



## News From Ruch Branch

Summer Reading 2008 has been fun at Ruch. Sixty children and teens caught the reading bug! A lot of reading was done, many prizes were awarded and many creative insects produced in the wood sculpture and painting programs. You can see them on display through September.

Children and adults both loved the bee program. They got to experience what a day with bees is like with local beekeeper Betsy Brauer. There is a display in the library to encourage us to think about how bees play an essential part in our food production.

We also had a wonderful interactive musical with Rich Glabber who brought the library alive with his energy and songs. Many thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who helped make these programs possible: Wal-Mart, Jackson County Library Foundation, Friends of Ruch Library, Thalia Truesdell, Steve Gehres, Marian Reita, Betsy Brauer, Marilyn Van Heuit, Marvin Rosenberg and Emma.

Ruch will be continuing the program "Read to Emma" this fall. Starting in September, your children can increase their reading skills by reading to Emma, who is a certified therapy dog. She has been trained to work with children, and loves to listen to them read. It helps the child feel safe and develop their confidence while reading to her. It's great for children who are in the Smart Program at Ruch Elementary. So call and sign up for a time to practice reading and develop some family time at the library.

The Friends of Ruch Library also need your input for community programs at the library. Be sure to fill out the questionnaire form from the June/July copy of the *Applegater* or pick up a form at the library and fill it out.

Check out the Friends new website [www.forl.org](http://www.forl.org) which was setup by Webmaster, Ken Schiff and designed by Friends Board member Cynthia Cheney. You can see Emmie reading to Emma the dog during the summer reading program on the site.

Thank you, to this wonderful community who appreciates and uses our great community library and meeting room. Come see us Tuesdays 11 am-5 pm, Thursdays 1-7 pm and Saturdays 12-4 pm.

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 Ruch Branch Library Manager • 541-899-7438

## Special monthly programs

The Friends of Ruch Library will be presenting free special programs each month beginning in September. We will start on Friday, Sept. 5 with an evening of music featuring an all-Applegate group: vocalist Kristy Cowles, Clint Driver on lead guitar and vocals, and Steve Driver on bass guitar. The program will include some audience sing-alongs. The free concert will start at 7 pm, and refreshments will be served.

Jeff Golden will be the featured headliner at the October 3 program. He will be presenting his new book, "Unafraid," not just as a book reading, but a kind of Salon/Town Hall meeting on how to turn politics in directions that will get us what we want. We hope you can join us at 7 pm. for this lively discussion.

Other programs scheduled for the coming months include:

- Annual Applegate Art Show December 4-6
- Lani Roberts from Oregon State University presenting a program called "Idea of Justice," exploring two kinds of justice articulated in Western thought: distributive justice and retributive justice
- Applegate dog trainer Carey Voorhees will speak about our canine friends
- Jeni Foster celebrating National Railroad Month with her Chautauqua program "Magic Carpet of Steel: Songs of America's Railroads."

All programs will be at the Ruch Library, usually on the first Friday of each month, at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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## News from Friends of the Applegate Library

On Sunday, September 7, 2008, Diana Coogle will present her program at the Applegate Library entitled, "Reading Houses: What Architecture Tells Us about Ourselves." The program will begin at 3:00 pm and is free of charge. Refreshments will be available. Ms. Coogle, who built her own cabin with a handsaw and hammer, explores the questions of architecture and personality through structures already built and those imagined in the worlds of art and literature.

## Celebrate Applegate!

We invite your participation in the first annual "Celebrate Applegate" fall festival to be held October 4th, 2008 in downtown Applegate.

"Celebrate Applegate" will be an event you won't want to miss! Beginning at 10 am on Saturday, October 4, we'll feature an art show and sale at the Applegate Library that will last until 5 pm. We are also selling tickets for a very special dinner at Eve's Cafe in the evening, featuring live music.

"Celebrate Applegate" is a fundraiser for our local Applegate Library sponsored by the Friends of the Applegate Library. A percentage of all sales including the dinner will be donated to FOAL.

We hope you'll join us and help make our fall harvest festival a great celebration for our Applegate Library.

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*"Every reader finds himself. The writer's work is merely a kind of optical instrument that makes it possible for the reader to discern what, without this book, he would perhaps never have seen in himself."*

—Marcel Proust