



Jackson County
Library
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Josephine
Community

Libraries

**My library
works for me.**

— Applegate Library —

Saying hello to winter is easy—it's a time to relax after several months of growing and harvesting. A warm drink and a good book make a lazy afternoon slip away until the first cries for dinner.

Applegate Library has books on everything that takes place in winter. When was the last time you read a Christmas classic? How about a book on Christmas crafts or homemade gifts? We have audio books (that way you can listen while you burn, whoops, *bake* cookies). No need to rent a movie—we have tons of movies you can check out for free.

Speaking of movies, we are showing family-friendly films on Saturdays starting at noon and classics on Fridays starting at 5 pm. We have a great lineup of all your holiday favorites.

The Friends of Applegate Library (FOAL) has books for sale in the library

foyer every day the library is open. Books are a great gift-giving idea!

Diana Coogle considers hiking the 100-mile Alta Via 2 of the Dolomites mountain range in northern Italy last September one of the achievements of her life. Come to a slide-show presentation on Saturday, December 10, at 2 pm to find out why. Her hiking partner, Mike Kohn, will be there, too, to keep Diana from telling tall tales.

Be safe, everybody, and enjoy your holidays.

Applegate Library is located at 18485 North Applegate Road and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 pm and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information, contact branch manager Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or lmartin@jcls.org.

— Ruch Library —

Shorter days and longer nights offer a great time to read!

Ruch Library has a dazzling collection of enticing holiday books: merry mysteries, mouth-watering holiday cookbooks, handcrafted gift ideas, and *so* much more! Drop in and curl up with a good book!

Our upcoming events:

• **To the South Pole with Scott and Amundsen.** Saturday, December 3, at 2 pm. Join Dave Baker as he follows the footsteps of the Norwegian, Roald Amundsen, and the Englishman, Captain Robert F. Scott, as they undertake one of the great challenges of the Age of Exploration: who would be first to the South Pole. The story of Amundsen and Scott is a story of politics, personality, intrigue, ego, leadership, and experience. Dave will examine the differences that resulted from these factors and the ultimate difference: success in one case and death in the other.

If you were lucky enough to join us for one of Dave's presentations on Antarctica, then you know this program will be a spectacular treat, filled with stories, photos, and videos of the southernmost part of the earth.

• **Holiday Book Sale.** Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, December 6, 8, and 10, during library open hours: Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm, Thursday 1 - 7 pm, Saturday 11 am - 4 pm. At the Ruch Library Community Room and the A-Frame Bookstore. A great place to find gift-quality books! We always put out the best. All proceeds benefit the Ruch Library.

• **Decorate a gingerbread person.** Saturday, December 17, noon - 3 pm. Drop-in in the Community Room. All ages welcome!

• **Tales from West Africa.** Saturday, January 21, 2 - 3:30 pm. Celebrating

50 years of the Peace Corps, three authors share their humorous, scary, and sometimes-success stories about living and working in third-world countries while in the Peace Corps. Curtis Mekemson of the Applegate Valley, Asifa Kenji of Ashland, and David Drury of Ashland will tell stories from their respective books: *The Bush Devil Ate Sam*, *Three Hundred Cups of Tea*, and *The Toughest Job*.

• **Behind the Scenes of the Movies You Love.** Saturday, February 18, 2 - 3:30 pm. Presenters Paula Block and Terry Erdmann worked inside the Hollywood film studios for decades, participating in production, publicity, and product development (toys and books) with dozens of major motion pictures and television shows. The couple moved to the Rogue Valley several years ago, but they didn't leave their work behind. Today they write books about the movie business—most recently *Star Trek Costumes: Fifty Years of Fashion from the Final Frontier* and *Labyrinth: The Ultimate Visual History*. They will talk about writing, movies, and writing about movies. Paula and Terry have stories to tell.

