



Jackson County
Library
Services

— Applegate Library —

To our regret, Lisa Martin, our Applegate librarian, has resigned.

Over the years, so many of us have grown more deeply connected to our library, which is clearly the center of our rural Applegate community. In large part thanks to Lisa, it has become our safe, warm, inviting home away from home, a place to pick up books and movies, spontaneously chat with friends, use the computers, attend an event, or be greeted by familiar, forever friendly, smiling faces behind the library counter or inside the wee office.

Library patrons will miss Lisa's genuine greeting that was her gift to each one of us at first sight: her bright, shining energy, creative spirit, and assertive, yet gentle, larger-than-life countenance. It is an understatement to say that she will be sorely missed.

And our Friends of the Applegate Library meetings will lose something terribly important without Lisa's presence: her ideas—for holding more events, for raffles, for many library activities.

But beyond all, we will miss her exuberance and honest opinions. She deeply touched our rural community with her inimitable humor and goodness, this young, smart, classy woman, whose presence we shall never forget.

A couple of months ago, Lisa attended a class in learning to play the ukulele in Salem and signed up our library to obtain a ukulele learning kit, with a booklet of instructions, a tuner, and (can you believe it?) a ukulele! We are sharing the cost with the branch manager in Medford to bring the ukulele teacher from Salem to teach a workshop in Applegate. We will advertise the dates of the workshop and when the ukulele learning kit will be available to check out.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 2 pm for a poetry reading, "For the Love of Poetry," in the meeting room. It will last as long as the poets can sustain their readings. There will be refreshments and a book table featuring works by Applegate poets.

Keep in touch with the Applegate Library on Facebook. We will add the programs and dates for you to share. And join us in wishing all the best to Lisa.

Applegate Library is located at 18485 North Applegate Road, Applegate, and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 - 6 pm and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm.

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— Ruch Library —

Welcome Bret! We now have our own tech support hanging out in our library. On Tuesdays from 10 am until 12:30 pm, Bret Fearrien is at your service, with knowledge about tablets, smart phones, computers, e-readers, and other devices. Call Ruch Library to schedule an appointment or stop by on Tuesdays. The best kind of question is one that is asked. Do not hesitate to call on him!

Celebration of Mind. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13, 2018, when we will once again celebrate the birthday of Martin Gardner, famous mathematician, logician, and master of mind games. This October we had such an excellent program, presented by Krista

Kohler, in harmony with celebrations throughout the world heralding this ingenious man. Krista had activities for people of all ages, with plenty of activities to stump the chump. Who knew math games could be so much fun? You will not want to miss this next year!

The library is hopping on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when all eight classes at Ruch Community School visit the library. In an effort to acquaint the children with the available resources, technology, and programs, at least one visit a month will include an activity to support science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) skills. The children will repurpose some books, create self-portraits



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— Josephine Community Libraries —

Williams branch chess club and storytime

The Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries hosts a chess club every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 pm. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Chessboards and pieces are provided. Registration is not required.

Bring the whole family to the weekly children's storytime and craft at 3:30 pm every Wednesday. Registration is not required.

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

Property owners outside new library district can opt in

This October some property owners saw a new tax rate on their annual tax bill—for Josephine Community Library District (JCLD)—at a rate of \$.039 per \$1,000 assessed value. Voters approved the formation of a library district in May 2017 for Grants Pass, Williams, Wolf Creek, and Illinois Valley. The new tax rate is assessed at a total of \$1,358,236 for the library district, which will allow the four branches to stay open additional hours and improve materials in early 2018.

Because the new library district area is now smaller, some residents might not see the library district on their tax bill. To find out if your property is in the district, visit josephinelibrary.org or co.josephine.or.us to access the district's interactive map.

Taxpayers who would like to add their property to the library district may do so through the annexation process and should call the library to be added to the "opt in" list for next steps. Residents of properties within the library district do not have to purchase a library card for full borrowing privileges. The explanation regarding the process for withdrawing from the district can generally be found in ORS 198.870 to 198.882. The process requires that an individual property owner within the district be included for the first two years before requesting withdrawal.

For more information about the tax statement, call the Josephine County Treasurer at 541-474-5235 or the Josephine County Assessor's office at 541-474-5260. To be added to the library's annexation "opt in" list, call the Grants Pass branch at 541-476-0571 or email info@josephinelibrary.org.

For more information about Josephine County libraries, contact Brandace Rojo at 541-476-0571 x112 or brojo@JosephineLibrary.org.

or shadow boxes about themselves, write poetry, revisit some of the math puzzles we shared during our Celebration of Mind program, go on library scavenger hunts, enjoy book and author talks, and more.

Soul Box Project. We know that art helps heal and can promote social change. In November at the library we created small origami boxes, each to represent a victim of gun violence such as the recent tragedy in Las Vegas. Soul Box Project, a national organization, will be displaying the collection of boxes across the nation to represent the number of victims since 2014, which is 119,833. It is hoped that the visual displays will encourage conversations on gun safety at home and support strategies nationally to reduce this tragic loss of life. Community members, staff, and schoolchildren folded the simple boxes with pictures from repurposed books, sheet music, and an atlas. (For more information about the Soul Box Project, visit soulboxproject.org.)

Holiday book sale in the Community Room. We are holding our Annual Holiday Sale, with books that just might be the perfect gift for family and friends, on December 5, 7, and 9. It's a wonderful

way to purchase great books without breaking the bank and a great time of year to introduce others to a new author, holiday stories, decorating tips, recipes, gardening ideas, inspiration, humor, and more. There might even be a few stocking stuffers and holiday treats. Plus, you are helping to support your library and its community programs and services. Raffle to be announced. The sale will be open Tuesday, December 5, from 10 am - 5 pm; Thursday, December 7, from 1 - 7 pm; and Saturday, December 9, from 11 am - 4 pm.

Storytime. We offer preschool story time and a craft each Tuesday at 11:30 am. For those children 0 - 3, we have Babies and Wobblers, an early literacy program that keeps the little ones dancing and singing. It starts at 10:15 am on Tuesdays. Bring your small friends and join us for these fun storytimes!

Ruch Library is located at 7919 Highway 238 in Jacksonville (Ruch) and is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm.

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truedell at 541-899-7438 or ttruedell@jcls.org.



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A Reading by Applegate Poets



Sunday, February 11, 2018
2 to 4 pm

Book table featuring works
by Applegate Poets.
Refreshments provided.

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