

— Ruch Library —

Come by and browse your library

BY THALIA TRUESDELL



Welcome back! We are so excited to offer you our Summer Reading Program at Ruch Library. We will be having outdoor, in-person programs this year, as well as incentives and prizes. Come by and browse! Discover hidden secrets in the I Spy window! All ages can register for Summer Reading, which runs June through August this year. Find out more at JCLS.org.

Bee a Leader with the Southern Oregon Bee Association: How Bees Live and Work Together

Saturday, June 5 • 11-noon • Ages 8-plus

Learn how thousands of bees live and work together in harmony, watch live honeybees at work in an observation hive, and discover ways you can lead a bee-, plant-, and human-healthy future.

Social Skills for Superheroes with Anna Minter

Tuesday, June 15 • 11-noon • Ages 5-10

When we are helpers, we feel good about ourselves. This program will focus on building self-confidence and comfort in different situations and includes a Take & Make kit to take home.

Be a Drum Leader with Laura Rich

Tuesday, July 6 • 1-2 pm • Ages 5-plus

Experience the beauty of West African drumming and, through the rhythms taught, learn the fundamentals and stylistic intricacies of the music.

Leadership in Literature: The Sword in the Tome

Thursday, July 15 • 2-3 pm • Ages 12-18

From Arthur's mythical blade Excalibur to Luke's inherited lightsaber, swords are as much symbols in literature as they are tools for the characters. Learn about the symbology of swords in literature, followed by a brief fight choreography lesson.

Safari Animals and Quicksand Dig with Bugs-R-Us

Thursday, July 22 • 2-3 pm

Learn about well-known animals from Africa and Asia; touch sample furs, pelts, and feathers; then play a game to save an animal stuck in quicksand—whomever you save, you get to keep!

Make a Lavender Wand Sachet

Saturday, July 24 • 2-3:30 pm • Ages 8-plus

Learn the ancient craft of making a wand or "bottle" with lavender stems and ribbon. A simple weave encloses the scented flowers, and the scent will last for years. This outdoor class is limited to 10 participants. Lavender and ribbons will be provided. Please bring clippers and scissors.

Positivity Rocks! A Painted Rock Activity

Saturday, August 7 • 1-3:30 pm

Spread positivity by painting one rock for yourself and another to hide and brighten someone's day. This will be an outdoor program on a drop-in basis, with a limit of five participants (or families) at once, as we will be practicing social distancing.

Learn to Lead with Sanctuary One

Tuesday, August 10 • 10-11 am • Ages 10-plus

Sanctuary One is a care farm in the Applegate Valley. Learn what a day in the life of a Sanctuary One volunteer is like, and meet the goats Ned, Lucky, and Dusty! 'Take and make kits' contain hands-on activities to make or do at home. Kits are available beginning on the dates listed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last:

Positivity Activism

Available starting June 8 • Ages 12-18

Spread joy in your community! Pick up supplies to make a poster and sidewalk chalk messages, along with prompts to spark your creativity.

Water Conservation Leaders

Available starting June 22 • Ages 12-18

We're challenging teens to be water conservation leaders in their households this summer. Pick up a kit with a copy of Neal Shusterman's dystopian novel *Dry*, a reusable water bottle, and a water conservation challenge sheet. Conserve water this month and beyond!

Fantasy Folk Art

Available starting July 27 • Ages 12-18

Folk artists are everyday people who use their skills and imaginations to create unique works of art. Make your own folk art from ancient madrone wooden discs hand painted with jelly pens.

Book Barn First Saturday Book Sales are held from noon to 4 pm every month! The sales are by donation only and masks are required. Only five customers at a time will be allowed in the Book Barn and, while you wait, you can browse the free books outside. You can also find books at the Ruch Country Store or our free little libraries (McKee Bridge, Ruch Outdoor Community School, China Gulch, and Cantrall Buckley Park).

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— Applegate Library —

Reopens for in-person browsing

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

Leaving the Applegate Branch Library shortly after 6 pm on a beautiful Friday evening, I ran into the scene in the photo. The first car in line narrowly missed getting hit by the falling tree.

Within minutes, as traffic piled up, several commuters jumped out of their vehicles and literally pushed the tree out of the road. That's community caring! That's the Applegate community! **Good news!**

As of this writing, Jackson County Library Services welcomes patrons back inside all 15 libraries for limited in-person services. Patrons over the age of five are required to wear masks and social distancing measures will be in place. We have missed you!

