

## — Applegate Library —

Holiday sing-along  
and Santa

## — Ruch Library —

Rogue Reads  
returns!

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

Join us at Applegate Library for these upcoming events through February 2024.

**Holiday Sing-along, Santa Visit, and Tree Lighting, all ages. 2-4 pm Friday, December 1.** Join the staff and the Applegate community for holiday singing, a welcome to Santa, and our tree lighting. This event will be held outside, so dress warmly. Light refreshments will be served.

**Rogue Reads: Mindful Movement, 6+ years. 3-4 pm Tuesday, December 5.** Join yoga and meditation teacher Sadie Barr for practices to help quiet your mind and develop a stronger connection to your body through guided movement. Wear comfortable clothes; yoga mat not required.

**Rogue Reads: Make Your Own Meditation Strand, 18+ years. 3-4 pm Thursday, December 7.** The creation of a meditation strand is rooted in many ancient traditions. The repetitive action of stroking beads has been shown to activate the parasympathetic nervous system, creating a sense of relaxation. In the context of grief (a theme present in *Afterlife*—see below), patrons can choose beads that represent the person or thing they are grieving.

**Rogue Reads: Positive Affirmation Cards, all ages. All day Tuesday, January 2.** The way we speak to and about ourselves affects how we feel. Affirmations can help. Join the Rogue Reads Challenge on Beanstack, then read and discuss this year's titles: *Afterlife* (adults), *Finding Miracles* (teens), *Return to Sender* (twens), and *Already a Butterfly* (children and families). Beanstack participants track their reading to earn badges and chances to win fun prizes.

**Rogue Reads: Make Your Own "All About Me" Box, 13+ years. 3-4 pm Tuesday, January 2.** In *Finding Miracles*, Milagros's family has a box of keepsakes (photos, locks of hair, paperwork, etc.) from her life back in Latin America. In this program, you will decorate a box for your own keepsakes.

**Liq Chuan Tai Chi, 18+ years. 11 am - noon Fridays in January and February.** Learn how to move mindfully bringing the mind and body together in balance of yin and yang. Slowly moving your body with awareness is a form of moving meditation that will help you calm the mind and train the body to flow effortlessly in a relaxed manner. For beginners as well as for those with prior experience.

**Rogue Reads Discussion, *Afterlife*, 18+ years. 4-5 pm Thursday, January 11.**

Join others from your community in a guided discussion of Rogue Reads selection of *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez.

**Explore Reptiles and Amphibians with Bugs R Us, 3+ years. 11:30 am-12:30 pm Friday, January 26.** This program showcases live animals, including a box turtle, bearded dragon lizard, various frogs, and a few models. *No live snakes!*

**Beginning Genealogy, 18+ years. Noon-1 pm Saturday, February 3.** In partnership with the Southern Oregon Genealogy Library and Southern Oregon Historical Society, you will learn basic tips and strategies for starting your genealogy research project. From goal setting to digging into documents, this program will not only meet you where you are, but also give you tools for growth.

**Rogue Reads: Take & Make: Beans and Rice, 6+ years. All day Tuesday, February 6.** Food is one defining characteristic of a culture. It represents how people come together. In almost every country you can find a dish that features those two ingredients. This Take & Make will give you the nonperishables to make one type of rice and bean dish, but will contain other recipes to make more.

**Make Your Own No-sew Cat & Dog Toy, 13+ years. 4-5 pm Thursday, February 8.** Adoption and identity are a main thread in Julia Alvarez's book *Finding Miracles*. In this program you will be given the supplies to create a no-sewing-required cat or dog toy. Keep the toy for your furry family member or leave it at the library to be donated to a local shelter.

**Love You to Pieces, 3+ years. Noon-4 pm Saturday, February 10.** Make valentine hearts, frames, cards, and many other creative uses with valentine-colored puzzle pieces to keep or gift. Self-guided activity with all materials available.

**Reminders**

The 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](https://jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting).

Wi-Fi is available in our parking lot 24-7. A digital services representative will be here from 10 am-12:30 pm Tuesdays on a first come, first served basis. Or you can make an appointment at [digitalservices@jcls.org](mailto:digitalservices@jcls.org) or call 541-734-3990.

Preschool Storytime is 11-11:30 am Fridays.

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A community that reads together grows together. That's the philosophy behind our annual community reading program, Rogue Reads. This year, we are focusing on intergenerational immigrant experiences, and all four of our selected titles are by award-winning Dominican-American author, Julia Alvarez. Rogue Reads, which begins in December and runs through February, is an all-ages program. To learn more, and to participate in this community reading challenge, please register online at [jcls.org](https://jcls.org) or visit your nearest branch to sign up as an off-line reader. All Rogue Readers will have a chance to win some fun prizes!

