

— Ruch Library — Still here to serve, safely

BY THALIA TRUESDELL



At Jackson County Libraries we are happy to be here to serve you. When you come into the lobby at Ruch Library, we can check out your holds or even browse for materials for you. If you would like to call in advance and request certain titles or genres, we can have them ready for you when you arrive.

Like you, we are eagerly awaiting the time when we can let you come in and browse, but this is being written in January, and there is no telling now when it will be safe to do that. You will be the first to know! Many people are utilizing our card catalog and ordering items online, through jcls.org. The number of DVDs you can have at once has been raised to 25, and most items are checked out for three weeks. In the lobby we do have an array of new books for all ages, and all our newest magazines for you to check out.

We do have Wi-Fi at the library and in the parking lot. Need technical help with a phone, e-reader, or other device? Our very helpful JCLS Digital Services staff is here to help. They are not coming to the libraries now but are available for telephone consultations by appointment. You can reach them at digitalservices@jcls.org, or by phone at 541-734-3990. We do have computers in the library for you to use or you can bring your computer into the library for one 50-minute session per day.

Beethoven's birthday was over a month ago, and we were hoping to celebrate it in a big way with a rescheduled Beethoven "Concert" on March 13, but we will still be unable to have people in the library at that

time. Check the reader board by Ramsay Realty for current updates on our reopening.

On April 13, at 2 pm, Diana Coogle will do a reading, on Zoom, from her new book, *From Friend to Wife to Widow - Six Brief Years*. This beautiful book of poems is about her relationship with her late husband, Mike Kohn, especially about his days on hospice and the aftermath of her grief. Email medref@jcls.org to register for this Zoom program.

April 22 is Earth Day, a national day for everyone to focus on the environment and caring for our planet. We will be giving out "kits" containing a variety of fun and educational activities for the whole family to do at home. Kits will be available after April 13, while supplies last.

We are hoping it will be safe to have outdoor, in-person programs this summer. If you have any ideas for programs that might interest the Ruch Community, we would love to hear them! And don't forget that Summer Reading for all ages is just around the corner. This year's theme is "Readers are Leaders."

We hope you are enjoying a good book while staying safe. We look forward to a time when we can once again be a "full-service" library, reconnect with the school children, and have in-person community programs. We miss you so!

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— Williams Library —

Services during COVID

While access to library buildings is restricted due to health concerns, all four library branches in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek continue to offer the following services:

- Curbside pickup available on Fridays and Saturdays from noon - 4 pm. Use your library card number to place requests through your account online or by phone. Library staff will notify you when your items are ready for curbside pickup.
- Black and white document printing. Email documents to info@josephinelibrary.org, and library staff will notify you when your printouts are ready for pickup.
- Phone support, available Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am - 4 pm.
- Instant online library cards, available on our website at josephinelibrary.org. Instantly access thousands of e-books, audiobooks, interactive and educational databases, and other entertainment for all ages.
- Internet and password-free Wi-Fi, available outside each library branch 24/7. In addition, laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots are available to borrow from the Library of Things collection.
- Book drops, open all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

JosephineLINK

JosephineLINK is an online community resource directory where community members can access current information for hundreds of community service organizations. You can browse by category or search by keyword. Categories include rent assistance, volunteer opportunities, food assistance, family services, recovery support, veterans' services, and much

more. JosephineLINK can be found on the library website at josephinelink.org.

Sewing classes for all skill levels

Use your library card to access on-demand sewing classes for all skill levels in Creativebug. Classes include tote bags, buttonholes, pockets, purses, pillows, clothing, and so much more! Need a sewing machine? Check one out from the Library of Things collection at your preferred library branch.

Monthly Craft Kits

Stop by the library during curbside hours on Fridays and Saturdays from noon - 4 pm to pick up a craft kit to take home. Different kits are available each month for both adults and children.

Winter Reading Challenge

This year make your family reading goal a super easy one—read more books! Get motivated by joining the library's Winter Reading Challenge. Track reading time each day to unlock badges, earn a free book giveaway, and enter raffles.

The challenge can be completed at your own pace through March 31. Individuals and families should get started by registering their account online. For mobile devices, the Beanstack Tracker app is also available for free. Join the challenge from the "KIDS/FAMILY" page on the library website at josephinelibrary.org.

