

Friends of the Applegate Library News

At our October meeting, The Friends of the Applegate Library elected Kirstin Shockey to be the new Treasurer for the coming year. We voted to sell more greeting cards by local artists and budgeted \$100 to buy cards from the artists to sell at a 25% profit for \$4.00 each. The artists have been contacted and the cards are now on sale in the library.

The November Book Sale was a success and made \$276.50. Some of this money will be used to buy a decorative rug for the children's section of the library. Carol Karvis will select the new rug, and FOAL will match the book sale funds for the purchase of the new rug.

Applegate Branch patron Geneva Rabern put on a Tea Party for our other patrons. Eve's Garden Gate Cafe loaned hats and boas for the partygoers. Tea cakes and cookies were served, along with the various teas in flowered tea cups and a jolly time was had by all who attended.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year at the library with our new board of directors for FOAL and a dedicated staff to provide all of our library needs.

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WILLIAMS LIBRARY

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Signing up for library cards.

Dave Toler and Dwight Ellis, who regretted they could not attend. Shavana Fineberg read an eloquent letter from the Williams Town Council in support of the value of libraries and lifelong learning and the ongoing inspiration available to all users.

Then, in a hard act to follow, three fourth graders from Williams Elementary School, Jessica Hendrickson, Alice Holcombe and Lindsey Ann Northrup, read their own statements about how and why libraries were so important to them. It could be called the highlight of the day. This is the next generation, and we owe them everything that good libraries offer.

Local authors, Butch Martin and J. D. Rogers, did a superb job in following the girls, to illustrate again how libraries

are meaningful in so many ways to people from everywhere in the country. Libraries have always inspired future writers. Loraine Sherman, retired librarian, was the perfect choice to cut the ribbon to open the doors for regular library service in Williams. Fortunately, our community is lucky to have Prem Miles back as Library manager, especially since she already knows most of the children in Williams! The new hours for the Williams Branch Library are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30–4:00 pm, and Saturdays from Noon to 4:00 pm. Please remember the three days we are open will be until 4:00 pm, so be sure to stop in and pick up your goodies!

The Josephine Community Libraries Inc. fall membership drive is in full swing, and we hope everyone in Williams will get a library card and become a member of JCLI (<http://www.josephinelibrary.org/>). We will be adding new books and magazines specifically related to local interests, such as solar energy, sustainable forestry, organic farming, permaculture,

home-schooling, gardening, quilting, and just plain joy in life. Please let library staff know what you want in your library.

You may also borrow anything from the Grants Pass and Illinois Valley Branch Libraries using the online catalog. Using your library card barcode and password you can enter your request online, through your own patron account. You can go to <http://josephine.polarislibrary.com/search/default>, and have the items sent to the Williams branch. The first important thing is to make sure your library card is current. This will give free access to the whole globe. Patrons can also use 20 incredible research databases (six especially useful for children) from their home computers. Full text newspapers, magazines, and reference works are available 24/7, for homework, and general information seeking. High-speed internet computers are available in the library during the nine hours open each week.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support. We hope community membership in JCLI continues to grow, and everyone in Williams will have a library card! For more information about the Williams Friends of the Library, please call Kristin Ginther, 846-6004. For more information about JCLI please visit <http://www.josephinelibrary.org>.

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Storytelling Guild

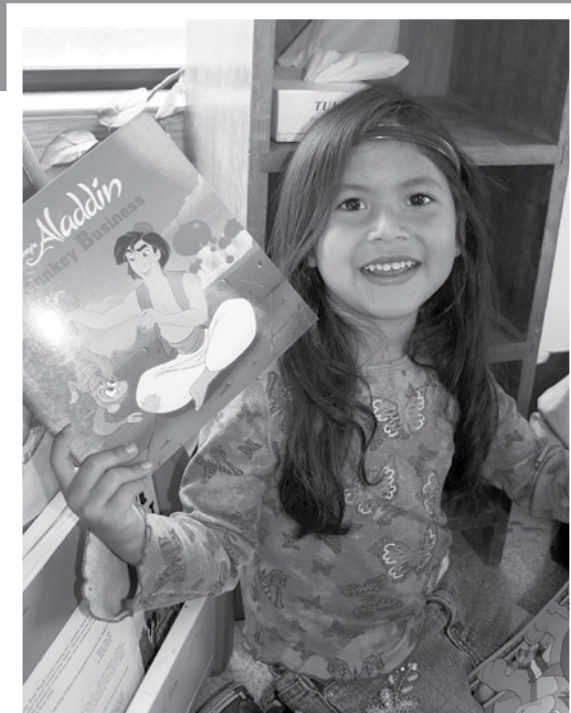
The Storytelling Guild of Jackson County is once again collecting gently used and new children's books for its "Pass the Book" program. Each year the Storytelling Guild distributes children's books to agencies in Jackson County to share with the families they serve. From Head Start to the Children's Advocacy Center, from the Dunn House to foster children, from the Community Health Centers to Healthy Start, last Spring 4,805 children's books made their way into the hands of children ... in their homes, in waiting rooms, at Kids Unlimited, in Juvenile Detention and the Juvenile Shelter, at On Track, the Magdalene House, the Providence Birth Place, at Rogue Valley Medical Center's Moms and Tots and Pediatrics, through Jackson County Health and Human Services Vital Links program, at Access food pantries, and at North Medford High School's Child Development program.

Through the generosity of donors in every community in Jackson County, and with the support of Jackson County Library Services and Umpqua Bank, the Storytelling Guild distributed more books to agencies in the fall. Several new agencies were happy recipients, including the Ruch Kids Book Bank and the Butte Falls Community/School Partnership.

Books may be donated to "Pass the Book" during the month of January at all 15 branches of the Jackson County Library and at all eight branches of Umpqua Bank in Jackson County. Books are needed for all age groups, from babies (board books are very welcome) to teens and all ages in between. Teen books are especially needed. Share your love of books and reading: donate children's books to the Storytelling Guild's "Pass the Book" program. For questions please e-mail billeter@entwood.com.

The Storytelling Guild is a group of volunteers dedicated to serving the community by providing opportunities for children to be exposed to the

magic of books and the joy of reading. "Pass the Book" is just one of their programs. They also present an annual "Book Walk" fashion show of books to third graders, present a weekly preschool story time at the Medford Library, Wednesdays at 11 am, sponsor a free show at the Craterian each January, provide 24-hour access to Dial-a-Story at 541-774-6439, and provide a scholarship to an RCC student passionate about early literacy and/or early childhood education. The Storytelling Guild is best known for the annual Children's Festival. Planning has begun for the 44th Children's Festival at the Britt Grounds in Jacksonville, in July 2010. Exact dates of the three-day festival will be announced in January. More information about the Storytelling Guild is available at www.storytellingguild.org.



One of the Central Point Head Start children who received Storytelling books to keep.

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