

— Ruch Library —

Music, children's, teen programs coming to Ruch Library in December



BY DAVID HAYWOOD

As I write this, fall has arrived in earnest at last, and by the time this article reaches you, we will hopefully have had several inches of rain to quench the Applegate Valley.

On October 15, the Ruch library had Annice Black give her Oregon Wagon Trail Quilt presentation, which included the quilt that has been in her family for over 150 years! Her program was well attended and liked, and we look forward to having her back in the future.

In November, we are hosting Mark Prchal and his presentation, *Some Geology of Southern Oregon*, on November 12 from 1-3 pm. A partial list of these features includes Crater Lake, volcanoes, the Siskiyou and Cascade Ranges, the Coming Big Earthquake, and more. Those who have attended Mark's presentations before will enjoy new and exciting geologic stories.

Winter will bring a whopping three programs to the Ruch library in December and one in February. On December 3, from 2-3 pm, we will have Larry Smith, a bass player and music professor at RCC, playing his bass along with loop pedals for Live Looping with Larry Smith, followed by a children's program on December 27, from 10:30-11:30 am, entitled *Movement & Me: A Musical Sensory Experience*, and Teen Music Jeopardy from 3-4 pm on December 29. All of the above are part of Rogue Reads, which encourages everyone in Jackson County to read and discuss the same books. This three-month program takes place December through February and features discussions and programs on the 2022-23 theme: Music and Community.

Our final Winter program, a joint effort between Applegate and Ruch libraries and their Friends groups, fits

neatly into the theme of Music and Community: Applegate Valley Musicians and Troubadours. Local musicians from the Applegate Valley will be playing at both libraries on February 11, with performances at the Applegate library from 11:30 am-3:30 pm and at the Ruch library at the same times. A schedule of performances will be posted in January.

You can find out more about Rogue Reads and our upcoming events in our Event Guides that have been distributed to each branch or on our website, jcls.org.

Lastly, here are some updates from the Friends of the Ruch Library:

The Ruch Library's A-Frame Book Store is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1-3 pm. It features the newest and best gently used books and DVDs for \$1-\$3. The Book Store is supported by FORL and run by volunteers. All proceeds benefit the Ruch Branch Library. The A-Frame Book Store will be closed December 25 - January 1 for our volunteers, reopening January 3, 2023.

The First Saturday Book Barn Sale is held every month from noon-4 pm. The Book Barn is filled with more than 4,000 books, audio books, and CDs. It contains fiction and nonfiction items for children, juniors, teens, and adults. Whether you are shopping for gifts, a specific author, particular genre, or winter-weather special. This sale is by cash donation only. Bring a bag to carry your selections home. Book donations are welcome.

See you at the library!

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— Applegate Library —

Rogue Reads program continues at Applegate Library

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A great big shout out of thanks to the generous patrons and businesses that donated to the Applegate Library's Summer Reading Program raffle baskets.

Thanks go to:

- The Beckham Family for the donation baskets, two bottles of local wine, and various craft kits.

- A Greater Applegate (AGA) for the Applegate Valley sweatshirt donation.

- Terri Gubi for handmade greeting cards of local attractions and a local author's signed book, *Jacksonville's Lost Treasure*.

- Amy's Beehives for their Applegate Valley natural raw honey.

- Pennington Farms for their delicious jam donation.

- Jackson County Library Services (JCLS) for a water bottle donation.

- Fledgling artist, Christine Grubb, for a lighted, hand-painted wine bottle.

Other items included in the raffle baskets were an Applegate Country Club \$50 gift certificate and *Homebrewed Vinegar* by local author Kirsten Shockey.

December through February JCLS will sponsor Rogue Reads at all library branches. This program builds community through conversation by encouraging everyone in Jackson County to read and discuss the same books. Participants can engage in discussions and attend programs (including live, virtual author talks) on titles related to the themes of indigeneity, reciprocity, culture, and community. Be sure to sign up to be a part of this "whole county reads" program. The 2022-23 theme is "Music & Community."

