



Applegate Library

The Friends of the Applegate Library met on July 9 to discuss the future of the 15 branch libraries of Jackson County and what ideas we might have to keep the libraries open. Kim Wolfe, the Jackson County Library director, explained that unless some other funding sources could be found, 14 of the branch libraries would close by June of 2014. Only the Main Library in downtown Medford would be allowed to remain open. One of the county commissioners, Don Skundrick, proposed an annual \$84 surcharge (\$7 per month) to support the libraries, the Jackson County Jail and other operations, but it was turned down in a survey and thus lost the vote of the commissioners. There will be a series of public hearings by the county commissioners to gather ideas from local citizens as to how we might raise enough funding to keep the libraries open. The first one was held on July 16 at the courthouse and was well attended. Also, anyone who might want to add his or her ideas can pick up a survey paper at the desk of the Applegate Branch Library. Please write to your commissioners at the following addresses: John Rachor at rachorjv@jacksoncounty.org, Don Skundrick at skundrickdw@

jacksoncounty.org, and Doug Breidenthal at breidedp@jacksoncounty.org.

On a more positive note, John Jackson presented his interesting program on worms and composting on July 16 as part of our Summer Reading program, "Dig Into Reading," and Carol Hoon announced her project for raising funds for our library. Called "Hats Off to the Libraries," Carol is gathering the knitters of our community to knit hats to sell at the Applegate Library. The sale will take place on October 18 from 2 - 6 pm, and on October 19 from 10 am - 2 pm. If you are interested in knitting a hat for this project, call Carol at 541-787-7261. She has obtained some beautiful yarn from The Websters in Ashland, who donated their yarn for this project. She also has patterns to share.

We have set a date for the celebration of our restored storage shed. We will have an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5, from 2 - 5 pm. This will include making apple cider with a cider press, pumpkin decorating and many treats to eat and admire. Please join us for the fun! This is a good time to bring your books to donate to our November book sale.

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Ruch Library

We have had a busy and successful Summer Reading Program with 77 children and 15 teenagers signed up. More than a dozen adults participated in the Adult Summer Reads program as well. The presentations were enthusiastically attended. Children and adults learned about fossils and worms, creating fairy houses, making jewelry with repurposed t-shirts, painting with natural earth pigments made from rocks, and transforming river rocks into clever houses, monsters or cars with a little paint and lots of imagination.

During September, we will have a basket collection on display belonging to Diane Wickstrom, a retired anthropologist. For October, we have scheduled Girl Toys, a display of collectible and interesting toys.

Free computer classes will be offered again in case you missed the last sessions or need some review. Basics I runs September 12 through October 3 on Thursdays from 2 - 4 pm. On October 10, the next level,

Basics II, begins and runs through October 31, also from 2 - 4 pm. Please sign up in advance for any classes that interest you.

Our Annual Friends of Ruch Library Book Sale is scheduled for October 11 and 12 under the tent on the corner of 238 and Upper Applegate Road. Sign up to become a member of the Friends of Ruch Library so you can buy books on Friday. Saturday the sale is open to everyone.

The A-Frame Bookstore adjacent to the library is open on Tuesdays from 12 - 4 pm, Thursdays from 1 - 5 pm and Saturdays 12 - 4 pm. There is a wonderful and constantly changing collection of great books for sale. Come check it out!

Your preschoolers are welcome to join us for Storytime every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Ruch Library is a cool place to beat the heat—see you there!

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FEATURED ADVERTISER

Each issue, the Applegater features one of our valued advertisers. Here is the story of Crater Chain Saw in Medford, Oregon, one of our long-time advertisers.

Crater Chain Saw

Many things on Riverside Avenue in Medford have changed over the years, but Crater Chain Saw has been there for 48 years. Started in 1965, Crater Chain Saw has been owned and operated by the same family. They are proud to be a local family-owned business whose number one priority is to provide their professional and homeowner customers with the highest quality products and service.

The store carries the complete Stihl line of power equipment, which includes chain saws, blowers, trimmers, brush cutters, pole saws, cultivators and cut-off machines, as well as their new line of lithium battery-powered equipment. All equipment when purchased includes free set-up and instructions. They also register all warranty, perform any needed warranty work and carry a complete line of original factory manufactured parts. Their factory-trained mechanics include one with the highest certification Stihl has for a mechanic.