Computers are available at all libraries on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to a 60-minute session per day. Mobile printing is available at all branches. Learn more at jcls.org/services/computers-wifi/.

The JCLS Summer Reading Program, with the theme of "Readers are Leaders," kicks off on June 12 and runs through the end of August. Check in with us to know more.

Upcoming events

Please note: Masks, and social distancing, are required to attend the in-person, outside programs.

Saturday, June 5, 1-2 pm, Bee a Leader, with the Southern Oregon Bee Association. How bees live and work together. Ages 8-plus. Honeybees live in groups, just like people do! Learn how thousands of bees live and work together in harmony. We will even look at some live honeybees at work in an observation hive.

Friday, June 11, noon-1 pm, End of Life Choices, Oregon Online. Local retired RN and hospice volunteer Jan Rowe will discuss end-of-life choices. End of Life Choices of Oregon (EOLCOR) is an organization comprised of doctors and regional volunteers who are trained to provide skilled professional guidance with the Death with Dignity Act and other end-of-life options.

Saturday, July 10, 11 am-noon, Leadership in Literature: The Sword in the Tome. Ages 12-18. No weapon in history has captured human imagination in quite the same way as the sword. Join us for an exploration of swords



Christine Grubb came on this scene on her way home from work. Photo: Christine Grubb.

and their symbology in literature, followed by a brief fight-choreography lesson to explore the world of the sword. All safety rules will be covered during the program and will be enforced. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to move in. Presenter Cameron Turner has been trained in both stage fighting and safety.

Tuesday, July 13, 2 pm, through Saturday, July 17, Christmas in July week at the Applegate Branch Library. Join us for some Christmas festivities, treats, and music.

Wednesday, July 28, 11 am-noon. Be a Drum Leader, with Laura Rich

Experience the beauty of West African drumming and, through the rhythms taught, learn the fundamentals and stylistic intricacies of the music.

Saturday, July 31, 11 am-noon. Social Skills for Superheroes with Anna Minter. Ages 5-10. This program will focus on helping us feel more comfortable with ourselves and others in different situations, which will build self-confidence. We can all use a boost and a reminder: when we are helpers, we feel good about ourselves. This program will hand out a Take & Make.

Wednesday, August 4, 11 am-noon. Learn to Lead with Sanctuary One. As a care farm in the Applegate Valley, Sanctuary One believes that people, animals, and the Earth are better together. To make this vision possible, they need the support of volunteers, and Sanctuary One has a role for everyone. Learn what a day in the life of a Sanctuary One volunteer is like, and what skills their volunteers learn that can translate into real-world application. You'll also get the chance to meet the Sanctuary One Goat Ambassadors: Ned, Lucky, and Dusty.

Christine Grubb

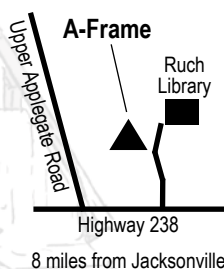
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The Applegate Branch Library is at 18485 North Applegate Road.

Visit the Book Barn next to the A-Frame Bookstore @ Ruch Library

Managed by Friends of Ruch Library.

Join us!



The Book Barn

Now open the first Saturday of each month.

12 - 4 pm

Masks and social distancing required. The sale is by donation. Proceeds benefit Ruch Library.

Come visit! Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Beer and wine on tap or to go.



Open 7 am - 7 pm Weds - Sat and 7 am - 3 pm Sun. Closed Mon and Tues.

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— Williams Library —

You can now 'Grab & Go'

Josephine Community Library branches, including Williams, began offering limited access to patrons on May 21. Patrons may enter the buildings from 1 to 4 pm Fridays and Saturdays during "Grab & Go" hours.

The library will also continue to offer curbside pick-up, computer appointments, and printing service. During Grab & Go hours, restrooms and seating are unavailable.

The following services are available at all four library branches:

- Wednesdays: 30-minute computer appointments from 1 to 4 pm. Registration is required. To register, patrons can contact

their preferred branch or email info@josephinelibrary.org.

- Fridays and Saturdays: Curbside pick-up from noon to 4 pm.

- Fridays and Saturdays: Open to the public from 1 to 4 pm during Grab & Go hours. Patrons will have the opportunity to browse the library and check out items in person for 30-minute periods. Registration is not required.

Book drops are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about the library's reopening plan and digital services, visit josephinelibrary.org, email info@josephinelibrary.org or call 541-476-0571.