



# Jackson County Library Services

## — Applegate Library —

It has been said that “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” That is certainly true for the Applegate community (and beyond), who generously donated to the Summer Reading Program at the Applegate Library. A huge shout-out to the Applegate Country Club, Curly Top Bakery, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Karna & Sons Lunch & Dinner Wagon, and Scheffel’s Toys for their generous donations for prizes to our program.

### How-to Festival

Join local experts and aficionados for the second Annual Applegate-Ruch How-to Festival on Saturday, September 21, from 10 am - 1 pm. Learn techniques and hacks and enjoy samples on topics such as chair yoga, decorative art making, wildflower arranging, sourdough bread making, creative first aid, book value researching, coffee roasting and brewing, pepper roasting and salsa making, stretching towards the night sky, and much more. Costumed historic personalities as well as

an Applegate Valley Fire District rig will round out the day. It’s fun and free for all!

For all of our fall events, pick up a copy of our Fall Event Guide at the library or visit [jcls.org](http://jcls.org) and click on “Program & Events.”

### Ongoing events and offerings

- Storytime is Saturdays from 10:30 - 11 am.
- Digital Services is here on Tuesdays from 2 - 4:30 pm for tech help.
- Community Drumming is every third Friday from 6 - 7 pm.
- Check out the new Library of Things, where you can borrow wireless hotspots, ukuleles, Kindles, Kill-a-Watt Monitors, and even a sewing machine. And you can borrow an Orion Starblast Telescope.

The Applegate Branch Library is located at 18485 North Applegate Road. It is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 - 6 pm and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 - 2 pm. For more information, contact manager Christine Grubb at 541-846-7346 or [cgrubb@jcls.org](mailto:cgrubb@jcls.org).

## Josephine Community Library

### Williams Community Garden Club

Children of all ages and their families are invited to join the Garden Club at the Williams Branch Library every Friday from 11 am - 12 pm. Come plant seeds and plants, learn about worms and pollinators, and enjoy being out in the sunshine.

### Weekly storytime

Families are invited to the Williams branch for weekly storytime and craft session every Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in a safe and fun environment. Each week children will hear themed stories about topics like dinosaurs, space, holidays, or animals.

For more information, contact Williams Branch manager Ellie Avis at 541-846-7020 or [eavis@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:eavis@josephinelibrary.org). The library is located at 20695 Williams Highway and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 1 - 6 pm and Fridays from 11 am - 4 pm.

### Master Gardeners

### Sustainable Gardening Series

In partnership with the Josephine County Master Gardeners, the Sustainable Gardening Series offers adults a chance to learn the basics and the not-so-basics of home gardening from 1 - 1:45 pm on the last Saturday of each month at the Grants Pass branch, 200 NW C Street.

Topics for the remaining sessions are:

- Backyard Composting on September 28
- Fire-resistant Landscaping on October 26
- Backyard Fruit Trees on November 30

### Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Since the launch of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library last year, almost 2,000 children, ages birth to five, who live in Josephine County, are receiving books in the mail each month, at no cost to their families thanks to our sponsors.

To register your child at no cost: (1) stop by your nearest library branch in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, or Wolf Creek and fill out a paper registration form, or (2) visit [josephinelibrary.org/get-involved/imagination-library](http://josephinelibrary.org/get-involved/imagination-library) and fill out the online registration form.

Sponsors for this program include AllCare Health, the four Rotary Clubs in Josephine County, Welch Investment Group, LLC, Josephine County Library Foundation, and Oregon Community Foundation.

For more information, contact partnership manager Rebecca Stoltz at 541-476-0571 ext. 108 or [rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:rstoltz@josephinelibrary.org).

### Improve your computer skills

Need help using the internet? Have questions about your new phone or tablet? Library volunteers can help.

Call or stop by your nearest branch to make a one-on-one appointment with your own personal Tech Coach or drop in to the Williams Branch between 11 am - 1 pm on Fridays for individual help with your technology questions.

### Great Book Grab

Bring a bag. Fill it with books. Keep them for free!

Community members are invited to grow their at-home book collections during the Great Book Grab from 12 - 2 pm on Sunday, September 22, at the Grants Pass branch, 200 NW C Street.

In an effort to make space on the shelves for new materials, the library is asking community members to give some beloved library books a new forever home. Participants will have a chance to “shop” the Great Book Grab’s selection and fill as many bags as they would like to take home and keep—all at no charge.

For more information about Josephine Community Library, contact Brandace Rojo at 541-476-0571 or [info@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:info@josephinelibrary.org).

## — Ruch Library —

As always, there are lots of activities at Ruch Library!

