

## — Applegate Library — ‘Fall Into Adventure’ at the Applegate Library



## — Friends of Ruch Library — Ruch Library manager retires: Thank you, Thalia!

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

Fall into the Applegate Library to see all that's going on! "Fall Into Adventure" is the fall theme at the library. Featured service in this edition is the Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL). This service is available to full-service library patrons and grants them access to materials not found in the JCLS catalog that can be borrowed from other participating libraries. For additional information, see [jcls.org/services/interlibrary-loan](http://jcls.org/services/interlibrary-loan).

### Upcoming events

*The Mouse that Soared: Life and Times of the Legendary Siskiyou Smokejumper Base*—Author talk with local author Paul Fattig. Noon - 1:30 pm Saturday, September 17.

Adventure Maps—Create a treasure map to celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day (September 19). This program will introduce classic factors of old map-making, including a legend and compass. Give your map the appearance of a long-lost document by lightly sponging a mixture of tea and water onto the paper, then crumpling and distressing the edges. Map your imagination, a place you already know, or a random location! 3:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday, September 20.

Leaf-Printed Cloth Napkins—18-plus years. Personalize a set of cloth napkins for fall with a beautiful leaf print. Paint locally gathered leaves with fabric paint, then press them onto napkins to stamp them with unique natural designs in this

simple and satisfying craft. 11 am - noon Saturday, October 15.

Halloween Craft—5-plus years. Come to the library and decorate or carve a mini pumpkin, while supplies last. 10 am - 2 pm Saturday, October 29.

Adventures in Foraging—18-plus years. Participants will learn more about options for foraging in the local area. 3:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday, November 8.

### Reminders

Preschool Storytime will change from Saturdays to Wednesdays beginning September 7 and will be from 11 - 11:45 am.

Every Wednesday, from 10 am - 12:30 pm, a digital service representative can help with all your tech questions. Appointments can be made through [techsupport@jcls.org](mailto:techsupport@jcls.org).

The Applegate Library meeting room can be booked online by going to [jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting](http://jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting).

Beginning Tuesday, September 28, bring your favorite, *labeled* (name & phone number) teacup (or two, but please no more than two) to the library for a monthly display, "Would you like an Adventure now or would you like to have your Tea First?"

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BY CYNTHIA CHENEY

On June 25, Ruch Library Branch Manager, Thalia Truesdell, retired, having guided our branch since April 2011. And she would never have written such a dull sentence about anything! Picture her leaning on the counter listening carefully to a child trying to describe that special book they are looking for, as the library wall clock chimes the hour in bird calls. Or at the Buncom Day parade, leading a little line of kids and the young-at-heart all wearing "book costumes" made out of big cardboard boxes with head and arm holes and painted-on book covers. And organizing great events for our branch: the recent Treasures of the Applegate, for example, and the How-to Festival which had two very successful years before COVID's interruption (this was a two-branch event put on by Ruch and Applegate Branches).

The driving force was always her dedication to values that are at the center of libraries. This was evident from the time she joined the staff in 2007. Janis Mohr-Tipton, a former supervisor, says, "Thalia was very enthusiastic about connecting new people to the community with established community members, organizations, and nonprofits. She helped people fit into their new surroundings and feel like they were an important part of the community. It has made me and other past supervisors very proud that she understood the vital importance of introducing volunteers, community members, and young children to the library as a center for building stronger community connections."

One very important connection was that between Ruch Library and the Ruch Outdoor Community School (ROCS). The library was built adjoining the school to promote that connection, but by 2015 the synergy needed revitalization. Thalia, with FORL's then-president Peggy Mekemson (a former school principal), met with ROCS principal Julie Barry to encourage regular class visits in which Thalia would present age-appropriate library know-how and library-based projects in a fun way that fit into the teachers' curriculum and the students' interests. She has worked with the teachers each year since to be sure this successful partnership adapts and continues.

Julie Barry, Principal, Ruch Outdoor Community School, summed up this relationship: "All of the students and staff at Ruch Outdoor Community School are so thankful for the engagement and commitment that Thalia has shown us for so long. She provided enrichment and high interest activities and reading recommendations that kept all of us on our paths to being lifelong learners."



Ruch Library Manager Thalia Truesdell at her retirement party. Photo: Cynthia Cheney.

The students' weekly walking trip to the public library proved to be so valuable and a staple course in their learning experience. Thank you, Thalia, for your dedication and your involvement at ROCS. We look forward to having you being in the classroom more in the future. We love you."

