



JACKSON COUNTY
Library Services



— **Williams Branch Library** —

— **Applegate Library** —

Here's the library news, straight from the new branch manager, Lisa Martin.

First I want to let everybody know how fortunate I feel to be the next branch manager of the Applegate Library, and I say "next" because there is nothing new about me. I have some big shoes to fill after Phyllis Zerr left her mark, but I have learned so much from her, and now I can enjoy her as my friend and not the boss. Thank you, Phyllis, for all your time and commitment serving this community.

A few changes

- Story time is now on Saturdays at 10 am.
- Michelle LaFave started a Saturday morning craft class that is right after Story Time.
- Over the last couple of weeks there has been a bug hunt, which the children have really enjoyed.
- For the next couple of weeks there will be a scavenger hunt. This is a really fun way to help your child get acquainted with the library.
- Great news! Our library is adding four

hours on Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 2 pm starting in January 2015. I am so excited about this new adventure and to know that you will all be a part of it.

Saturday morning craft schedule

- December 6: Snowflakes. Come help us fill our bulletin board with snowflakes and take some home with you!
- December 13: Christmas tree craft
- December 20: Solstice stars
- December 27: Winter collages
- January 3: Snow bunnies paper craft
- January 10: Good health potpourri. Make your very own blend of potpourri using an array of herbs and spices.
- January 17: Patchwork
- January 24: Watercolor painting
- January 31: Recycled pop-can helicopters—great fun!

Our library community is expanding! Come enjoy the fun!

Lisa Martin

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— **Ruch Library** —

Ruch Library is happy to add a Babies and Wobblers Story Time on Thursdays at 4 pm for children from birth to 36 months. This is specifically designed to help very young children develop language skills and learn to love books and reading. Each session focuses on a different skill such as rhyming, repetition, reading, and talking. Older siblings are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Regular Preschool Story Time is on Tuesdays at 11:30 am, usually followed by a craft. We hope you and your little ones can attend.

As usual, we will be offering LEGO Fun on the first Saturday of each month from 12 to 4 pm for children over four years old. Come and join us for this fun family activity. You are never too old for LEGOS!

Be sure and stop by Ruch Library for some great holiday ideas. We have books

and magazines with craft, gift, decorating, holiday food, and party ideas—all certain to get your creative juices flowing.

In January we will be adding two more hours, enabling us to be open for 18 hours a week! Hooray! Thanks so very much to the Friends of Ruch Library for funding our Saturday hours for the last six years, and thanks to all the community members who gave so generously to make this happen.

We will continue to host free computer classes if there is interest in the Applegate. Please contact Ruch Library if you are interested in signing up for future classes. The schedule and curriculums are available at the library.

See you at the library!

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You'll find Williams Branch Library a cozy place for books and more this winter.

Community programs

- Preschool and Toddler Story Time every Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Introduce your child to the library with fun stories and crafts.
- Chess Group every Monday at 3:45 pm. Open to all ages and skill levels.
- Preschool art class (ages 3 to 5 with a parent). Wednesday, December 10, from 11 am to 12 pm. Walk-ins welcome.
- Free art class for youth (ages 6 to 12) by Crystal Pyren of Luna Blue Farm. Friday, December 12, from 2:15 to 3:45 pm. Pre-register at the desk or call 541-846-7020.

Technology connections

- We have two new computer workstations, generously provided by Four Way Community Foundation.
- Josephine Community Libraries continues to provide Williams residents access to technology services, including a Wi-Fi hotspot, computer workstations, print and copy, and research databases.

Private fund-raising efforts

Library services will continue, as will private fund-raising efforts, in the aftermath of voters rejecting Measure 17-62 to form the Josephine Community Library District.

"Naturally, we are very disappointed in the outcome of the election, as are the 15,000-plus yes voters throughout the county," said Josephine Community Libraries (JCL) Executive Director Kate Lasky. "We know firsthand the difference libraries make to people, families, and communities. However, we remain committed to providing library services in Josephine County."

"We are now at a crossroads," said Pat Fahey, JCL Board President. "In order to stabilize our budget, drastic cuts will need to be made. The board will begin the process of reevaluating the levels of library services our budget can sustain."

Added Lasky, "In the meantime, with the help of our generous donors and heroic volunteers who make our libraries possible, we'll continue to provide free and open access to information throughout our community."

We welcome volunteers and suggestions from the community. Stop in or contact Branch Manager Danielle Schreck at 541-846-7020.

Danielle Schreck, Branch Manager • 541-846-7020

Josephine Community Libraries, Williams Branch

For Love of the Applegate update

It was a warm, balmy evening about two months ago when the Applegate Trails Association (ATA) held a fund-raiser at Red Lily Vineyards. Round tables, draped in white linen and highlighting lovely flower centerpieces, set the stage for this elegant occasion.

One of our founders, Audrey Eldridge, had volunteered to help the ATA organize this event. While waiting for the ladies' room, Audrey happened to stand next to a woman she'd never met before. As they became acquainted, Audrey learned that she was new to our area, that she'd somehow ended up on our website that very morning. She clicked on our calendar of events, saw the ATA happening, and voila—there she was!

So there you have it. It appears that what began a year ago has grown into something of value in our rural community. We are joyous about our efforts having been recognized by someone new as we continue to support—through our bimonthly calendar, our website, our wits, and our humor—a stronger, more vibrant Applegate Valley!

It was about a year ago that four unruly women gathered at Thalia Truesdell's home on a mission that ended up being totally unexpected and exciting. That night "For Love of the Applegate" was created. Here's some of what we've been up to:

- We are continuing to create a viable network for nonprofit-type organizations so that their information will be more frequently and easily available to our rural community.
- At the moment we are working with 26-plus organizations.
- Our bimonthly calendar can be viewed on our website at www.forloveoftheapplegate.com. This calendar will alert you to the special events held by these organizations.

In Community Spirit,

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Happy Valentines Day



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