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**Library**  
Services

Josephine  
Community



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— Ruch Library —

Through July 7, Ruch Library is hosting “Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine,” a traveling exhibit tracing the history of wine in Oregon. Through it you can learn about the flourishing Oregon wine industry through text, photos, graphics, and interactive experiences. You can scroll through a digital catalog of wine-related objects dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as well as view a display of local wine-related items. Come celebrate the wonders of Oregon wine and the people who make it possible.

Summer Reading runs from July 11 to August 13, and there is something for all ages from 0 to 99. The theme, “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!” is all about fitness, both physical and mental. Starting June 11, come in to sign up and begin reading to earn incentives, prizes, and gift certificates. We have the following programs lined up for the summer, most of which are perfect for the whole family:

**Tuesday, June 14, 10 to 11 am.** Troubadour Rich Glauber returns to the library with his wildly popular movement program for children of all ages. (That includes Grandma, too, if she wants to boogie).

**Saturday, June 18, 2 to 4 pm.** Blake Weller, director of the Voices of the

Applegate, will be teaching world folk dancing for all ages.

**Tuesday, June 21, 2 to 4 pm.** Teen program making a “buff” to versatile head scarf, sweatband, or even a hair tie, and essential oils. The class size is limited, so please preregister at the library.

**Thursday, June 30, 2 pm.** John Jackson returns with one of his ever-popular programs about reptiles and amphibians. This program is certain to delight all ages.

**Thursday, July 7, 1 to 4 pm.** Drop-in Zentangle! If you love to doodle, this program is for you! Taught by Zentangle artist Krista Kohler, this will be fun for the whole family.

**Thursday, July 28, 1 to 4 pm.** Drop-in origami is for all ages and all skill levels.

**Every Tuesday at 10:15 am** is Babies and Wobblers Storytime, which includes early literacy songs, rhythms, and books for wee ones from zero to three years of age. Also on Tuesdays is Preschool Storytime at 11:30 am, followed by a craft.

See you at the library!

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or [ttruesdell@jcls.org](mailto:ttruesdell@jcls.org).

— Williams Branch Library —

**Adopt-an-Hour Program a success**

The Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries’ fourth annual Yard Sale Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to the community for raising \$1,614 toward the Adopt-an-Hour Program and to Herb Pharm for matching the community’s contribution. The Adopt-an-Hour Program guarantees that the Williams branch Library will remain open three extended hours per week for another year. Anyone interested in contributing to the Adopt-an-Hour Program, visit [www.josephinelibrary.org](http://www.josephinelibrary.org) to make a secure online donation or stop by the Williams branch Library.

**“On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!”**

The children’s Summer Reading Program begins June 18 and runs through July 30. Children from birth to 12 years old can enjoy creative crafts and storytelling and play “reading bingo” for prizes. Gardening projects are also available. Teens can earn a weekly raffle ticket for each book read and the chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Oregon Books and Games every week. Parents who attend with their children every week have a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Fred Meyer.

Numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents “summer reading loss,” which is cumulative. By the end of sixth grade, children who have lost reading skills over the summer are more likely to be *two years behind* their classmates. Josephine Community

Libraries offers a *free* Reading Program for children and teens during regular library hours throughout the summer. Families may sign up and attend programs at any of the four library branches: Williams, Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, and Wolf Creek.



**Ongoing programs**

Storytime is every Wednesday at 3:30 pm, followed by a craft project. Infant and Toddler Storytimes are scheduled to begin soon!

**Volunteers are always needed**

The Williams branch Library is currently in need of volunteers to work the front desk, help with the children’s Summer Reading Program, and support Williams Friends of the Library events. Everyone is welcome. Opportunities include helping with children’s programs, special one-time events, and tasks to keep our branch vibrant and strong.

To join Williams Friends of the Library, volunteer, or share your skills with local children, please stop by the Williams branch. Library hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information, contact branch manager Danielle Schreck at [dschreck@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:dschreck@josephinelibrary.org) or call the Williams branch at 541-846-7020.

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