



— Applegate Library —

Our quarterly meeting of Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL) was held in the library meeting room on April 8. It should be noted that FOAL meets four times a year—on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October—usually at 5 pm in the meeting room. Our next two meetings this year will be on July 8 and October 7.

We discussed the success of the hat sale, which earned FOAL over \$600 last winter. Carol Hoon said that she would hold the sale again this year if we use only two specific patterns and ask the knitters to stick to those patterns because they sell so much better than the very unusual ones.

Our new assistant, Michele La Fave, brings a variety of skills to the position. She will be leading science projects for young people throughout our summer program at the library.

We plan to have our regular Summer Reading Program with “Live Bugs” as the theme. The reading program is meant to encourage children to keep up their reading skills while school is out. We will have guessing jars and other games for a

fun-filled summer. Here are some of the special programs that will be offered:

- **June 17**, 2:30 - 3:30 pm: Live Bugs with John Jackson
- **July 18**, 2:30 - 5:30 pm: Create a Riot of Color with Wool, a felted wool project and fiber study with Janis Mohr-Tipton.
- **July 29**, 2 - 3 pm: Up, Up and Away in a Beautiful Balloon, a weather program by our local National Weather Service.

Adults are always welcome at programs as long as there is space left for the children. Bring children in often and check with the librarians throughout the summer for other self-directed activities and crafts that may be going on.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the book donations in the Book Palace. We would like to find someone who is consistent and could come in on a regular basis to sort the books and put them on the shelves in the storage shed until the book sale in November.

If you are interested in volunteering, please come to the library during open hours and discuss this with the librarian.

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— Ruch Library —

Science is the theme for the 2014 Summer Reading Program, and we have some exciting projects planned. We will highlight a branch of science each week and have a science experience, related books, I Spy games, the popular Guessing Jars, and worksheets available. Registration for Summer Reading begins Saturday, June 14.

We will begin with a bang on the first day of summer (Saturday, June 21) when a dozen local scientists will present “Scientists Among Us, Scientists Within Us.” This will be an opportunity to see what scientists do and for them to share an activity with the children, ranging from astronomy to zoology. The program will run from 1 – 4 pm on a drop-in basis. Please allow ample time to do all the activities and meet all the scientists. This is suitable for all ages, and adults are welcome to participate too.

Live bugs will be here on Saturday, June 28, with John Jackson, the ever-popular Library Science Guy. Explore

the world of insects and learn about bugs and the environment, what they eat, how they defend themselves, and how their camouflage works. This fun program is suitable for preschoolers through adults from 1 – 3 pm.

Create a riot of color with wool! On Thursday, July 31, Janis Mohr-Tipton will be presenting a program on fibers, culminating with each participant creating a felt ball or toy with wool fibers. She will include a book talk showcasing great science stories. Suitable for grades 4 – 12. 2 - 5 pm, drop-in basis.

Make-A-Robot. Thursday, August 7. Fun for all ages as we wrap up the Summer Reading Program by constructing a robot with cardboard boxes and tubes. 2 - 5 pm, drop-in basis.

We hope to see you at the Ruch Library soon!

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Williams branch is going strong

Yard sale raises Adopt-an-Hour funds

Our library’s yard sale event was a huge success! Following last year’s outpouring of support, we hope to reach our goal of \$4,000 to keep the Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries open the same extended hours for the next year. Herb Pharm is sponsoring the first hour and the community is coming together to raise funds for the two additional hours.

Williams Friends of the Library is happy to announce that we raised \$2,336 at the yard sale! In July we will host another event to raise the rest. We are over halfway there and want to thank those who helped make it possible. Thank you to everyone who donated items. We really appreciate the 40-plus volunteers who worked the day before setting up and pricing, worked the sale, and cleaned up the day after. Thanks also goes to Forestfarm at Pacifica for donating lovely trees and shrubs. And to the volunteers who made food items—your treats were delicious and appreciated!

Thank you to Pacifica Arts Guild for having an egg hunt for the children as well as games and crafts. Wacky Dog performed their fun music for little ones and Angela Hewitt delighted them with lovely face painting. Beautiful music was enjoyed throughout the day thanks to Willie and the Poor Boys, Michelle McAfee, and Omiza River.

Thirteen lucky people won raffle baskets stuffed with valuable items thanks to Green Clean Solutions, Luna Blue Farm, Herb Pharm, Goodwin Creek Gardens, Dorothy Butz, Spit n’ Polish Antiques, and the Williams Grange.

Events and services

- Preschool story time offered every Tuesday at 1:30 pm.
- Free Wi-Fi hot spot is right here 24/7 to serve the Williams community.
- Williams Elementary School/Community Garden behind the library offers a beautiful space for reading, using



Top photo: Williams children enjoyed the egg hunt by Pacifica Arts Guild.
Bottom photo: Margaret Foss (left) of Green Clean Solutions and Crystal Pyren of Luna Blue Farm donated raffle items.

Wi-Fi, and enjoying nature.

- Summer Reading Program for kids of all ages begins in June.

Our community is so fortunate to have a public library. As part of a countywide nonprofit library system, we have access to so much more than we could fit in our small building. We invite you to learn more about how your library works for you. Visit us online at josephinelibrary.org or stop in. The Williams branch is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 – 5 pm.

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Voices of the Applegate

Voices of the Applegate, our community choir, performed its spring concerts on April 11 at the Old Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, and on April 13 at the Applegate River Ranch House. Two African anthems were sung in memory of Nelson Mandela and a sing-along was dedicated to Pete Seeger. Both men passed away earlier this year. Six folk ballads by Brahms and a medley of Beach Boy songs were also included in the program.

Voices of the Applegate will begin rehearsals again in September of this year. Rehearsal dates will be noted in the next issue of the *Applegater*.

For more information, call Joan Peterson at 541-846-6988.

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