

— Applegate Library —

First annual Applegate Music Festival



— Ruch Library —

Introducing new branch manager

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Please join us at the Applegate Branch Library for the first annual family-friendly Applegate Music Festival from noon-4 pm Saturday, September 30. Love piano music? We will have that! Love guitar, ukulele, and cello? We will have that too! Browse the library, pick up your holds, and listen to local musicians sing and play various instruments.

Noon-12:45 pm—Singer-songwriter-keyboardist, Noah

1-1:45 pm—Classical pianist, Debbie Lyons

2-2:45 pm—Cello player, Lisa Truelove

3-3:45 pm—Singer-songwriter-guitarist, Cole Cullen

On the hour in our front entrance we will also have singer-guitarist-ukelelist Scott Carey.

Upcoming events

Nature-inspired Pinch Pots (3+ years). 12:30-2:30 pm Saturday, September 15. Local Applegate resident and ceramicist, Allie Parkin, of Squirrel Medicine Pottery, will teach pinch techniques. All materials will be provided for this class, but if you want to protect your clothes, please bring your own apron or work shirt. Allie has been working in ceramics since 2015.

Death Café (16+ years). 6-8 pm Thursday, September 21. Southern Oregon Living and Dying Alliance is connecting compassionate, dedicated, service-oriented individuals who are promoting positive death literacy in word and action. Death Conversations are discussions without an agenda, other than to provide a safe space for each person's expression. There will be no promotion of personal beliefs or correction of each other's views.

Live Action Oregon Trail (6+ years). 3:30-4:30 pm Thursday, October 5. Travel across the Oregon Trail, collect supplies, and avoid calamity in this live-action version of the famous computer game. Kids will travel through checkpoints by participating in a series of fun challenges. Win the challenge, collect supplies, and move forward. The goal is to make it to Oregon!

Bikes! A Special Storytime (3+ years). 11 am-noon Friday, October 6. Learning to ride a bike is a child's first step to independence and adventure! This special storytime program will introduce children to the joys of riding a bike through a series of books, songs, and rhymes!

Facial Yoga and Gua Sha: A Natural Alternative to Botox and Fillers (18+ years). 2-3 pm Saturday, October 7. Facial yoga and gua sha improve blood

circulation and create muscle tone, thereby avoiding expensive Botox and fillers. Collagen and elastin will be encouraged to flow! This presentation will be taught by Applegate's own Sang Montage, a licensed acupuncturist. She brings over 15 years of experience in traditional Chinese medicine.

Oregon State University (OSU) Master Gardener presents: Fall Vegetable Gardening—Growing winter veggies and preparing soil for summer (18+ years). 12:30-1:30 pm Thursday, October 12. John Kobal, an OSU-certified Master Gardener, will discuss what to grow, when to plant a winter garden, and how to prepare for the following summer growing season.

Teen Comic Con-test (13+ years). 12:30-1:30 pm Saturday, October 14. Teens will be given supplies to draw and write their own graphic novel or comic book and submit it as an entry to win a graphic novel. Prizes will be given for both text and art. The twist? All entries *must* include a second language in addition to English, but the language can be real or fictional!

Coffee and Conversation (18+ years). 12:30-2:30 pm Thursday, October 19. Join us for coffee, tea, and conversation. Other light refreshments will be provided as well as crossword puzzles, coloring, and sudoku sheets.

Halloween Crafts and Party (5+ years). 12:30-2:30 pm Saturday, October 28. Join us for crafts, music, stories, and treats. Come in costume for a special treat!

DIY Autumnal Door Hanger (18+ years). 4-6 pm Thursday, November 2. Make a festive seasonal door hanger with ribbons, pinecones, and foliage.

Reminders

The Applegate Library meeting room can be booked for your meeting, program, or event (even when the library is closed) by going to jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting.

Wi-Fi is available in our parking lot 24-7.

A Digital Services representative will be here on Tuesdays from 10 am-12:30 pm on a first come, first served basis. Or you can make an appointment at digitalservices@jcls.org or call 541-734-3990.

Preschool Storytime is 11-11:30 am Fridays.

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Being the new Ruch branch manager for the past two months has been a lovely homecoming for me as I reconnect with old friends and neighbors and meet many newer community members as well. I was raised in the Applegate Valley, so I treasure my connection to this beautiful land and community.

In the decades since that upbringing, I have had many adventures both here and abroad. I taught Spanish and ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Eagle Point High School, then social studies and literature in Indonesia and Mexico. When my family and I returned to the Rogue Valley, we lived in Ashland while our son attended high school and I worked for the Jackson County Library System as the bilingual library specialist for outreach to childcare.

