



Jackson County
Library
Services

— Applegate Library —

The silent auction at Applegate Library was a great community event that raised over \$600. A huge thank-you to the Applegate School Class of '65 and to all the generous donations from the community. Money from this event makes it possible for the Friends of Applegate Library to schedule classes and programs throughout the summer.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Oregon Library Association conference in Salem. What an event! It was exciting to see the many young librarians who are serving in the state of Oregon. I am very hopeful for our next generation of readers and leaders. The three most exciting classes I attended were "Understanding Our Patrons' Needs," "Author Talk with Maggie Stiefvater," and "Playing Well with Others." These classes really opened my eyes about ways to better serve the community.

School will soon be out and Summer Reading will begin. There are lots of other activities, too, so be sure to check them out. The following programs are sponsored by the Friends of Applegate Library and are free to the public:

- Wednesday, July 12, 11 am - 1 pm. John Jackson will be here to show the kids how to build small motors.
- Wednesday, July 19, 11 am - 1 pm. Allie Parkin will give another class on clay pot creations.
- Friday, July 28, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Create a wire sculpture with Thalia Truesdell.
- Wednesday, August 9, 12 - 2 pm. Create a fairy/mini garden scene in a small pot or container. All items will be provided; just bring your imagination.

Spots are limited so be sure to call the Applegate Library and get your name on the list.

Other community events scheduled in our meeting room are:

- Sangha Meditation on Mondays through Thursdays from 6 - 7 am.
- Yoga on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:30 am.
- Knitting on Tuesdays at 2 pm.
- "Talk Story" with David and Malcolm Kennedy on the second Saturday of each month at 7 pm.

For more information, contact branch lead Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or lmartin@jcls.org.

— Ruch Library —

We now have hot-off-the-press books for you! These books, available to our patrons in Ruch, are not holdable, so kiss that 74th place on the waiting list goodbye! Hooray!

It has been a delight having the kindergarteners and seventh- and eighth-grade Ruch School students at the library every week this year. This is why we chose this property next to the school, and the children's library skills and interest attest to its success. We hope to see you all during the summer!

Summer at Ruch Library will be a lively time as we all strive to "Build a Better World." In addition to eight scheduled programs, we will have Legos available at all other times. And what could be better than all the books, computers, movies, audiobooks, and magazines we always have for you? Though we are a small branch, we are mighty! Don't forget we have access to all the materials in the whole system and are happy to order from other branches for your convenience.

- Saturday, June 24: Little Dresses for Africa, 11 am - 3 pm drop-in. Ages 8+. Children ages 8 - 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a gently used pillowcase(s) to be turned into a dress for a girl in Africa or an adult t-shirt to become a pair of shorts for a boy. Trim will be available. We need people to iron, cut, and pin, while the owners of the sewing machines work their magic. (Thread, trim, and pillowcase donations are welcome!)
- Thursday, June 29: Wire Sculpture, 1 - 5 pm drop-in for ages 4+. Let your imagination go wild with colorful telephone wire. (Any bendable wire donations are welcome!)
- Saturday, July 15: Wood Sculpture, noon - 3 pm drop-in for all ages. Scrap wood and tacky glue offer unlimited possibilities for building.
- Saturday, July 22: Give Someone a Hand, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm drop-in for ages 6+. Stitch around your traced hand and create a special keepsake.
- Tuesday, July 25: Wildlife of the Siskiyou Mountains, 1 - 2 pm for all ages.

Join John Jackson as he takes us on a virtual tour of the wildlife just outside our door. This is his newest program.

- Thursday, August 3: Build a Village, 1 - 4 pm drop-in for all ages. Build part of a cardboard village or city to grace the library for a month, and then take your part of the creation home.
- Saturday, August 5: Cairns, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Teen program for ages 12 - 19. Build a personal rock cairn and paint it bright colors.
- Tuesday, August 8: Flashlights from an Altoids Tin (STEM Program), 1 - 2 pm for ages 8+. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. John Jackson will teach you how to create a flashlight out of an Altoids tin.

Ruch Library is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm. The library is located at 7919 Highway 238. For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or ttruesdell@jcls.org.



