



Jackson County  
**Library**  
Services

## — Applegate Library —

Swoosh! And just like that, summer was gone.

Summer Reading was fun. Children had to be reminded to walk, not run, as they tried to pass each other with elbows out as if to keep the others corralled behind them. The minute they hit the library floor, their eyes darted back and forth as they headed out to find the prized “golden book.” Little heads spent a lot of time at the “eye-spy window,” searching the display for the best book to read. These are some of the reasons that Lisa Martin, branch head, says, “I so love my job!”

Soon it will all be forgotten as we prepare for fall harvest, canning, and school. But no matter what time of the year or what season we’re in, there are always books to read and fun things to do at the library. Come by and see what classes and demonstrations we have available.

Applegate Library is located at 18485 North Applegate Road, Applegate, and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 - 6 pm and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm. For more information, contact branch head Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or [lmartin@jcls.org](mailto:lmartin@jcls.org).

## — Ruch Library —

Beat the heat at Ruch Library! C’mon in and enjoy our air conditioning, newspapers and magazines, thousands of books, DVDs, and audiobooks.

Summer Reading was fun and exciting at the library as children, teens, and adults all strove to “Build a Better World.”

Several terrific programs addressed Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM): creating wire sculpture, learning wood-scrap construction, learning animals and plants of the Siskiyou Mountains, building a flashlight out of an Altoids tin, and learning about the eclipse.

In June, 17 adults and 7 children got together and created over 60 dresses from pillowcases for girls in Africa. We decorated these simple dresses with colorful trim and ribbons for shoulder straps and had a fun time in our “sewing circle.”

Determined to do this again next year, we are actively seeking donations of like-new cotton pillowcases, trim, and people who sew!

Thanks so much to the people who made this project come to life! We can only imagine the joy these dresses will bring to girls who receive them.

In partnership with Ruch School, we have collected over 35 pounds of used and broken crayons to be melted down and remade into crayons for patients in children’s hospitals across America through

The Crayon Initiative ([thecrayoninitiative.org](http://thecrayoninitiative.org)). Great recycling, everyone!

We encourage people to contribute to our community display on “Awesome Boat Creations” through the month of September. If you have a watercraft that would fit in our (locked) display cases, we would be happy to have you participate.

On Saturday, September 16, from 11 am to 3 pm, we will offer an eclectic variety of materials, some of which will float, for building boats. A toddler’s wading pool will determine whether your creative construction will actually float. Fun for all ages! Please join us!

Thank you to the Friends of Ruch Library for their support of the Summer Reading Program, to Theresa McTaggart for her plant sale to raise money for books for the program, and to local businesses for their generous donations of services for our gift basket for adults. And kudos to the many volunteers who offer hours of help and support! Together this community contributes to building a better world.

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

For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or [ttruesdell@jcls.org](mailto:ttruesdell@jcls.org).

## — Friends of Ruch Library —

Members of our community are often surprised that the A-frame Bookstore works hand in hand with our Ruch Library! In fact, we are right next door.

Unlike other Friends of Library groups, who sell books from space within the library, we have the unique A-frame, a small bookstore packed with a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books sold at bargain prices. Staffed by volunteers, the A-frame Bookstore turns over all profits from sales to Ruch Library.

The A-frame has a close history with the library, including operating as a lending library when county libraries were closed in 2007. Visitors will even find a continuation of the mosaic art designed for the Ruch Library on the front of the A-frame Bookstore.

But...the aging structure needed two major improvements. With the help of our library district board and the Energy Trust of Oregon, we replaced the heating and air conditioning system and the roof! Be sure to stop by to enjoy the fresh look and comfortable feel.

There are many ways to help Friends of Ruch Library (FORL) in our efforts to serve the library and community, such

as working as a volunteer, becoming a member, donating books, or making a cash donation.

Buying a raffle ticket for a delightful donated quilt provides another opportunity to help. The quilt is now hanging in the Ruch Library. A single ticket can be purchased for \$5, three for \$10, or seven for \$20. The drawing will be held during the Fall Book Bonanza, a large outdoor sale at Ruch Library on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, from 10 am to 5 pm.

During the Bonanza, all genres will be featured, including a special “fill-the-bag” sale. It is a great bargain for fantastic books. All proceeds benefit the Ruch Library.