**Winter events**

**Kaleidoscope Play and Learn. 0-5 years; 10:30 am-12 pm Thursdays.** Discover how children learn through play and daily activities: singing, telling stories, creating art, and having fun! KPL is open to everyone—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 (except December 21).** 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.

**The Human Cost of the Cannabis Industry. 18+ years; 1-2 pm Saturday, December 9.** Unete Program Coordinator Kathy Keesee will provide an in-depth presentation about the local impact of cannabis in our valley, worker experiences, and the human cost of it all, focusing on migrant workers.

**Rogue Reads: Make Your Own Meditation Strand. 18+ years; 4-5 pm Thursday, December 14.** In the context of grief (a central theme in *Afterlife*, our Rogue Reads selection for adults), patrons can choose beads that represent the person or thing they are grieving. All supplies are provided, and you may also choose to bring your own additional beads.

**Make Your Own No-Sew Cat & Dog Toy. 13+ years; 1-2 pm Saturday, December 16.** In this program you will be given the supplies to create a no-sew cat or

dog toy. Keep it for your pet or leave it at the library to be donated to a local shelter.

**Ballet Folklorico de Hector Zaragoza. All ages; 1-2 pm Saturday, January 6.** Learn Mexican folk dances in a fun and supportive atmosphere. No experience required. Please wear comfortable clothing that allows you to move. If you have a practice skirt, bandanas, and/or dance shoes, have them ready.

**Solving Crosswords: Tips and Tricks. 18+ years; 1-3 pm Saturday, January 13.** Instructor Steve Weyer will teach various tips and tricks. No experience required. Toward the end of the presentation, we will solve a crossword together! Refreshments provided.

**Beginning Genealogy. 18+ years; 1-2 pm Saturday, January 27.** Learn basic tips and strategies for starting your genealogy research project. From goal setting to digging into documents, this program will meet you where you are and give you tools for growth. This program is in partnership with the Southern Oregon Genealogy Library and the Southern Oregon Historical Society.

**Draw Your Way to Creativity, Focus, and Well-Being. 13+ years; 1-3 pm Saturday, February 3.** Try a new way of drawing with Janis Mohr-Tipton, putting interesting structural patterns of lines, shapes, and dots into a design uniquely created by you. All skill levels welcome, no artistic talent required. All materials provided.

**Make Your Own "All About Me" Box. 13+ years; 1-2 pm Saturday, February 17.** In *Finding Miracles*, our Rogue Reads teen selection, Milagros' family has a box of keepsakes from her life back in Latin America. In this program, you will decorate a box for your own keepsakes.

**Author Talk: *The Station Master's Wife* by Sue DeMarinis. 15+ years; 1-2:30 pm Saturday, February 24.** Join local author Sue DeMarinis for a presentation and discussion of her second novel, *The Station Master's Wife*. Refreshments provided.

**Rogue Reads Discussion: *Afterlife*. 18+ years; 4:30-5:30 pm Thursday, February 29.** Join others from your community in a guided discussion of the Rogue Reads adult selection, *Afterlife*, by Julia Alvarez.

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Community Library— Williams Library —  
Williams has a new library

BY BRANDACE ROJO

The new library, located at 158 Tetherow Road, includes running water, a restroom, expanded books and other materials, a designated children's area, 1,000 square feet of library use, ADA parking, and updated technology, including broadband internet.

The Williams library was designed by the skilled team at ZCS Engineering & Architecture, Inc. Corey and Landon of Vitus Construction thoughtfully managed labor and materials during renovation, including drywall donated by Farmer's

Building and Feed Supply and exterior sealant given by Fields Home Center.

Funding for the design and construction of the new library came from local donors, including a community crowdfund that raised \$140,000 last year.

Other funders include Four Way Community Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, A Greater Applegate, Roundhouse Foundation, Ford Family Foundation, Carpenter Foundation, and grants from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) via Representative



Library manager Amber Guient welcomes visitors to the new Williams Library.

Morgan and the Oregon State Legislature, and Josephine County.

The old library building, at 20695 Williams Highway, was gifted to Three Rivers School District and is being renovated to serve as an Early Head Start facility.

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring this library to life. We truly appreciate the hours and dollars spent by our community and local businesses in support of our libraries!

**Meet the librarian.** Amber Guient has lived and raised a family in Williams for 21 years. She considers it an honor to serve the place and people she loves as their branch librarian since 2020.

**Virtual communication booth.** Community members can reserve the new communication booth for virtual meetings at the Williams branch library at no cost. The virtual meeting booth features a space large enough for up to  
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