Williams Elementary School "Fashion Re-invention" winners Ava and Stella Spliethoff with Southern Oregon Sanitation representative Shea Sigafos. The Spliethoff sisters' "Spring is in Bloom" entry used wood, old nails, and tin cans to create shelving for plants. Placing second was Harley Scott's "Red Buccaneer," and in third place was Elijah Reyes's "Futuristic Flower." (See more information on page 22.)

Josephine
Community



My library
works for me.

— Josephine Community Libraries —

Williams branch weekly storytime

Bring the whole family to children's storytime at 3:30 pm every Wednesday at the Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries.

Build a Better World: 2017 Summer Reading Program June 24 - August 5

Families are invited to join the free Summer Reading Program at any of the four branches of Josephine Community Libraries in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, or Wolf Creek.

Children ages birth through 12 years old can enjoy creative crafts and storytelling sessions and play "reading bingo" for special prizes.

Teens can earn a weekly raffle ticket for each book read and the chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Oregon Books and Games every week.

Parents who attend with their children every week have a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Fred Meyer at the end of the reading program.

The Summer Reading Program is free and offered during regular library hours at all four branches. Funding for the Children's Summer Reading Program is made possible by the Oregon State Library Ready to Read Grant. For more information, call your nearest library branch, email info@josephinelibrary.org, or visit josephinelibrary.org.

Bugs-R-Us at the Williams branch

Save the date for Bugs-R-Us at the library this summer! Bugs-R-Us will visit the Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries from 2 to 3 pm on Wednesday, July 12, to offer a free program highlighting the life cycles of rare butterflies and moths from all over the world. No registration required.

The library is located at 20695 Williams Highway and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm. For more information about Williams Branch Library, contact manager Evelyn Roether at 541-846-7020 or eroether@josephinelibrary.org.

— Friends of Ruch Library —

We had just moved to our new home in the upper Applegate when my husband, Curt, announced that he had signed me up for volunteering at the A-frame Bookstore next to Ruch Library. You did what, where, when?

Yes, I love books and libraries. Yes, I believe strongly in community service. Yes, I have volunteered with Friends of the Library in several communities. Yes, I was looking forward to being a part of our new community. Knowing this, Curt spoke with volunteers from Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) while visiting Buncom Day festivities when I was out of town. So...what could I say? I jumped in!

It has been a fantastic experience that began with volunteering at the A-frame Bookstore and working with Thalia Truesdell, Ruch Library manager, then moving on to become president of FORL. Meeting like-minded people in our community, who soon became friends, and admiring the talents and enthusiasm of an incredible community have been a joy.

It is our hope that more community members will join us as volunteers.



Whether you are new to the community, want to hang out with interesting people, find you have more time to give back to the community, or are looking for a way to offer community service as a part of your educational plan (yes, we even have high-school students, who will

receive community service credit!), please consider joining us. Opportunities are plentiful—be a part of the FORL (we get together monthly), work two-hour shifts at the A-frame (lots of time to read great books!), help with library programs, or take part in our seasonal book sales while enjoying community celebrations.

To join us, drop us a note at the Ruch Library, stop by the A-frame Bookstore, or come to our September board meeting!

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Note: The A-frame Bookstore, located across the parking lot from Ruch Library, is open Tuesdays and Saturdays 12 to 4 pm, and Thursdays 1 to 5 pm. **Bring this article on your next visit, and we will treat you to a book of your choice (most books included)!**

Voices of the Applegate Concerts

Voices of the Applegate, our community choir, concluded its spring session with two spectacular performances. The first was an evening concert held in the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville on April 7, and the second was held in the afternoon of April 9 at the Applegate River Lodge on Highway 238 in Applegate.

The program consisted of a variety of music from around the world, including France, Russia, Ireland, and Armenia, as well as our own American Midwest. We took the audience with us on this adventure, and the performances brought joy to all who attended.

Directed by Hope Harrison, Voices of the Applegate is comprised of about 25 community members of all ages. New members are always welcome to join. No audition is required, only a love of music. There is a charge of \$55 per person for each fall and spring session.

The next session begins in early September, with rehearsals from 7 to 8:30 pm every Wednesday for 12 weeks, and ends with two concert performances in November.

For more information, call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.