

Summer reading hits the road

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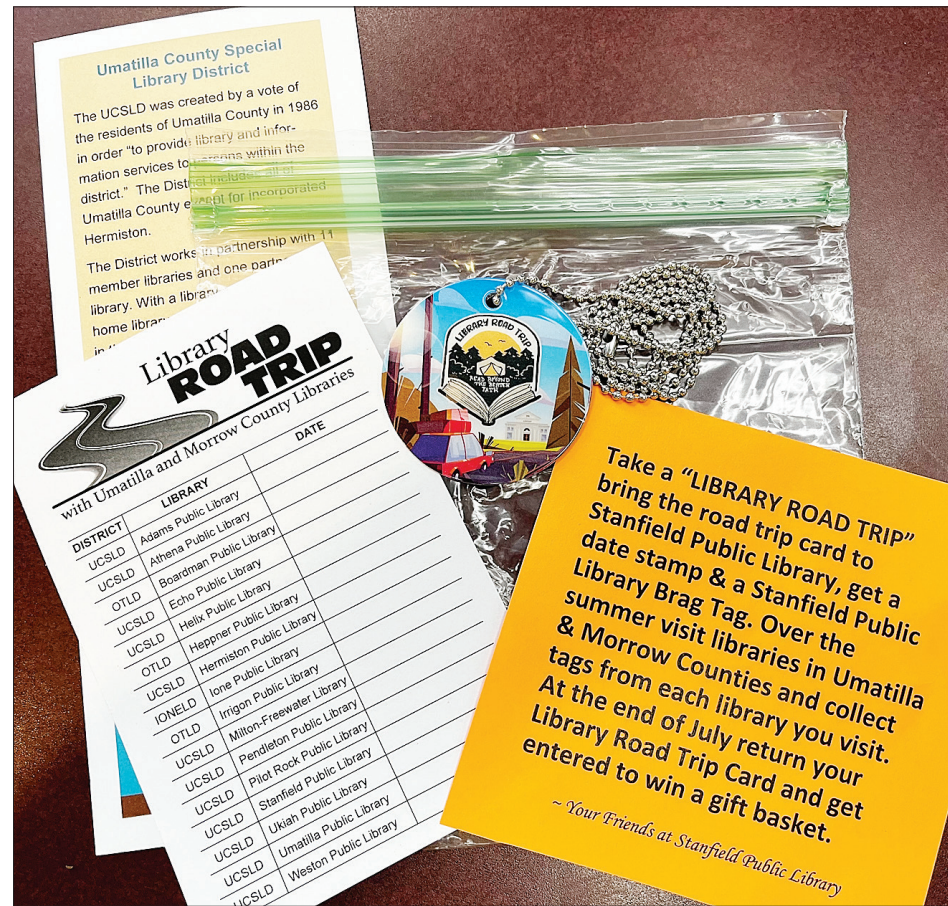
The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at your local libraries. This year's theme is Read Beyond the Beaten Path, and the libraries in Umatilla and Morrow counties have teamed up to invite you on a Library Road Trip.

If you haven't stopped by your library and picked up a packet to join the Library Road Trip, don't wait! The program runs from June 1 through July 31.

Drop by your local library and pick up a Library Road Trip packet and get out on the road. Fuel prices are keeping us closer to home, so visit the 16 libraries in the two counties. They all have fun programs running during the whole summer. And you can get in your summer reading minutes while on the road with audio books.

At the end of July, after you have visited as many libraries as possible — hopefully all of them — and picked up a unique brag tag from each library, return your completed Road Trip checkout card to your home library. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket from your home library and also in a drawing for a library district gift basket. Residents of Morrow County will be entered into a drawing from the Oregon Trail Library District and residents of Umatilla County will be entered into a drawing from the Umatilla County Special Library District.

With the generous donations from many local attractions and businesses, the gift baskets are full of free passes for a variety of summer activities and fun treats. The following are just a sampling: passes from the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, the Hermiston



Libraries in Umatilla and Morrow counties invite people on a Library Road Trip this summer. Visit libraries and pick up a brag tag and get your card stamped through July 31, 2022, for a chance to win a gift basket. Erin McCusker/
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Family Aquatic Center, the SAGE Center and the Pendleton Family Aquatic Center; mints from Mills Mint Farm; fire safety items from the fire marshal; and Library Road Trip Bags and Library Road Trip water bottle stickers from AJ's Screen Printing. Check with your home library for a list of the gift basket contents from your library.

Photos of your library visits

can be shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/731915277855324/?ref=share. Take a picture of yourself at each library you visit and post it.

Everyone is encouraged to get out and visit all the libraries in Morrow and Umatilla counties. And if you go beyond Umatilla and Morrow counties, there is room on the Road Trip card for adding other libraries!

For more information, find the Morrow County libraries' information at www.otld.org and www.ionelibrary.com, and the Umatilla County libraries' contact information at www.ucslld.org.

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