

— Applegate Library — Community connections!



BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

“Libraries are models of gift economies, providing free access not only to books but also to music, tools, seeds, and more. We don’t each have to own everything. The books at the library belong to everyone and are free to use. Take the books, enjoy them, and bring them back so someone else can enjoy them, with literary abundance for all. And all you need is a library card, which is a kind of agreement to respect and take care of the common good.”
— Robin Wall Kimmerer

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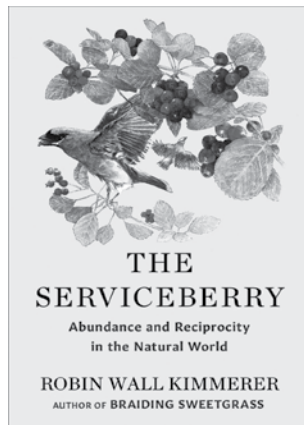
Upcoming Events

Nesting Season, 5+ years. Nesting season for birds is just around the corner. Are you ready to be a bird landlord? We will talk about avian architecture, how to choose an appropriate nesting box, the different stages of the nesting season, behaviors to watch for, and how to deal with potential predators and problems. 12:30-1:30 pm Saturday, March 8.

Learn about Bee Swarms with Your New Best Friends—The Bee Besties! 18+ years. The thought of a bee swarm can be scary—but in fact, it’s a very natural process! Learn more about this and other fun bee-related topics with the Bee Besties! 11 am-noon Tuesday, March 11.

Spring into Action: Make a Bug Hotel, 8+ years. Insects need safe spaces to shelter and hide from predators. Kids can help them by building a bug hotel to put in their garden or outside area! 1-2 pm Saturday, April 5.

Strange New Cowboys/An End to War, 18+ years. Readings by Paul Tipton from his recently published book, *Strange New Cowboys: Vietnam Stories and Poems*. His talk is interspersed with poems by



members of the Applegate Poets on the prompt, “An end to war.” The presentation may contain offensive language and violent scenarios, and is for an adult audience. Copies of *Strange New Cowboys* will be available for purchase. 2-4 pm Saturday, April 5.

Paint with Plants, 8+ years. Discover the beautiful world of natural colors right outside your door. We’ll explore how to make watercolor from garden-grown and foraged plants. Then we’ll experiment with changing each color by adding lemon juice (an acid) and baking soda (a base). Come make art with plant pigments! 2:30-3:30 pm Saturday, April 19.

Spring into Action: Make Your Own Magnetic Slime, 12+ years. What’s better than normal slime? Slime you can manipulate with a magnet! Spring into a cool re-action with this slightly messy but fun activity! 1-2 pm Saturday, May 3.

Podcasts: Talk Radio for the Digital Age. This class will introduce users to the basics of podcasts as a form of entertainment and how to access them. 10:30 am-noon Tuesday, May 6.

Reminders

A Digital Services representative will be here on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am-12:30 pm on a first-come, first-served basis, or make an appointment by emailing digitalservices@jcls.org, or by phone at 541-734-3990.

The Applegate Library 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. Need a place to rehearse? You can do that here, whether for a meeting or music practice.

Wi-Fi is available 24-7 in our parking lot and inside during open hours.

Preschool Storytime is Fridays from 11-11:30 am.

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— Ruch Library — Spring into action!

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Join us at Ruch Library for a variety of entertaining and educational events.

Triumphs and Disasters in the Kitchen with Diana Coogle, all ages. Stories about food were some of the most popular of Diana Coogle’s JPR commentaries—baking in her house on the mountain without electricity, the Carberry Creek Dessert Bake-off, cultural traditions around food, and many others. In this program, she shares some of those stories, along with their recipes (and samples!). 1-2 pm Saturday, March 8.

Spring into Action: Make Your Own Magnetic Slime, 12+ years. What’s better than normal slime? Slime you can manipulate with a magnet! Spring into a cool reaction with this slightly messy but fun activity! 1-2 pm Saturday, March 15.

Seed to Sprout, all ages. Spring into gardening! At this hands-on event, aspiring gardeners of all ages will learn how to grow nutritious vegetables and fruits from seed. You’ll be able to choose seeds from our Seed Library, learn what seeds need to germinate (light, warmth, water, and soil), and plant the seeds in your own take-home pots. With good care, you’ll be able to enjoy a delicious harvest of your own homegrown food. Weather permitting, we will be outdoors for this program, so please dress appropriately. 1-2 pm Saturday, March 29.

Spring into Action: Make a Bug Hotel, 8+ years. Insects need safe spaces to shelter and hide from predators. Kids can help them by taking action and building a bug hotel to put in their garden or outside area! 1-2 pm Saturday, April 12.

Protecting the Applegate: Local Conservation Efforts and Organizations, all ages. This program will explore the conservation efforts of local organizations focused on protecting the environment in the Applegate, including Applegate Siskiyou Alliance, Siskiyou Crest Coalition, and Williams Community Forest Project. Learn about their programs, current threats to the Applegate, efforts to protect the wildlands of our region, and ways you can get involved! 1-2 pm Saturday, April 26.

Art from Hidden Treasures, 10+ years. Create a sculpture or art piece with “spare parts” gleaned from workshops, junk drawers, and any container marked “Very Misc.” Using appropriate tools (glue guns, hammers, pliers, etc.) under

supervision, participants can create a piece that might include a hinge, springs, lamp or clock parts, cardboard tubes, discarded small toys, or fabric scraps. Please bring any special treasures you would like to use or share with our collection. Children ages 5-9 are also welcome to participate with parent/guardian supervision. 1-2 pm Saturday, May 17.

How to Speak Flower, 4+ years. Oh, the joy of flowers! In this class, learn the different languages of flowers and the importance of connecting with flowers. This program is hands-on as it includes making pollinating seed bombs with local seeds and making flower crowns! 1-2 pm Saturday, May 31.

Preschool Storytime, 3-5 years. Bring your preschoolers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun at the library. 10:30-11 am Tuesdays.

Computer and Tech Help, all ages. Meet with a Digital Services Specialist by appointment or drop in. 10 am-12:30 pm Tuesdays and 2-4:30 pm Thursdays.

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn (KPL), 0-5 years. Discover how children learn through play and daily activities: singing, telling stories, creating art, and having fun! KPL is open to everyone—young children and their families and caregivers. 10:30 am-noon Thursdays.

Bilingual Storytime for Spanish Learners, 3-10 years. Is your family interested in learning Spanish? Join us for a 30-minute bilingual storytime, followed by some informal practice with other families. All levels are welcome. 4-5 pm first and third Thursdays.

Community Yoga, 13+ years. Join us for an all-levels yoga class with Dr. Rachel Stricker. The Community Room will open at 8:45 and class will begin at 9:00. *Registration is required at jcls.org/events or by calling the Ruch Library at 541-899-7438.* Bring your own mat. 9-10 am, second and fourth Wednesdays.

Tween/Teen Movie Hangout, 10-14 years. Stop by the Ruch Library to enjoy a movie (and popcorn) with other tweens and teens! *Please note: this program does not occur during Medford School District vacations.* 3:30-6 pm, second and fourth Thursdays.

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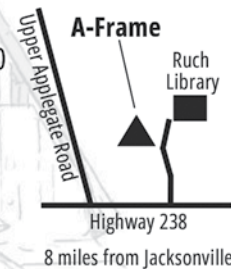
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