy dose of good, clean fun.

Saturday, August 1, 2 to 4 pm: “Folk Heroes who Shaped World History.” Join members of the Applegate community as they present songs, live dioramas, stories, and skits about famous and infamous folk heroes throughout history. Learn the truth (?) about Billy the Kid, Pocahontas, Robin Hood, and more. For all ages.

Thursday, August 6, 1:30 to 2:30 pm: Bats with John Jackson. It’s all about these flying mammals and their important role in the ecosystem.

The program features preserved bat specimens as well as a bat skeleton and bat echolocation sounds. The audience receives instructions on building a bat house, bat identification sheets, and bat coloring pages.

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or ttruesdell@jcls.org.



— Williams Branch Library —

Free summer fun for the family Adopt-an-Hour Success.

Williams Friends of the Library’s third annual Yard Sale Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you, community, for raising \$1,970 towards the Adopt-an-Hour Program, and thank you, Herb Pharm, for matching the community’s contribution. The Adopt-an-Hour Program guarantees that our library will remain open three extended hours per week for another year (12 hours per week). Anyone interested in contributing to the Adopt-an-Hour Program, please visit josephinelibrary.org to make a secure online donation, or stop by the Williams branch library.

Williams Friends of the Library meets the last Tuesday of each month at noon. Everyone is welcome to this informal group. Opportunities include helping with programs, events, and tasks to keep our branch vibrant and strong.

Summer Reading Program. The children’s Summer Reading Program begins June 20 and runs through August 1. Children are rewarded for reading with weekly prizes. Crafts and gardening projects are also offered. Keep those reading skills sharp through the summer! Sign-up begins in June.

Literacy in the Garden. Our library has joined with Williams Elementary School to share the wonderful garden located right behind the library. Garden classes, workshops with special guests, craft projects, and more are offered free of charge to families throughout the growing season. This program combines library resources, including books and research databases, with hands-on experiences for children of all ages. Volunteers share their unique skills while working with



Jade enjoys craft time in the garden.

the children in the garden. For more information, contact Danielle Schreck at dschreck@josephinelibrary.org or call the Williams branch at 541-846-7020.

Preschool Storytime is an ongoing program held on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm, with stories followed by a craft project.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. We are currently in need of volunteers to work the front desk and to help with the children’s Summer Reading Program, Literacy in the Garden, book sales, and other events.

To join Friends of the Library, volunteer, or share your skills with local children, please stop by the library.

The Williams branch library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm. The Wi-Fi hotspot is free 24/7.

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Friends of Ruch Library seeks program ideas and volunteers

It isn’t Ruch’s best-kept secret, but there is a good chance you have never been to visit the A-frame Bookstore. It is next to the Ruch Library and has some of the best book bargains in Jackson County. A dollar and a half will get you a hardback, including recent best sellers; a dollar provides access to a wide selection of trade paperbacks. Children’s books are less. CDs and DVDs are also available.

Saving money on a great book bargain is only the beginning of the story, however. The Friends of the Ruch Library (FORL) operates the A-frame. The money people spend on books goes toward helping the library. For a while, when Jackson County’s budget was extremely tight, these funds, plus generous donations from the community of Ruch, played a vital role in keeping the library open.

“We owe a deep vote of gratitude to the volunteers and community members who gave so much during the hard times,” said Peggy Mekemson, the newly elected president of FORL (and my wife). “Fortunately, the recent creation of the Jackson County Library District guarantees continued funding for the library. We are now free to return to FORL’s 32-year history of providing programs and other types of support that enrich the contributions the library offers the people of Ruch and the surrounding community.”

FORL’s officers and board members have jumped into planning programs for the coming year. In addition to Peggy,

officers include Kaye Clayton as vice president, Cynthia Cheney as secretary, and Bryan della Santina as treasurer. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Ruch Library Community Room from 6:30 to 8 pm. Agendas are posted on the library bulletin board and on FORL’s Facebook page. Public input is always welcome.

The meeting on June 4 will be focused on planning library programs for the coming year. “We would love to hear from members of the community about the type of programs they would like to see,” Peggy noted. “Come by, meet the new board, and share your ideas,” she urged. “Refreshments will be served.”

Another opportunity to meet FORL volunteers, and buy books, is at Buncom Day on Saturday, May 30, from 10 am to 3 pm in the old Buncom post office.

“Our ability to serve the library and the community is totally dependent on volunteer support and donations,” Peggy said. “Opportunities to help include serving two-hour shifts at the A-frame, donating books to be sold, volunteering for community events such as Buncom Day and our seasonal book sales, and making

financial donations for the ongoing support of the organization. Memberships in FORL are also available.”

The A-frame Bookstore is open Tuesdays from 12 to 4 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturdays from 12 to 4 pm.

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