Williams Library offers laptops, hotspots, printing

Josephine Community Library has expanded service to include the lending of six refurbished laptops and 10 new US Cellular mobile hotspots in an effort to aid community members who may not have access to a computer or internet at home while library facilities are restricted.

“We are getting a lot of feedback from patrons who now need multiple devices in their homes so that their children can do schoolwork while parents work from home,” said Public Services Director Norma Singer. “It can also be difficult to fill out digital documents like unemployment claims and health insurance forms from a cell phone. We are hoping this alleviates some of that stress for our patrons.”

Laptops and mobile hotspots are part of the “Library of Things” and can be requested from all branches: curbside pick-up at the library is 10, and social distancing is observed.

All patrons over the age of 4 must wear a mask, as per state mandate. The library offers front-door service so that patrons unable to wear masks can pick up items at the door. Please call before arriving to pick up your holds.

Patrons are asked to limit browsing to 15 minutes. Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a one-hour limit.

During the week of September 22, we’ll be offering a Take and Make project: potpourri sachets. You can pick up the makings while supplies last.

Be sure to check out our fall events calendar at jcls.libcal.com/calendars/jcls_event.

JCLA (Jackson County Library System) has a number of remote library services available to you from your home. You can:

• Manage your account online.
• Send print jobs through the mobile printing program and pick up the print-outs later. Instructions are at jcls.org/computer_wifi/printing.
• Entities like Netflix for libraries.
• Hoopla, which grants you access to movies, TV shows, music, e-books, audiobooks, and comics. It’s like Netflix for libraries.
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• Flipster, which offers a selection of current and past issues of popular magazines for access online and via the Flipster app, available for Android and iOS devices.
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Take out cupcakes to enjoy while you wait!

The Applegate Branch Library

The Applegate Branch Library is committed to safety for its patrons and staff. We are using COVID-19 preventative measures such as hand sanitizing, quarantining of materials, and frequent cleaning. Maximum occupancy at the library is 10, and social distancing is observed.

Hooray! We are open! We are so happy to be here to serve you. We are currently open our regular hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 1:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

We appreciate your cooperation in wearing a mask while in the library.

Remember the library? The latest books, a wall of DVDs, and an awesome array of magazines and audio books are all there, alongside the computers available for your use. For the past six months new materials have been pouring into the library and are now ready for you to check out and enjoy! Please check out the JCLS.org website for up-to-date information about upcoming programs at the libraries. There is something for everyone – Book Clubs, Teen Trivia, Local History, Genealogy—check it out! We are always looking for virtual programs of interest to the community. Please let us know if you might be interested in hosting a class or presenting and what programs you might like to see.

The Friends of Ruch Library regret that they cannot open the A-Frame Bookstore at this time, nor can they accept any donations until further notice. They hope to be able to open the Book Barn on a First Saturday for their $1-per-book or $5-per-bag sale soon! Watch the Friends of Ruch Library sign near Ramsey Realty and follow their Facebook page for notification of their opening.

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library” (Albert Einstein)

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A wall hanging welcomes patrons back to the Ruch library. Photo: Thalia Truesdell.