

Friends of Ruch Library news

BY CYNTHIA CHENEY

After two years of COVID-related closures, the board members of the nonprofit Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) want the community to know that the Ruch Library “campus” is open. Making books available to our community and surrounding areas is very important to this group. We do this through sales of donated books at five different locations: the A-Frame Bookstore, Book Barn, Ruch Country Store, Ruch Hardware, and a small selection in Ruch Library’s Community Room for people attending meetings there. Proceeds benefit our branch library. Free books are available in the outside breezeway of the Book Barn 24/7 and at our Little Libraries.

This is the time to “spring forth” to take advantage of all the services on campus. On the days the library is open, so is the newly remodeled A-Frame Book Store from 1-3 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. You will find a large variety of subjects and titles, all in “almost new” condition, from \$1-3. You might even have an engaging conversation with one of the very friendly volunteers who help operate the store, meet new people in the community, or get an inkling that you might want to volunteer too. With additional volunteers, FORL can have the store open longer hours.

The Book Barn has a sale open to the public on the first Saturday of the month from noon-4 pm. Browse our huge selection and pay by cash donation. (July, August, and September hours are 11 am-2 pm because of the hot weather.)

Volunteers greet customers and help with the set-up and take-down each

month. If you have books to donate, please bring them along. (Sorry, we can’t accept encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, or books with moisture or other damage.)

There are additional opportunities that can be done with others, or singly:

- **Book Sort:** Tuesdays, 12 noon-2 pm in the Book Barn, sorting donations given to the library.

- **Internet Sales:** Join Cynthia to learn about internet sales, book selection, and the sales process.

- **Little Library Book Stocker:** There are several locations in our area, and you could help keep them stocked on your available time.

- **Program support:** Occasional support when needed for library programs.

FORL volunteers include those who enjoy giving back to the community and building community, socializing with others who love books, meeting new people, helping with programs in the library, and/or becoming a FORL member to support existing and new projects on the campus.

You are always welcome to join the friends at a regular meeting September-June, the first Thursday of the month, 9:30-11:30 am in the library community room. You will meet the current team of board members elected, renewed, or with existing terms from the annual meeting held on April 7: Barbara Krack, president; Cynthia Cheney, vice president; Marguerite Dahl, secretary; Bryan della Santina, treasurer; and members at large Barb Galbraith, Janis Mohr-Tipton, Erin Galbraith, and Janie Tibbals.

The FORL board and volunteers would like to publicly thank these two businesses

for their ongoing support of FORL and Ruch Library:

- **Ruch Country Store** for its continuous support of gently used popular paperbacks stocked regularly by FORL volunteers. Titles and authors are selected by buyers’ interests, but often other types of books are offered...to spark your interest.

- **Ruch Hardware** for its ongoing support with program supplies and now gently used books on how-to projects and gardening available for purchase from FORL’s stock of books.

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years we’ve worked with our neighbors to have directional signs installed in several extra locations. Now we don’t have as many lost delivery trucks or ambulances, but we do have a happy fire chief!

Another possible situation: if we have a wildfire in the Applegate this summer or during fire season, we could have out-of-the-area firefighters covering the Applegate area. They very likely wouldn’t be as familiar with our area’s roads as our local firefighters are, so the more they can follow good signage, the quicker they can get to our homes.

But wait—there’s more! Did I mention that these reflective signs are *free* to Applegate residents? If you think about it, having these signs in place also benefits our firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Any vehicle headlights will hit the signs and help our fire district’s responders (or visitors) find the right house.

If you haven’t already installed your free address signs, stop in at headquarters at 1050 Upper Applegate Road in Ruch, Monday-Friday, to pick some up.

The chief also had a few other thoughts for his constituents to address: Start preparing *now* for fire season! He

Use the following resources for contacting FORL and Ruch Library and updates on any changes in times, dates, and programming:

- Facebook: Friends of Ruch Library, facebook.com/FriendsofRuchLibrary
 - Ruch Branch Library: 541-899-7438
 - Local community bulletin boards and Ruch Library Hallway Bulletin Board
- Cynthia Cheney, Vice President
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Additional directional signs direct visitors to the correct address. Photo: Sandy Shaffer.



suggests cleaning your home’s gutters as soon as possible this spring. He then suggests doing this again on a dry day later this upcoming winter. After that, you won’t have to clean the gutters again until next winter! Much more comfortable than getting up on a ladder in the summer heat!

And last, but definitely not least—address your family plans! Sit down and talk together about the big “what if.” If a wildfire starts in your area, what are you going to do if the family is not all at home? Kids at school, or a parent at work? Does everyone in the family have a cell phone and keep it with them all the time? And are all family phone numbers preprogrammed?

There are many more “what-ifs.” Sit down and start talking together as a family, and be safe together!

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