

Help keep Ruch Library open three days each week!

Why must we pay for extended hours?

Here's the story: When the Jackson County Library System re-opened in November 2007, after a six-month closure, it did so with only half its previous budget. For Ruch, this meant being open only two days, Tuesdays and Thursdays. In response to our community's outcry, the Friends of Ruch Library began a fundraising campaign to add hours for a third day. With outstanding community support, we raised money to open the library for four hours on Saturdays.

Each year we must meet the challenge of paying for our extended hours, and we can only do so with your help. The current cost per year is about \$12,300, or \$60 per hour for 208 hours. Some of the money comes from our book sales, our annual Art Show & Sale, and other special events, but the majority comes from direct contributions. Every penny raised for extended hours is used for that purpose alone.

\$60/Hour? Why so much?

It's easy to think of a library as being just materials and staff, but it takes more than that to provide the services the library offers.

That \$60 per hour includes not only staff salaries and benefits, but also a share of the costs of running the county library system.

It makes possible the computerized catalog, material reserves (placing holds for books, DVDs, audio books and more) to be brought to our branch by courier, programs like Children's Summer Reading, online reference answers, Interlibrary Loan,

collection development staff (deciding what new books, CDs, and magazines to buy in addition to standard best-sellers), a small staff doing administration and planning for the entire 15-branch system, research databases and article files free to the user but paid for by the library system. It also pays for operational costs like supplies, maintenance of the public copy machines, and free internet service and computer use for all.

Please help support extended hours:

- Make a monthly pledge—now payable from your credit or debit card for the first time! Pledge any amount. A one-year pledge of \$5 per month pays for 1 hour of library service! The goal we must meet is 208 hours, an extra four hours per week for one year.

- Make a direct contribution. You can use the form at right. Contribute as a gift to someone; we'll send a thank-you in your name (be sure to give details on form).

- Support our other fundraising opportunities.

- Volunteer to serve on the Fundraising Committee.

- Want to do more? Tell your friends and neighbors of the continuing need to financially support our library's extended hours.

Please use the form right next to this article, to make a pledge or contribution. Return it to us by mail or give it to a staff member at Ruch Library.

Thank you for being a library user and supporter!

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The Friends of Ruch Library

Ruch Library Programs

The Friends of Ruch Library are happy to offer another eclectic roster of programs for the coming year. We hope you can join us to be entertained, educated and inspired. There is no charge for the programs, although donations are welcome and will be used towards keeping our library open those extra four hours a week. For more information or to learn more about upcoming programs, visit our website: www.forl.org.

Bring your enthusiasm and voices to a **Family Sing-Along** with Chris Bratt, Karen Hardman, Vicki Gonzalez and young friends in the Ruch Library Community Room on Friday, October 9, from 7 – 9 pm. We will provide song books and some rhythm instruments, but bring your ideas for old favorites. This will be music and fun for all ages!

Out of the Ordinary Oregon with Connie Battaile is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 pm at the Community Room at Ruch Library. Battaile will use historical photos and maps as she revisits events and curiosities in Oregon history that help define our state's unique identity. She is a local author, a retired reference librarian, and has been an Oregon Council

for the Humanities scholar. Please join us as we journey through floods, human foibles, and of course, the famous exploding whale!

December brings us the **Third Annual Ruch Artisans' Exhibit and Sale**. This display of some of the finest Applegate's artists' work will be December 10-12 at Ruch Library from noon -7 pm Thursday and Friday, and 12- 5 Ppm on Saturday. Plan to do your holiday shopping locally this year, selecting from candles, cards, ceramics, hats, jewelry, mosaics, paintings, photography and much, much more. Thirty percent of the sales are donated by the artists to support the extended hours for the Ruch Library.

A peek into the future:

January 8, 2010, Cindy Deacon Williams, from the National Center for Conservation Science, will be presenting **"Preparing for Climate Change in the Rogue River Basin."** She will identify stressors, risks and recommendations for increasing resilience and resistance in human, built, economic and natural systems. This is one program you will not want to miss!

Thalia Truesdell • 541-899-8741

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at Ruch Library.

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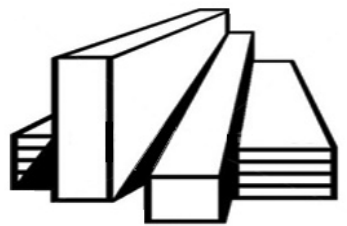
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If this is a gift in the name of another person, and you wish a thank-you sent to them, please include their full name and address.

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