



Jackson County Library Services

— Applegate Library —

A recent AARP Bulletin Readers Respond article mentioned, “One of the best places to save money is your public library. You can borrow books, DVDs, e-books, audiobooks, tools, and plant seeds [not yet for Jackson County Library Services (JCLS)]. You can obtain materials from other libraries. You can use a computer to access online databases. You can join a book club, get tax assistance, and attend a variety of programs. (You have already paid for this through your tax dollars. Don’t waste them!)”

Yep, we do all that! And, through JCLS’s Library of Things, there’s more to enrich your lives beyond books! Borrow wireless hotspots, ukuleles, Kindles, Kill-a-Watt monitors, sewing machines, and puzzles.

The second Annual Applegate-Ruch How-to Festival was a smashing success! It might even be called an “international event,” because Pelle, an exchange student from Germany, participated. Thank you to the local experts and enthusiasts who came to enjoy a variety of interests and topics.

JCLS turned 100 years old this year! Thanks to many local community members and businesses for their donations to our “Cheers to 100 years” receptions celebrating this milestone.

For all JCLS winter events, pick up a copy of our Winter Event Guide at the library or visit jcls.org and click on “Programs and Events.”

Upcoming events

- **DIY Holiday Decorations.** Make and take home a living holiday decoration using local greenery on Friday, December 6, from 4 - 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 7, from 10 am - noon.
- **Seasonal Origami with Christian Shillito.** Learn how to make a seasonal origami piece on Saturday, December 14, from 10:30 - 11:30 am.
- **Color Happy.** Drop in, enjoy freshly brewed hot drinks and treats, and have fun coloring on Wednesdays, December 13, January 15, and February 19 from 10 - 11 am.
- **Decorative Painting with Local Artist Lois Robinson (18+ years).** Learn the techniques of decorative painting and how to paint on almost anything! Pre-registration required. These progressive classes will be held from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm on Saturdays, January 4, January 11, and January 18.

Ongoing events

- **Storytime is Saturdays** from 10:30 - 11 am.
- **Digital Services** are available on Thursdays from 2 - 4:30 pm for any and all tech help.

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.

— Ruch Library —

We are proud to have the Ruch Outdoor Community School classes visiting the library each week again this year. Congratulations to Shawna Taylor’s third-grade class and Jennifer Brown’s kindergarten for 100 percent of the children having and using a library card! They were rewarded with class parties at the library. Some of the other classes are not far behind! Some students have made butterflies for the program “Butterfly Effect: Migration is Beautiful,” which set out to collect 15,000 crafted butterflies, each to represent one child held in detention while desiring to enter the USA from another country. (They have collected over 25,000!) The fourth and fifth grades are learning some storytelling skills and working on tales to present.

We have had some great programs at the library this fall. Thank you, Applegate Valley, for your response in teaching and attending the eclectic classes in the Second Annual How-To Festival. We always welcome ideas for future programming, so stop by and let us know what might interest you! Programs coming this winter:

- **Cookie Decorating.** Saturday, December 14, 1 - 3 pm. Decorate a gingerbread person (or fish, trees, or frogs!) with icing, sprinkles, and dried fruit. Gluten-free cookies will be available.
- **Basket Making.** Saturday, January 18, 12 - 3 pm. Basketmaker Carolyn Trottmann will show you how to make a reed “Becky” basket, perfect for carrying garden produce, eggs, or to display fruit or balls of yarn. No experience necessary. Pre-registration required for this free class. Ages 10+.
- **Valentine Making.** Saturday, February 8, 1 - 3 pm. Create a beautiful valentine for someone special. We provide the paper, stickers, colorful pictures, yarn, bling, lace—you provide the love!

Ongoing

- **Digital Services.** Nicole Vukcevic is at the library every Thursday afternoon from 2 - 4:30 pm to help you with any computer or device problems you may be having. New phone? She can get you started. Want to figure out how to access Hoopla for free movies? She can do that too! She is a wealth of information and skills and is anxious to help you out!
- **Babies and Wobblers Storytime.** Every Tuesday from 10:15 - 10:45 am. Geared for 0 - 3 years old, storytime offers children a social time and provides early literacy skills.
- **Preschool Storytime.** 11:30 am - noon, followed by a craft. For children 2+. We would love to have you join us!

Friends of Ruch Library (FORL)

FORL is a vital part of our library. These hard workers provide you, the community, with quality books, the proceeds of which support great programs, supplies, and special needs for our library. FORL members truly are the heart of the library. Please visit their A-Frame Bookstore. Hours: Tuesday 12 - 4 pm, Thursday 1 - 5 pm, Saturday 12 - 4 pm.

First Saturday Book Barn \$5 Bag Sale. The Book Barn is used to sort all incoming donations. Once a month all books are \$1 or \$5 a bag. Hours: 12 - 4 pm.

Holiday Sale and Silent Auction. Gift-quality books. December 7, 10, 12, 14 in the Ruch Library Community Room during library hours.

All sales are sponsored by the Friends of Ruch Library. All proceeds benefit the Ruch Branch Library.

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.

Josephine Community Library

New Williams branch library manager

Welcome, Jamie Menzel! Originally hailing from Seattle, Jamie has lived in southern Oregon for the past six years. She feels as much at home in the serpentine-laden wildlands of the Siskiyou mountains as she does huddled around a wood stove with her cat and a good book.

Being a librarian has always been a dream job for Jamie, and she hopes that her background as a passionate social-justice advocate will complement her role as the new librarian for the Williams community. Stop by to say hello during open hours.

Weekly storytime

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

Need tech help?

The library is ready to answer technology questions and assist with downloading e-books, setting up emails, navigating social media accounts, formatting resumés, and more during Friday Tech Time every week from 11 am - 1 pm. Bring passwords and log-in information as needed.

Not available during that time? Make a free, one-on-one appointment with your own personal Tech Coach. Contact Jamie at 541-846-7020 or jmenzel@josephinelibrary.org.

For more information about the library, contact Williams branch manager Jamie Menzel at the contact information above.

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.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

Since the launch of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library last year, almost 2,000 Josephine County children, ages birth to five, 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/ 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.

For more information about Josephine community libraries, contact communications coordinator Brandace Rojo at 541-476-0571 or info@josephinelibrary.org.

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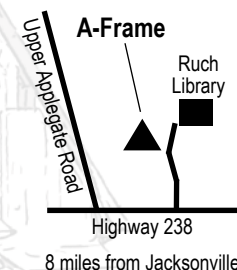

**Happy Holidays to
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from the
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May 2020 bring
peace, joy,
and prosperity!**

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Used books from \$1 to \$1.50

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Thursdays 1 - 5
Saturdays 12 - 4

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