One use of our funds is to provide programs that might be of interest to others. Send us your suggestions! Want to offer a program that you feel might be of interest to the community? Contact us and tell us your thoughts. We do offer an honorarium for presenters.

Next Program? “Awesome Boat Creations” on Saturday, September 16, from 11 am to 3 pm. Create your boat (materials provided), and we will see if it floats! Check out the library displays prior to this event.

Josephine  
Community



My library  
works for me.

## — Josephine Community Libraries —

### Williams branch weekly storytime

Bring the whole family to children’s storytime and craft at 3:30 pm every Wednesday at the Williams branch of Josephine Community Libraries.

The library is located at 20695 Williams Highway and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm. For more information, contact manager Evelyn Roether at 541-856-7020 or [eroether@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:eroether@josephinelibrary.org).

### Back-to-School Fine Amnesty

Start the school year fine-free at the library. As a way to support the Food Bank, all four branches of Josephine Community Libraries will offer Back-to-School Fine Amnesty, accepting nonperishable food items in lieu of cash payments from September 19 - 30. Each donated item forgives \$5 in fines.

When “paying” a fine with donated food items, patrons should bring overdue library materials to a checkout volunteer at any of the libraries before depositing them into the collection containers. Replacement costs for lost library cards or lost or damaged materials will not be resolved by donations.

### Readapalooza: Free bookish fun for everyone!

Celebrate reading, books, and community on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, at the Grants Pass branch during Readapalooza weekend, which will be filled with activities for all ages, including the Storytime Celebration, the Plot Planning Party for National Novel Writing Month in November, and the Community Read-Aloud.

### Storytime Celebration: Read, talk, sing, play

On Saturday, October 21, from noon to 4 pm, bring the whole family to children’s library Storytime Celebration. Enjoy storytime all day with special storytellers, crafts, pumpkin walks, face painting, and free family fun.

### NaNoWriMo Plot Planning Party: The world needs your novel

On Saturday, October 21, from 4 to 6 pm, join local fiction writers at the Plot

Planning Party to prepare for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), the annual event that encourages kids and adults to tackle the challenge of writing 50,000 words of a novel during the 30 days of November. Come and learn more about NaNoWriMo and how it works. Meet your fellow writers and discuss your project with others taking the challenge.

Launched in 1999, NaNoWriMo inspires its estimated 300,000 participants with email pep talks, a huge and supportive online community, and a host of web-based writing tools. Although actual writing on the novel doesn’t start until November 1, writers participating in NaNoWriMo can use the Plot Planning Party and other time before November to plan plots, characters, and other aspects of their novels so they’re ready to go.

Throughout November, weekly “Write-ins” are offered at Grants Pass branch, 200 NW C Street, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm every Wednesday, and Rogue Coffee Roasters, 610 SW K Street, Grants Pass, from 2 to 5 pm every Saturday

### Community Read-Aloud: Pages for all ages

On Sunday, October 22, from 1 to 4 pm, celebrate reading and community during the Community Read-Aloud as readers of all ages compete for prizes by reading aloud from a favorite book. Children in elementary and middle school may read a two-minute passage from a favorite book for the chance to win a \$500 cash prize for their school library and additional prizes. High school students and adults may read the first page from a favorite book for the chance to win prizes donated by local businesses.

Pre-registration is required to compete in this free event. To sign up as a reader by Friday, October 13, send name, age, and book choice to [info@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:info@josephinelibrary.org) or call 541-476-0571 x112. Early registration is encouraged due to the limited space.

For more information about Josephine Community Libraries, contact Brandace Rojo at 541-476-0571 x112.

We would be remiss in not honoring those local businesses who also provide donations and support, including gift certificates and specialty items for our summer and winter reading programs. So thank you to Ruch Country Store, Ruch Hardware, Salon 238, The Honeysuckle Café, Valley View Winery, Red Lily Vineyards, Harry & David, and the *Jacksonville Review*.

The next FORL board meeting is on Thursday, September 7, at 6:30 pm at Ruch Library, 7919 Highway 238. We will be deciding on a change of time for



Check out the new roof on the FORL A-frame Bookstore, next door to Ruch Library.

these meetings in hopes of recruiting more participation. The community is welcome. Join us!

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