

Libraries get CREATIVE with on-site & virtual OPTIONS

Some local libraries are closed to the public, others at limited capacity — all are ready to help

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Public libraries in Northeast Oregon vary in their daily operations these days, but all are still offering services to patrons.

Reading material is readily available (plus crafts, music, movies and more), but not all libraries are open to the public. Be sure to call ahead or check online for current operating hours.

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2006 Fourth St., La Grande
www.cookmemoriallibrary.org
541-962-1339

Cook Memorial Library in La Grande offers a takeout service. Patrons call ahead or reserve online, and then ring the doorbell to pick up materials.

The library also offers take-and-make craft kits for all ages the first week of each month.

Or try a subscription box. Curated for teens and adults, they include library materials, knick-knacks and more.

Current subscriptions are full, but registration for the May/July boxes will open April 1. Sign up under the “Activities/Events” tab on the website. A children’s version is set to go live in March.

Carrie Bushman, children’s services librarian, said book bundle requests are popular too — books chosen to follow a certain theme.

“That’s been really fun,” she said.

Bushman maintains a virtual library page with storytime, videos, a craft and Toddler Time.

The library’s website also offers a variety of free virtual entertainment and information for grown-ups, including music, movies and references.

For those who enjoy stories but don’t have internet access, Cook Memorial offers “Dial-a-Story.”



cookmemoriallibrary.com/screenshot

Patrons of all ages simply dial a number (541-624-6339) to hear stories read aloud.

Bushman said library staff, plus several guests, have recorded stories, and they are always looking for more contributions.

“Anyone in the community can send us a recording,” she said.

BAKER COUNTY LIBRARY

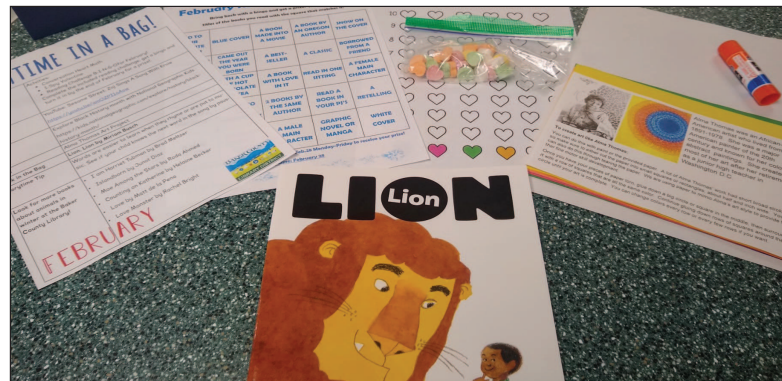
2400 Resort St., Baker City
www.bakerlib.org
541-523-6419

The Baker County Library is open to patrons, although there is a cap of 15 visitors at a time and a time limit for browsing. Face coverings are required. The drive-thru is also available during the open hours. As for “takeout” items, Makers Club kits are available every two weeks, and Storytime in a Bag is new at the first of each month. These are both at the front desk and the drive-thru.

A virtual storytime is released every Friday on the library’s Facebook page.

Patrons are welcome to reserve books by phone or online.

“They can put things on hold or call me and I’ll curate books for them,” said Missy Grammon, youth services coordinator.



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The Baker County Library offers a “Storytime in a Bag” each month.

ENTERPRISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

101 NE First St.
www.enterpriseoregon.org (under the City Departments tab)
541-426-3906

The Enterprise Public Library is closed to the public, but porch pickup is available. Parents who are looking for a variety of children’s books are encouraged to call and have a bundle created to pickup.

The library catalog is available online — patrons can reserve to pick up.

WALLOWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

201 E. First St.
www.wallowapubliclibrary.org
541-886-4265

In Wallowa, the public library is open to the public but limited to

one family at a time.

Library director Holly Goebel said storytime is available by appointment.

This month the library launched “Cuddle Up and Read” to encourage everyone to read for at least 15 minutes a day in February. Raffle prizes are available for all ages who complete the challenge. Reading aloud counts as time for both the parents and young children.

“It’s encouraging parents to read to their children,” Goebel said.

In the library’s collection, a grant helped her add \$1,200 worth of new books for ages 0 to 12.

And there are always movies.

“Especially when people are stuck at home,” she said. “We have a huge selection.”

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