Upcoming events

Rogue Reads: Musical Mobiles (7+ years) Create a music-themed mobile that represents you and all that makes up who you are, based on the book *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan. Noon-1 pm Saturday, December 3.

Rogue Reads: CD Scratch Art (13+ years) Create a glittering piece of upcycled art décor during this relaxing crafternoon. Paint an old CD, then scratch in an intricate design when the paint is dry to reveal a dazzling holographic look. Noon -1 pm Saturday, January 7.

Rogue Reads: What it Was: Growing Up When the Music Mattered (18+ years) The classic era of rock and roll music was a time of incredible creativity in the arts and

in artful ways of living. It was a tumultuous time too. Music helped us get through it. Revisit those times with James Pagliasotti, the first rock and roll columnist for the *Denver Post* where he covered music and counterculture from 1968-1974. 11 am-12:30 pm Saturday, January 14.

Worm Composting of Kitchen Scraps (18+ years) Turn your kitchen scraps into valuable garden compost. Learn how to set up and maintain a worm bin using red wiggler worms. Learn about worm ecology and tricks to speed up composting. 11:30 am-1 pm Saturday, January 28.

Rogue Reads Take & Make: Mini Macramé Wind Chime (18+ years) Make your space more musical with this beginner-friendly macramé project. Available for pickup starting at 2 pm Tuesday, February 7.

Applegate Valley Musicians and Troubadours, 3+ years. Listen to local musicians or other performers from the Applegate Valley. Sponsored by Friends of the Applegate Library and Friends of the Ruch Library. 11 am-noon Saturday, February 11.

Rogue Reads: Songs That Tell Stories, 5+ years. West African drum rhythms are played for culturally significant events and purposes and generally have an accompanying story. Hear stories and participate in making music with local storyteller and musician Laura Rich, percussionist with the Arts Council of Southern Oregon. 11:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, February 18.

Reminders

Every Wednesday from 10 am-12:30 pm a digital services representative can help with all your tech questions. Come in or make an appointment at techsupport@jcls.org.

Preschool Storytime is on Wednesdays from 11-11:45 am.

Our meeting room can be booked for your meeting, program, or event (even when the library is closed) by going to jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting.

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Josephine
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— Williams Library —

Looking ahead to the 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 summer 2023.

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 or contact Josephine Community Library Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz at rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org or 541-476-0571, ext. 200.

Construction request for proposals coming soon

A request for proposal (RFP) for the new Williams library construction will be issued soon. Watch jclfoundation.org for information. To be notified when the RFP is issued, send your email address to Josephine Community Library Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Stoltz at rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org.

Williams library listening sessions

Join us the third Thursday of each month from 5-6 pm at the Williams Grange to learn more about the plan to build a new community library in Williams. Share concerns, ideas, or compliments with library folks, both staff and board members. Timeliness is a high priority for participation at these events.

Williams Weekly Storytime

Families are invited to visit the Williams branch of Josephine Community Library District from 11-11:30 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 to 4 pm on Tuesdays for K9 Reading Buddies. During this program, trained therapy dogs provide a nonintimidating environment for children to learn to read out loud. Young readers have the opportunity to explore language and books during this special storytime.

Family resources from your public library

From homework help to skill building, and from leadership opportunities to trusted research resources, the library offers



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Amber Guient helps a client.

fun and productive activities for children, teens, and adults. Explore what the library has to offer at josephinelibrary.org.

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, veteran's services, and much more. JosephineLINK can be found on the library website at josephinelink.org.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your children under the age of five for free online or stop by your nearest library branch in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, or Wolf Creek during open hours and fill out a paper form.

In eight to 10 weeks, you'll receive the first book. After that, age-appropriate books will arrive monthly. The first book every child receives is *The Little Engine That Could*, which is Dolly Parton's favorite book. The message of the book is timeless, encouraging children to never give up, do their best, and stay positive no matter what.

To sign up, visit josephinelibrary.org and find Dolly Parton's Imagination Library on the "Children" page under the "Youth/Family" menu. 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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