Stihl saws range from homeowner saws starting with 12" bars to professional saws with up to 42" bars. They also carry chain saws made specifically for the tree service customer. The Stihl trimmers start with battery powered or electric for home use. For landowners and professionals, heavy duty and commercial use brush cutters are available. The brush cutters also have a variety of attachments that can be used on specific models. Many are ideal for clearing property for fire safety.

As landowners themselves, the folks at Crater Chain Saw use many of these products to keep their own properties ready for fire season. This enables them to help advise what tools work best for each job.

For the homeowner or professional, they carry a wide range of pole saws that are both manual and gas powered. Some are fixed lengths and some extendable.

The store carries bar oil, mix oil, safety glasses, safety chaps, gas cans, bars and miscellaneous items for your equipment, and replacement chain up to 100-foot rolls.

Stihl classifies their dealers—an Elite dealer being the highest level. Crater



Crater Chain Saw carries the complete Stihl line of power equipment and original factory manufactured parts.

Chain Saw is proud that, over the 45 years they have carried the Stihl line, they have been designated an Elite dealer every year.

Being a local family-owned business, they are involved in community projects, especially those that involve the youth of our community.

The store carries a full line of Carhartt clothing in men's (small through 4x-large, some 5x-large, and tall up to 3x-large), women's x-small through 2x-large), infants and toddlers (3 months through size 4).

The store carries pants in denim and Carhartt duck material; some are double front with an extra layer of fabric over the knee. Some styles go to size 58. Also available are flannel-lined jeans and pants.

In stock are over 20 colors of men's pocket, sleeveless and long-sleeved t-shirts; shorts; woven shirts in both short and long sleeves; shirt jackets; sweaters; coats; jackets; waterproof and breathable rainwear; vests; sweatshirts; socks; gloves; long underwear; hats; and wallets.

In Carhartt women's pants, unlined and flannel-lined are available. Shirts, sweatshirts, vests, tank tops, coats and jackets, long underwear, socks, caps, wallets and bags are in stock.

In infant-toddler sizes are bibs, pants, onesies, shirts, sweatshirts and sets.

Crater Chain Saw offers discounts for larger orders, and can also handle custom-embroidered items for your company.

They invite you to come in and see all they have to offer both in product and service. The address is 1321 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon. Phone: 541-772-7538. Hours are Monday - Friday 8 am - 5:30 pm, and Saturday 8 am - 12 pm.

instills the value of helping others. If you would like to join us for even one hour a week, please contact branch manager Danielle Schreck at dschreck@josephinelibrary.org or call 541-846-7020, or stop by the library at 20695 Williams Highway during our new extended hours of **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 - 5 pm.**

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Williams Library: A thriving community resource for all ages!



The Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries is an important part of our community and here to serve you in valuable ways. Although our building is small, there is something for everyone.

Community. This summer 50 children enrolled in the Summer Reading Program, enjoyed books, and earned prizes each week. The library's children's book collection is now more conveniently arranged. Hundreds of books were moved, and outdoor cleanup projects were completed by volunteers in partnership with AmeriCorps and College Dreams. The Williams Elementary School Garden is behind our library and we invite you to enjoy our new outdoor reading and WiFi area under its shade trees in the butterfly and vegetable gardens.

Resources. Our small library branch is part of a four-branch system, and patrons can reserve materials from any of the branches, which will then be brought out to Williams by a volunteer courier. This allows Williams residents to have convenient access to thousands of books, DVDs and audio books.

Access. There are exciting changes at the Williams Library. Our hours have expanded thanks to a generous donation by Herb Pharm, and matched by an outpouring of community support. In July, library enthusiasts came together to host a yard sale, complete with activities for kids, refreshments, and local musicians (see photo). The funds we raised were then topped off by Southern Oregon Sanitation, allowing us to extend service hours. The

Adopt-an-Hour program allows the community to find the funds to extend library services. Each additional hour at the Williams Library costs \$37.14, which is \$1,931.28 for an entire year. Annually sustainable donations to this fund are always welcome.

Nonprofit. Josephine Community Libraries reopened in 2009 after Josephine County cut all funding in 2007. We are a donor-supported, volunteer-operated library system. We need your help here at the Williams branch. Donating is easy, and becoming a \$5-a-month contributor takes just one simple form. Without *you*, we cannot continue to thrive.

Volunteers keep the books flowing and help us offer exciting programs. Volunteering is also great for teens and