



Jackson County
Library
Services

— Applegate Library —

Christine Grubb is “delighted to serve as the new manager of the Applegate Library.” While she says she is not a “real local,” she has called Jacksonville home for the last 15½ years. Christine grew up in Pennsylvania and met her husband, married, and had their children in Virginia. Her husband was born in Bend (a “real” Oregonian!). She now considers the family to be Oregonians.

Come in to the library, say hello to Christine, and talk about ideas to further Applegate Library’s presence and attraction to the community. Christine has been working for the library in various capacities for ten years and says she learns something new every day. Look for a notice of an upcoming “meet and greet” with the Friends of Applegate Library to learn more.

Susie Beckham continues to provide her kind and generous service as the assistant librarian. She is also the storytime reader, so bring your preschoolers (ages 3 - 5) every Saturday from 10:30 - 11:00 am to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun at the library. This is a great opportunity to encourage an interest in books and reading.

Applegate Library has its very own “digital dude,” Bret Fearrien, a member of the Library Digital Services team. Bret can answer your technical questions (computers, laptops, smartphones, e-readers, iPads, etc.) every Tuesday from 2 - 4:30 pm at the library. You can also set

up an appointment—call Bret at 541-734-3921 or email bfearrien@jcls.org.

In case you missed the big announcement, there are *no more late fees for overdue books!* Another reason to love your library! Additionally, patrons will soon be able to check out hotspot devices (for wireless internet connection) for two weeks. Visit jcls.org for details on all the new happenings!

Here’s just a brief list of what Applegate Library offers:

- Hotspot devices to check out
- Audiobooks
- Magazines
- Book advice
- DVDs
- Music CDs (all genres)
- Wi-Fi
- Public computers
- Digital Media Services
- Interlibrary loans
- Copying, faxing, scanning, mobile printing
- Meeting room (for classes, etc.)
- Book clubs/Book Club in a Bag
- Telescope to check out

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. For more information, contact manager Christine Grubb at 541-846-7346 or cgrubb@jcls.org.

— Ruch Library —

Dog trainer Cary Voorhees is back, just in time for the Chinese Year of the Dog! She will present a program, “Selecting and Training a Rescue Dog,” on Saturday, March 10, from 2 - 3:30 pm at Ruch Library. In her 34-year career, Cary has trained service dogs, pets, and competition dogs for various dog sports. Cary has also worked with rescue dogs and currently has two, whom she adores. Her training tips will benefit any dog owner, so you will not want to miss her presentation!

More little dresses for Africa! On Saturday, March 17, from noon - 3 pm, come to the library to help us create dresses, made from colorful, like-new pillow cases, for girls in Malawi, Africa, who have never had anything new. Bring a sewing machine if you have one, pillow cases (not white), scissors, trim, seam binding, and sturdy fabric ribbon for shoulder straps. We need people willing to sew, iron, pin, draw with fabric paint, thread ribbons into the dresses, etc. Last year we discovered that being part of a busy group creating dresses was so inspirational and rewarding that we all voted to do it again! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

The Stories of Southern Oregon project organized community forums last spring, archiving local stories and photos for Southern Oregon University’s Hannon Library Digital Collection. Join the storytellers for a reception at Ruch Library on Saturday, May 5, from 2 - 4 pm to hear some of the stories and view the videos. For more information about the project, see the article on page 3.



Dresses created out of pillow cases at Ruch Library to send to girls in Malawi, Africa.

Harry Potter comes to Ruch! There’s a Quidditch Tournament going on at Jackson County Libraries through April. You can enter the contest weekly, earning ten points for your favorite house and having a chance to win the monthly drawing for a prize. Ruch will hide a Snitch somewhere in the library from April 3 - 10 and reward the finder with a prize. Come in and try your luck! From April 17 - 24, “Dobby” will be in Ruch, inviting patrons to take a selfie with him and enter it into a countywide contest. Winners’ pictures will be displayed at Harry Potter World during the Medford Comic Con (April 28 - 29).