Recommended reading from your librarians

Having trouble deciding what to read next? Whether you are looking for an audiobook for that road trip, a date-night DVD, or books for a family read-aloud, Shelf Shopper can meet all of your family's reading, listening, and viewing needs. Simply submit the Shelf Shopper form; a local librarian will pick a selection of materials and notify you when

— Applegate Library — A virtual plethora of events offered

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

The Applegate Branch Library is bucking the difficulties of the coronavirus restrictions with valiant fortitude. We had to cancel our outdoor book sale in November because of inclement weather, but we are open during our normal hours (Tuesday and Friday, 2-6 pm; Wednesday and Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm) for patrons to use computers, as space allows, and for enhanced front-door services. In addition, we have a number of programs and activities planned for the next few months.

Online Zoom presentations

For help registering for these programs, contact information@jcls.org.

- March 5, 11 am-12:15 pm—"Life, Loss, and Legacy," a presentation by Lily Myers Kaplan based on her award-winning book, *Loss to Legacy*. As COVID-19 spreads loss of all kinds in our lives, we can find comfort and inspiration in Lily's concept of a "living legacy"—an ever-evolving way of living with life's twists, turns, loves, and losses. Have pencil and paper ready for this experiential presentation.
- March 12, noon-1 pm—EOLCOR (End of Life Choices of Oregon). Local retired RN and hospice volunteer Jan Rowe discusses end-of-life choices as outlined by EOLCOR, an organization of doctors and regional volunteers trained to provide skilled professional guidance with the Death with Dignity Act and other end-of-life options.
- April 16, noon-1 pm—Applegate author Diana Coogle will read poems from her new book, *From Friend to Wife to Widow - Six Brief Years*. These poems cover the time of Diana's relationship with her late husband, Mike Kohn, from falling in love with him to their

wedding to his bouts with cancer, his three weeks on hospice, and the various ways she dealt with her grief after his death. Listener response is welcome. Discussion will follow the reading.

Outdoor workshops

May 4—Ready to Roll: A Hands-On Bicycle Repair Workshop. Celebrate Bike to Work Month with a workshop by a local bike mechanic who will teach you the basics of bike repair so you can be ready to roll to work, to the coffee shop, or on one of the many bike trails throughout the Rogue Valley. This program will take place outside with social distancing.

Take & Make Craft Kits

- March 26, 2 pm—Spring Take & Make Craft Kit. Pick up supplies to make a spring craft while supplies last.
- May 1, 2 pm—Mother's Day Take & Make Craft Kit. Pick up supplies to make a Mother's Day craft while supplies last.

Here's a reminder of other things Jackson County Library Services, including the Applegate branch, has to offer:

- Borrow books, movies, music CDs, and other library materials
- Borrow items from the Library of Things
- Download e-books, audiobooks, music, and videos
- Place holds on items online
- Use online databases and resources
- Access public computers in the library
- Borrow items through Interlibrary Loan
- Use free Wi-Fi at all library locations

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News from Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL)

Our "New Year's resolution" is to revitalize FOAL membership. Join us!

All you have to do is tell us you want to be a member and give us your email address. Then you're in. Membership is free and carries no obligations.

The difference between being a member and just being a library user is one of cumulative energy, but, in addition, as an official Friend of the Applegate Library:

- you could become a programs chair.
- you could help with book sales (the main source of income for FOAL).
- you could oversee our Facebook page.
- you could get us set up for and oversee Amazon sales.
- you'll become a part of a network of Applegaters supporting the library and a contributor to an ideas bank of things the library can do for our community.
- you will be invited to quarterly board meetings, if you want to attend.
- you could, if you like, become a board member.

What we want most from FOAL members is ideas and energy.

Join FOAL! Contact me with an enthusiastic "count me in," and we'll add your name to the list.

On behalf of the board and the library itself, thank you!

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they are ready to be picked up during curbside service. Find the Shelf Shopper form under the CATALOG menu at josephinelibrary.org.

Discover local history

Access historic periodicals, browse books on Oregon's history, and learn about upcoming lectures and special events through the local history subject guide. To start exploring these local history resources, choose the local history subject guide from the "Education/

Research" tab on the library website at josephinelibrary.org.

Need more information?

- Drop by the Williams branch of the Josephine Community Library District, which is located at 20695 Williams Highway, Williams.
- Email branch manager Amber Guient at aguient@josephinelibrary.org or call 541-846-7020.
- Email info@josephinelibrary.org.
- Visit the website at josephinelibrary.org.