



## JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

### Applegate Library

What could be better than an afternoon (or morning) at your local library, browsing through books, working on the computer, or just curling up in a chair and reading in the quiet, peaceful atmosphere of learning? Well, you have that opportunity right here in Applegate at our library, which is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. We also have a meeting room that serves the community as a place to gather for programs, or for special uses such as yoga classes, choir rehearsals, irrigation meetings and many other important causes.

It's time to renew your Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) membership. For only \$15 you can support FOAL, which organizes events and raises money for the added features our library provides. We recently held a book sale and raised \$242.25, which will be used to purchase a laptop projector that will be available for programs in the future.

And speaking of programs, The Accidental Ensemble, a group of local Applegate singers, will be performing at 3 pm on Sunday, March 4. This will be a post-Valentine's Day program including some old and new love songs. The program is free to the public, so bring your sweetie and enjoy the music and the social gathering. Refreshments will be provided at no cost. Donations, of course, are always appreciated.

### Ruch Library

**Raising Ruch Readers Preschool Birthday Club:** We are beginning a new program to help promote early literacy and to spark children's interest in reading and books. The Friends of Ruch Library is sponsoring this Birthday Club, which is designed for children aged two through five. You and your child do not need a library card to participate in this program. On or about your child's birthday, bring him or her to the library during open hours and s/he can choose a book from our Birthday Club shelves. They receive a book on each one of their birthdays, the last on their fifth birthday. Any child between one and four may begin the program. We are actively seeking donations from community members to help support this effort. We need gently used books appropriate for two to five-year-olds. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

**Winter Reads:** This is an adult winter reading program beginning January 9. Adults over 18 may read (or listen to) at least four books between January 9 and February 21, and then fill in a log sheet available at the library. Each log sheet

The Adult Winter Reading Program is still in effect, and it is not too late to participate with a chance to win a prize for reading four books by February 21. For details, visit the library website at [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org).

For those adults who want to improve their computer skills, free computer classes will begin in June throughout the Jackson County library system. The Applegate Library will be offering the Basic 3 program (Basic 1 and 2 programs have already been held in Applegate). Check in with the library for the exact dates.

For those homeschoolers in Applegate and surrounding valleys, play days will be offered to children within the ages of four to seven (give or take a few months). The play days will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm. Play days this past year have included building with wood and blocks, dress up and dance, yoga, wool projects, making wreaths and candle lanterns. For more information, email Michele at [humbughealers@yahoo.com](mailto:humbughealers@yahoo.com) or call Hadley at 541-899-3133.

So now you see how hard our library is working to keep the community informed and involved. You, too, can be involved if you stop by the Applegate Library and renew your membership with a check to Friends of the Applegate Library for \$15. If you are not yet a member, this is the time to join.

See you at the library!

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enters you into the weekly drawing for prizes and for the grand prize at the end of the program. Enter as many times as you wish!

**Pass the Book:** The Storytime Guild of Jackson County welcomes donations of gently used children's and young adult books to be passed on to social service agencies in the county. There is a box for the collection of your books at each branch of the Jackson County libraries.

**Community Display Cases:** We welcome your contribution to our community displays. February will focus on hearts, so look around your place and see if you have any interesting hearts to add. Then begin thinking about bringing in your favorite teacup for the month of March.

**Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals:** Ruch Library now has a huge collection of Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals on hand for those of you interested in doing your own repair work.

See you at the library!

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### Sponsor-a-Saturday at Ruch Library

The Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) want to express our deep appreciation for all the contributions from this community during our annual book sale and Saturday Hours @ Ruch Library campaign. Our book sale in October generated the highest sales to date for this event.

Then we focused our efforts into our annual campaign to keep Saturday Hours @ Ruch Library in 2012. Our lofty goal of \$18,000 seemed impossible, but FORL was motivated and is optimistic this goal can be achieved since we continue to receive donations.

During our campaign we discovered that our outreach to local businesses and individuals to Sponsor-A-Saturday (SAS) might be more effective as an ongoing effort rather than end with the campaign. The idea to perpetuate the SAS effort throughout the year will make it easier to appeal to a wider range of local businesses and individuals; we all felt constricted by the end date.

We purchased a display sign that we can easily update every week with sponsor information. The message will acknowledge that this particular Saturday is "brought to you by (your name here)."

The cost to FORL for Saturday Hours @ Ruch Library is approximately \$250 a week. For those with budget concerns, we can accommodate your gift with a payment plan of your choice.

I have a personal goal of finding local businesses and individuals to sponsor every Saturday in 2012, and our business, Mike Drake's Alignment & Brakes, has already selected a Saturday in February. Mike and I invite you to join our effort to maximize Saturday Hours @ Ruch Library.

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