In addition to our sizzling Hot Off the Press Books, we will now be leasing some additional copies of newly released books, allowing us to put more copies into circulation at the library. Then, when interest wanes, Jackson County Library Services can sell that title back to the company so we can make room for more! Check out the great titles we have now!

We are proud to offer Personalized Tech Services at Ruch Library on Tuesday mornings to help you with your needs regarding Hoopla, Libby Overdrive, etc., on your phone, iPad, or computer. Bret Fearrien is here from 10 am - 12:30 pm making movies, audiobooks, and music readily available to you. You can contact

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Chess Club at the library

The Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries is hosting chess club every Tuesday afternoon from 3 - 5 pm. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Chess boards and pieces are provided. Registration is not required.

Williams branch weekly storytime

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

Farewell note from Evelyn Roether

Please join me in welcoming Ellie Avis, the incoming branch manager at the Williams branch of Josephine Community Library District. What a wonderful little library it is! With our stalwart crew of volunteers, a supportive community, and a stellar staff of colleagues at the newly formed Josephine Community Library District, the Williams branch is poised to continue serving the literary needs of the community.

Now that there is a permanent tax base to fund our libraries, we can begin to envision and implement improvements to library services. More money is available to purchase items for the library collection and all branches are open longer hours and more days.

I look forward to staying connected with the district and the Josephine Community Library Foundation, hopefully working with many of you, to keep our Josephine County library system vibrant and responsive to the community. I will also be focusing my personal efforts on revising the *Williams Area Trail Guide!*

Thank you all for your patronage and please stop by the Williams branch to give a hearty welcome to our new branch manager! —Evelyn Roether

Introductory note from Ellie Avis, new Williams branch manager

Hello Applegate Community! I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Williams branch manager. I’ve lived in Williams for over two years and have been lucky enough to get to know many of you through community events, preschool activities, and my work with the Sugarloaf Community Association.

Before moving to Williams, I lived in the Bay Area for several years, where I attended graduate school at University of California, Berkeley, and worked as a researcher at several university-affiliated institutes and nonprofits. Although I’ve volunteered at libraries in the past, this is my first position as an official employee.

I am so excited to be joining Josephine Community Libraries during this time of transition to a publicly funded library

him directly at bfearrien@jcls.org, call your library to set up an appointment, or just drop in.

The Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) are pleased to have a warm, clean, and expansive space in the “Book Barn” next to the A-Frame Bookstore for sorting books. Please bring donations for FORL to the library during our open hours. Your book donations are tax-deductible.

FORL will be holding a \$5-A-Bag Sale on the first Saturday of each month.

Join us for Babies and Wobblers Storytime for children 0 - 3 years on



New Williams Branch Library manager, Ellie Avis.

district. We have plans to expand hours, add new programming, and recruit new volunteers in the coming months. Most importantly, I hope to continue serving you with the best rural library services around! —Ellie Avis

Williams Branch Library is located at 20695 Williams Highway in Williams. For more information, contact branch manager Ellie Avis at 541-846-7020 or eavis@josephinelibrary.org.

When will the community start seeing changes to the library district?

Some changes will be ongoing, such as the addition of a more robust collection of materials and more programs for all ages. The following changes are happening over the first quarter of 2018:

- January 1—Josephine Community Library District takes over operations of all four library branches and all district employees are hired.
- Mid-February—Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek branches open more hours.
- Mid-March—Grants Pass branch library open more hours.
- April 1—Out-of-district patrons will start paying for library cards.

New hours for each rural branch

- Illinois Valley. Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 11 am - 5 pm. Wednesday: 11 am - 6 pm.
- Williams. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday: 1 - 6 pm. Friday: 11 am - 4 pm.
- Wolf Creek. Wednesday, Saturday: 1 - 6 pm. Friday: 11 am - 4 pm.

As each branch opens for more hours, more volunteers will be needed in order to operate.

If you would like to get involved or need more information about Josephine County Libraries, contact Brandace Rojo at 541-476-0571 or email info@josephinelibrary.org.

Tuesdays from 10:15 - 10:45 am. This is not only a great early literacy program, but it is also a great way for families to connect. Preschool Storytime is from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm and includes a simple craft. And Legos are available for all ages, any time.

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

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

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!