**Pirate Week, September 12 - 17.** Come to the library and talk like a pirate, read a map to go on a treasure hunt, dig for jewels, share pirate stories, make a pirate hat, and try a word search. Costumes are encouraged!

**2nd Annual How-to Festival, Saturday, September 21, 1 - 4 pm.** Learn from local Applegaters as we offer up to 20 short classes (30, 60, or 90 minutes) on activities such as making wildflower greeting cards, origami, rain sticks, or plarn (a material made from repurposed plastic bags) to use for crocheting, weaving, or knitting. Learn to play the ukulele, make and cook with liqueurs, blow glass, do Pranayama yoga breathing, or buy or sell a house. A local family will share great hints on traveling with kids, or you can try some fast-paced spin art or wood-burner art, and much more. There is something for everyone throughout the afternoon, and it is all free! Come and share with your community! (For more information, see the box below.)

**Cheers to 100 years! Saturday, September 28, 5 - 7 pm** (ages 21+). Please join us for a wine and cheese mixer in celebration of Jackson County Library Services’ Centennial Birthday. We will have a sampling of fares from local wineries, farmers, and cheese makers, as well as historical displays and activities

throughout the library. The reception will be a birthday party for adults!

**3rd Annual Celebration of Mind Gathering, Saturday, October 19, 1 - 3 pm.** Celebration of Mind Gathering is part of a worldwide celebration of the legacy of Martin Gardner, best known for encouraging recreational mathematics. Activities will inspire fun and wonder for puzzles, games, math, magic, art, and more. This family-friendly event promotes curiosity and critical thinking through play. Come excite your mind!

**Leaf Art, Saturday, November 9, 1 - 3 pm, drop-in.** With a pile of fall leaves, some crayons, paint, and glue, make some fall art, greeting cards, bookmarks or whatever your imagination dictates.

**LEGO Builders, Architects, and Engineers, Saturdays, 11 am - 4 pm** (ages 4+). Build and display your own creations. Duplo bricks available for younger kids.

**Friends of Ruch Library A-Frame Bookstore hours:** Tuesday 12 - 4 pm, Thursday 1 - 5 pm, Saturday 12 - 4 pm. *Special first Saturday of each month: \$5 Book Bag Sale in the Book Barn 12 - 4 pm.*

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

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

## 2nd Annual How-to Festival Saturday, September 21

Watch our libraries bustle with learning activities as community members demonstrate and teach fun and educational classes to their neighbors (*you!*).

Local Applegaters will be offering 30-, 60-, or 90-minute classes on a wide variety of topics at both of our valley libraries. Many of these classes will be child-friendly. Check with each library for the details on each class, and sign up for as many classes as you would like in order to learn several new skills. It’s all free! What an incredible community we have!

### Applegate Library 10 am - 1 pm

Chair Yoga  
Anyone Can do Decorative Art  
Creative First Aid  
Stretching Towards the Night Sky  
Researching Book Values  
Wildflower Arranging  
Sourdough Bread Making  
Pepper Roasting / Salsa Making  
Coffee Roasting / Brewing  
Baking Shortcuts  
Applegate History

### Ruch Library 1 - 4 pm

Wildflower Cards  
Learn to Play the Ukulele  
Origami  
Play with Your Food  
(weird veggie creatures)  
Spin Art  
Wood “Glue In” (sculpture)  
Pranayama Yoga Breathing  
Make “Plarn” (yarn from plastic bags) to Crochet or Knit  
Rain Sticks  
Artistic Wood Burning  
How to Buy / Sell a House  
How to Travel with Kids  
How to Make and Cook with Liqueurs  
Creative First Aid  
French Braiding  
Beaded Spiders  
Bicycle Maintenance / Repair  
Glass Blowing

### Library Locations

**Applegate**  
18485 North Applegate Road,  
Applegate • 541-846-7436

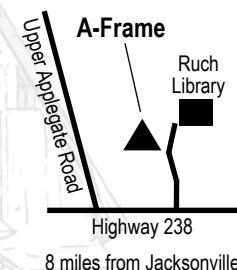
**Ruch**  
7919 Highway 238, Ruch  
541-899-7438

### Visit the A-Frame Bookstore @ Ruch Library

Used books from \$1 to \$1.50

Tuesdays 12 - 4  
Thursdays 1 - 5  
Saturdays 12 - 4

Managed by Friends of  
Ruch Library. Join us!



**The Book Barn**  
Now open the first Saturday of each month

**\$5 Bag Sale**  
12 - 4 pm

Located next to the A-Frame Bookstore