Now, as recent empty nesters, my husband and I have downsized to a smaller house on the outskirts of Jacksonville, allowing me to take advantage of this new opportunity in Ruch. Applegate Valley is a special place and Ruch Library is an important community hub, so each day I feel grateful to be working here. Please stop by to chat, or call or email to let me know your vision for our library. I am eager to connect with those of you who are patrons, as well as those who are not (yet). The library is for everyone!

Our theme this autumn is Fall Into Adventure! At all 15 of our branches, your library card is your ticket to adventure. Please visit jcls.org to explore all our free events, resources, and services.

Fall events

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn (KPL) (0-5 years). 10:30 am-noon Thursdays. Discover how children learn through play and daily activities: singing, telling stories, creating art, and having fun! KPL is open to all young children and their families and caregivers.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 years). 10:30-11 am Tuesdays. Bring your preschoolers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun at the library.

Computer and Tech Help (all ages). 2-4:30 pm Thursdays. Meet with a Digital Services Specialist by appointment or drop in.

Tween/Teen Movie Hangout (11-14 years). 3:30-6 pm first and third Thursdays. Stop by the Ruch Library to enjoy a movie (and popcorn) with other tweens and teens! There will be time to discuss a few movie options and vote for a favorite before showtime at 4 pm.

Live Action Oregon Trail (6+ years). 1-2 pm September 9. Travel across the Oregon Trail, collect supplies, and avoid calamity in this live-action version of the famous computer game.

DIY Autumnal Door Hanger (18+ years). 2-3 pm September 23. Make a festive seasonal door hanger with ribbons, pinecones, and foliage.

Fall Into Adventure Saturday Matinee Series (13+ years). 1-3:30 pm September 30. Join us for our first of three Fall Into Adventure movies: *Moonrise Kingdom* (PG-13). Doors open at 1 pm, showtime is at 1:30 pm. Popcorn provided!

Bikes! A Special Storytime (3+ years). 1-2 pm October 14. This special Storytime program will introduce children to the joys of riding a bike through a series of books, songs, and rhymes!

Scary Geology Stories for the Halloween Season (10+ years). 1-2 pm October 21. Geologist Mark Prchal will share short, true stories from Oregon's geologic past, including earthquakes, mega lava flows, and mega floods. Halloween candy included!

Wild Women of the West: Archaeological and Historical Challenges to Myth and Misrepresentation in Popular Culture (16+ years). 5:30-6:30 pm October 26. Using nearby Jacksonville as a case study, this talk, led by historical archaeologist Chelsea Rose, will use more than a decade of research and archaeological investigations to update the ways in which women feature in the history of the American West.

Fall Into Adventure Saturday Matinee Series (all ages). 1-3:30 pm October 28. Join us for our second of three Fall Into Adventure movies: *Coco* (PG). Doors open at 1 pm, showtime is at 1:30 pm. Popcorn provided!

Unearthing the Past (5-15 years). 1-2 pm November 4. Archaeologist Katie Johnson will introduce kids to the science of archaeology and what it can tell us about the past using artifacts and tools of the trade.

Fall Into Adventure Saturday Matinee Series (17+ years). 1-3:30 pm November 11. Join us for our third and final Fall Into Adventure movie: *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once* (R). Doors open at 1 pm, showtime is at 1:30 pm. Popcorn provided!

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— Williams Library —

Ground broken for new library

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New Williams branch library

Library board members participated in a groundbreaking ceremony on July 10 to commemorate the start of construction on the new library in Williams. The new library, located at 158 Tetherow Road, will replace the existing Williams Library at 20695 Williams Highway, one mile away.

The library foundation purchased the property last year with funds from local donations and a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

via the Oregon State Legislature and Representative Morgan.

Library leaders have been working with ZCS Engineering & Architecture, Inc., for the past year designing the renovation of the 1,000-square-foot building into a public library space.

The existing Williams Library, opened in 1977, is an 864-square foot mobile unit on the property of Williams Elementary School.

Construction on the new library began in July and is expected to

continue through the summer. Community members should stay tuned for information about a grand opening in late September.

Funding for the design and construction of the new Williams library has come from local donors, including the community crowdfund that took place last year, raising \$140,000. Other funders include Four Way Community Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, A Greater Applegate, Roundhouse Foundation, and the Ford Family Foundation. Josephine County also granted ARPA funds toward this project.

In an agreement with the library, the Three Rivers School District will assume ownership of the old library building and has plans to repurpose it. For more information

about the new Williams Library, visit jclfoundation.org/williams.

Upcoming events

Library events and programs are offered at no charge and are open to the public. Registration is not required, and a library card is not necessary to participate in library events and programs unless otherwise noted.

Williams Library listening sessions. Join us the third Thursday of each month from 5-6 pm at the Williams Grange, 20100 Williams Highway, to learn more about the new community library building project in Williams. Share concerns, ideas, or compliments with library folks, both staff and board members. Timeliness is a high priority for participation at these events.

Williams Weekly Storytime, 11-11:30 am every Friday. Themed
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