Join us at Ruch Library for:

• **Babies and Wobblers,** active story time for children—from newborns to three-year-olds—with Janis Mohr-Tipton on Tuesdays at 10:15 am.

• **Preschool Story Time,** Tuesdays at 11:30 am, followed by a craft.

• **Legos,** every Saturday from 12 - 4 pm.

Ruch Library is open Tuesdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm. The library is located at 7919 Highway 238.

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or ttruesdell@jcls.org.

— Williams Branch Library —

Meet the new Williams branch manager, Evelyn Roether

Evelyn Roether has lived in Williams for 30 years and has worn many hats in the community. She spent ten years as the coordinator of the Williams Creek Watershed Council and served over 15 years as an elected member of the Williams Town Council. Evelyn has an MS in environmental education and brings with her a particular passion for the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion and the wild places that remain here. Following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, both of whom were librarians, Evelyn is pleased to share her love for books and literacy by serving as the Williams branch manager. Stop by to meet her!

Weekly storytime

Bring the whole family to children's storytime at 3:30 pm every Wednesday at the Williams branch. For more information, contact branch manager Evelyn Roether at 541-856-7020 or eroether@josephinelibrary.org.

Push the envelope

Join neighbors and community members as everyone comes together to support libraries in Josephine County. The Yellow Envelope Drive aims to raise \$175,000 in donations by December 31 to help keep our libraries open.

Yellow donation envelopes are available at the four library branches in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek, and at any business with a Yellow Envelope sign in the window.

As you may know, a 2014 ballot measure to form a library district for Josephine County lost. Now the library is asking community members to donate what they would have paid in additional taxes if the library district had passed. Visit josephinelibrary.org to calculate that amount. Every dollar counts!

On any given day, 10,000 items are checked out of Josephine County libraries and circulated through the homes of county residents. More than 6,000 children attended programs last year, and Internet computer usage increases annually.

The Yellow Envelope Drive is sponsored by Cauble, Cauble & Selvig; Clouser Drilling; Edward Jones; and Hart Insurance Agency. Other support for this drive comes from the Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, KAJO/KLDR, and Logan Design.

For more information, visit josephinelibrary.org, email info@josephinelibrary.org, or call 541-476-0571 ext. 114.

'Stone Soup' Conversation Project

The community is invited to join writer and independent scholar Jennifer Roberts from 10 to 11:30 am on Saturday, December 3, at the Grants Pass branch of Josephine Community Libraries as she introduces historical and



Evelyn Roether is the new manager of the Williams Branch Library in Williams.

current recipes and asks: How do recipes work? Why do we collect them? Who do we write them for?

By sharing their own assumptions and memories, participants of this Oregon Humanities Conversation Project will examine how recipes can help connect and create communities across time, distance, and culture. Participants are encouraged to bring any treasured recipes they would like to share with the group. These recipes may end up in a story-based collection compiled throughout this Conversation Project program.

Jennifer Roberts, who lives in Josephine County, received her PhD in English literature from the University of Minnesota, where she discovered her fascination with the history of science and medicine. Studying alchemy and early pharmacology sparked her interest in recipes of all kinds.

She is currently working on a novel set in the seventeenth century that involves witchcraft, alchemy, and, of course, recipes.

For more information and to register, visit josephinelibrary.org, email info@josephinelibrary.org, or call 541-476-0571.

Did you know?

Did you know that books can be placed on hold through the library website and will be ready to pick up at your nearest branch of Josephine Community Libraries? To check availability of a book, search the library catalog online at josephinelibrary.org and click the "search book catalog" link located on the right side of the page. To place a hold, click the "Place Request" button, then enter your library card number or username and password.

Williams Branch Library is located at 20695 Williams Highway, Williams, and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information about Josephine Community Libraries, contact Brandace Rojo, library assistant, at 541-476-0571 ext. 112.



Happy Holidays to everyone from the Applegater team.
May 2017 bring peace, joy, and prosperity!

