

— Ruch Library —

Beethoven live at the Ruch Library



BY THALIA TRUESDELL

Beethoven *live* at Ruch Library! On December 12 Ruch Library will become a concert hall for live Beethoven music, celebrating Ludwig's 250th birthday! Talented members of the Applegate Valley community perform between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm, in 15- or 20-minute blocks. Each performer will be in the Community Room, and the audience will be appreciating the music in the library and foyer, through open doors.

We will have a program available at the library after December 1, listing each performer and the piece she or he will be playing. We are expecting 15 or more musicians, all ages, and from all walks of life. The instruments they will be playing include cellos, violins, piano, voice, saxophones, accordion (!), and zither, to name a few. We hope you will join us for part of this community concert.

December 1 there will be a limited number of kits available for making a Take & Make Photo Ball Ornament. This is a paper sphere made from eight two-inch circles (included). You can glue your cropped photos into each of the eight circles. There are also directions for making a 3-D, diamond-shaped ornament using only photographs. This is a great way to make an heirloom ornament.

Every day should be a holiday! Help us celebrate some zany occasions every (open) day in December, January, and February. The calendar is full of goofy-to-serious potential celebrations, and we will have a fun way to honor each one. You will not want to miss National Feed the Birds Day, Squirrel Appreciation Day, a Seed Swap, and much, much more. Get your holiday calendar at Ruch Library after December 1 and plan each of your library visits to coincide with a different fun and educational festivity.

This year Jackson County Library Services is doing Rogue Reads, a community

reading program from December 1 to February 28. We have selected books by author Jacqueline Woodson, who will do a virtual author talk on February 21 at 4:00 pm. The titles include *Red at the Bone* for adults, *If You Come Softly* for teens, *Brown Girl Dreaming* for middle-graders, and *The Day You Begin* for our youngest readers.

We've ordered more copies of each book for the collection in an effort to get as many people reading the same books in Jackson County as possible. There will be programs for all ages that focus on these titles and their themes throughout the winter months. Patrons will also be able to earn points towards prizes through Beanstack, a reading challenge app, by reading these and other books and participating in programs. Our goals are (1) to promote literacy and intergenerational book-centered discussion, (2) to foster a sense of community by bringing people together through literature, and (3) to engage Jackson County residents in dialogue and bring the community together by promoting tolerance and understanding about differing points of view.

The Friends of Ruch Library are getting books into the community via Little Free Libraries (now at McKee Bridge, China Gulch, and Ruch School, with three more in the making). There is also a new bookcase at the Ruch Country Store with many titles in both paperback and hardcover. The Friends hope to open the Book Barn for First Saturday sales. Watch the reader-board by Ramsey Realty for updated information. Until further notice, we are not accepting donations at the library or the Book Barn.

We hope to see you soon at the library!

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— Applegate Library —

Leinfelder joins library board

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Congratulations to Applegater Gerrie Leinfelder, the newest member of the Jackson County Library Foundation (JCLF) board.

Gerrie started volunteering in her high school library and then worked in a public library in NYC. She has been a volunteer in Ruch and Medford libraries for more than 20 years.

"It's no surprise that I continue to find joy in bookstacks," she said. "I am so pleased to serve with JCLF in joint efforts to support libraries in our diverse district. Our county encompasses quite a variety of lifestyles and economics with a wide spectrum of interests and skills. I believe tapping into those talented individual resources helps form community and, through community, helps build empathy and open-mindedness."

JCLF manages contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations to build community support for Jackson



Gerrie Leinfelder

County Library Services in its efforts to learn, grow, and connect with the community.

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The Applegate Branch Library

will offer the following Take & Make Kits, containing hands-on crafts and activities to make at home. Kits are available, beginning on the dates listed, while supplies last:

- Holiday Craft, starting December 11.
- Winter Craft, starting January 8.
- Valentine's Day Craft, starting February 2.

Please check out our winter event calendar at jcls.org.

For additional information, please contact Christine Grubb, Applegate Branch Library Manager, at 541-846-7346 or cgrubb@jcls.org. The Applegate Branch Library is at 18485 North Applegate Road, Applegate.

Christine Grubb

Applegate Branch Library Manager

Jackson County Library Services



A new sign marks the Applegate library.

— Williams Library —

Services during COVID

All four library branches in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek are offering multiple services while buildings are restricted due to health concerns.

Library staff finalized renovations to support physical distancing and increased foot traffic and to ensure the safety of patrons, volunteers, and staff during the pandemic. The following services are available at all four library branches:

Tuesday through Saturday: phone support from 11 am-4 pm.

Wednesdays: 30-minute computer appointments between 1-4 pm. Registration is required. To register, patrons can contact their preferred branch or email info@josephinelibrary.org.

Thursdays and Fridays: Book drops are open all day.

Fridays and Saturdays: Curbside pick-up between noon-4 pm.

Fridays and Saturdays: Facilities open to the public between 1-4 pm during Grab & Go hours. Patrons will have the opportunity to browse the library and check out items in person for 30-minute periods. Registration is not required.

On Thursdays at the Grants Pass and Illinois Valley branches, senior Grab & Go hours are offered between

1-4 pm in-person for 30-minute periods. Registration is not required.

During Grab & Go hours restrooms and seating are unavailable. Restrooms are unavailable during computer appointment hours.

LearningExpress

You can access educational resources for children, teens, and adults through LearningExpress Library, available in the library's online reference library. Students in grades 4-12 can practice math, English language arts, and social studies; prospective college students can access ACT, SAT, and AP practice tests; job seekers can get step-by-step help creating a resume or preparing for an occupational exam; and everyone can benefit from video tutorials and e-books on a variety of topics.

This resource can be found from the library homepage under the catalog heading, in the online reference library, or from this direct link: josephinelibrary.org/catalog/online-reference-library.

JosephineLINK

Through JosephineLINK, community members can access up-to-date information for hundreds of community organizations. This easy-to-use online community resource directory

is curated by local librarians and updated regularly with the most current contact information as well as hours, locations, and website address. Browse by category or search by keyword. This resource can be found on our library homepage or at josephinelibrary.org/josephine-link.

Online Learning Resources

The library offers many online learning resources for kids, families, teens, and tweens. These tools offer homework help, useful skill-building, and other fun and productive activities for children and teens. In addition, early literacy activities, including virtual storytime, parent resources, and recommended reading, are also available.

These resources can be found from the library's homepage under the Teens/Tweens (josephinelibrary.org/teens-and-tweens) and Kids/Family (josephinelibrary.org/kids-and-family) headings.

Need more information?

Drop by the Williams branch of Josephine Community Library District (info@josephinelibrary.org, www.josephinelibrary.org) at 20695 Williams Highway, Williams. Email branch manager Jamie Menzel at jmenzel@josephinelibrary.org or call her at 541-846-7020.

*Voices of the Applegate***Pause continues for Voices of the Applegate**

We are sorry to say that, due to the pandemic, Voices of the Applegate is still on hold. You can keep in touch with us on Facebook (Voices of the Applegate). If things change during the next few months, we will certainly let you know. We hope you will all stay healthy and hopefully we'll see you after the new year.

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