In 2018, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place for a new paved pathway, connecting the Ruch Outdoor Community School and the Ruch Library, that will ensure that all students can reach the library. COVID-19 brought some interruptions in class visits, but they have resumed now. Students (bringing their own library cards!) enjoy the library for learning, doing homework, reading freely, and as a welcoming community space with so much to offer.

For all of us in FORL it's been a great pleasure to work with Thalia, and we will miss her clarity, lively energy, and dedication. She'll be busy weaving, teaching piano lessons, and spending time with family. But we know she won't be a stranger to the library because it's a community she will always be part of.

Thank you, Thalia!

### Sale of donated books

FORL continues its sales of donated books from 1 - 3 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the A-Frame Bookstore and our huge monthly Book Barn Sale the first Saturday of each month from 11 am - 2 pm (beginning in October, hours will be noon - 4). Most books are \$2 or less at the A-Frame, and at the Book Barn it's by donation. Everyone is welcome! Your already read books can be donated at the Book Barn Sale or at the Library to benefit your neighbors and the library.

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Josephine  
Community Library

## — Williams Library — Coming soon: A new library!

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Josephine Community Library District and Josephine Community Library Foundation are improving library services in the Williams area by relocating and renovating a new Williams branch facility at 20140 Williams Highway in Williams by June 2023.

The New Williams Library Fundraising Drive, which had a goal of \$135,000, brought in over \$140,000! Many thanks to the generosity and support of community members and to Southern Oregon Sanitation and other major donors who provided the \$70,000 match.

The renovation will include 1,000 square feet of library use, a designated children's area, updated technology including broadband Internet, expanded books and other materials, running water, and an ADA restroom.

For more information about Josephine Community Library Foundation and to follow the project, visit [jclfoundation.org/williams](http://jclfoundation.org/williams) or contact Josephine Community

Library Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz at [rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org) or 541-476-0571 (ext. 200).

### Williams Weekly Storytime

Families are invited to visit the Williams branch of Josephine Community Library District from 11 to 11:30 am every Friday for a themed storytime and craft session in a safe and fun environment.

### K9 Reading Buddies

Visit the Williams branch from 3 - 4 pm Tuesdays for K9 Reading Buddies. During this program, trained therapy dogs provide a non-intimidating environment for children to learn to read out loud. Young readers have the opportunity to explore language and books during this special storytime.

### Brainfuse HelpNow

Visit the Brainfuse Helpnow app, where live tutors are trained not to provide answers, but to help users master a problem's underlying concepts. This library resource helps students from elementary grades through college with

24/7 writing labs, language labs, test prep, and even chess practice. Tutoring and homework help services are offered in English and Spanish at no cost to library patrons. Use your library card barcode number to login.

### Interlibrary loan service

Did you know that library cardholders have

access to the interlibrary loan—a service through which items from libraries outside of the Josephine Community Library system can be requested at no cost to patrons? This service is for materials that are not available in the Josephine Community Library collection and is especially helpful for series items and specialized topics.

For more information about interlibrary loan, email [info@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:info@josephinelibrary.org) or visit a library branch in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, or Wolf Creek.

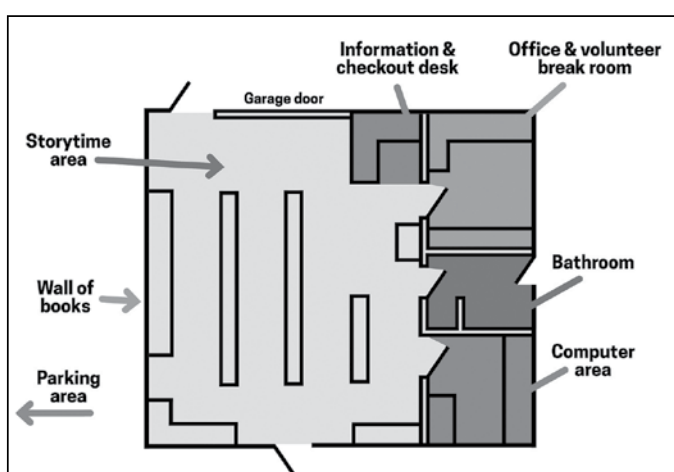
### Family resources from your public library

From homework help to skill building and from leadership opportunities to

trusted research resources, the library offers fun and productive activities for children, teens, and adults.

Explore what the library has to offer at [josephinelibrary.org](http://josephinelibrary.org). Library hours are 1 - 6 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, and 11 am - 4 pm Friday. Registration is not required, and a library card is not necessary to participate in library events and programs unless otherwise noted.

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Layout of the new Williams Library.