

— Ruch Library —

BY THALIA TRUESDELL

Hooray! We are open! We are so happy to be here to serve you. We are currently open our regular hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 1:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

We appreciate your cooperation in wearing a mask while in the library.

Remember the library? The latest books, a wall of DVDs, and an awesome array of magazines and audio books are all there, alongside the computers available for your use. For the last six months new materials have been pouring into the library and are now ready for you to check out and enjoy!

We are planning a Lavender Wand Sachet class September 19 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm *outside* at Ruch Library. Class size is limited, so please register online at JCLS.org or by calling Ruch Library at 541-899-8741.

Please check out the JCLS.org website for up-to-date information about upcoming programs at the libraries. There is something for everyone – Book

Clubs, Teen Trivia, Local History, Genealogy—check it out! We are always looking for virtual programs of interest to the community. Please let us know if you might be interested in hosting a class or presentation and what programs you might like to see.

The Friends of Ruch Library regret that they cannot open the A-Frame Bookstore at this time, nor can they accept any donations until further notice. They hope to be able to open the Book Barn on a First Saturday for their \$1-per-book or \$5-per-bag sale soon! Watch the Friends of Ruch Library sign near Ramsey Realty and follow their Facebook page for notification of their opening.

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library” (Albert Einstein).

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— Applegate Library —

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

The Applegate Branch Library is committed to safety for its patrons and staff. We are using COVID-19 preventative measures such as hand sanitizing, quarantining of materials, and frequent cleaning. Maximum occupancy at the library is 10, and social distancing is observed.

All patrons over the age of 4 must wear a mask, as per state mandate. The library offers front-door service so that patrons unable to wear masks can pick up items at the door. Please call before arriving to pick up your holds.

Patrons are asked to limit browsing to 15 minutes. Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a one-hour limit.

During the week of September 22, we'll be offering a Take and Make project: potpourri sachets. You can pick up the makings while supplies last.

Be sure to check out our fall events calendar at jcls.libcal.com/calendar/jcls_event.

JCLA (Jackson County Library System) has a number of remote library services available to you from your home. You can:

- Manage your account online.
- Send print jobs through the mobile printing program and pick up the print-outs later. Instructions are at jcls.org/computer_wifi/printing.

Also be sure to explore our digital collection, which includes:

- Hoopla, which grants you access to a comprehensive catalog of movies, TV shows, music, e-books, audiobooks, and comics. It's like Netflix for libraries.

- Flipster, which offers a selection of current and past issues of popular magazines for access online and via the Flipster app, available for Android and iOS devices.

- Library2Go, which focuses on books in ePub and Kindle formats, as well as MP3 Audiobooks. You can checkout and read or listen to titles on nearly any device you have, from a simple eReader to the latest iPad.

- Kanopy, which showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema.

- See all the additional offerings at jcls.org/media-resources/stayhome.

You can find contact information for all JCLS branches at jcls.org/hours_locations.

For additional information, please contact Christine Grubb, Applegate Branch Library manager, at 541-846-7346 or cgrubb@jcls.org. The Applegate Branch Library is at 18485 North Applegate Road, Applegate.

Christine Grubb

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Jackson County Library Services



The Applegate Branch Library.



A new sign marks the Applegate library.

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A wall hanging welcomes patrons back to the Ruch library. Photo: Thalia Truesdell.

Williams Library offers laptops, hotspots, printing

Josephine Community Library has expanded service to include the lending of six refurbished laptops and 10 new US Cellular mobile hotspots in an effort to aid community members who may not have access to a computer or internet at home while library facilities are restricted.

“We are getting a lot of feedback from patrons who now need multiple devices in their homes so that their children can do schoolwork while parents work from home,” said Public Services Director Norma Singer. “It can also be difficult to fill out digital documents like unemployment claims and health insurance forms from a cell phone. We are hoping this alleviates some of that stress for our patrons.”

Laptops and mobile hotspots are part of the “Library of Things” and can be requested through the library’s online catalog, accessible through josephinelibrary.org or over the phone by calling 541-476-0571.

Items can be picked up during curbside hours on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4 pm at the preferred county branch,

including the Williams facility at 20695 Williams Highway, next to Williams Elementary School.

Printing service is also being offered at all four branches. Patrons can email documents to info@josephinelibrary.org for black-and-white printing, and library staff will alert them when documents are ready for pick-up. There is currently no fee for this service, but patrons are asked to limit pages to 10 per week.

While library facilities are restricted due to public health concerns, the following alternative services are available from all branches: curbside pick-up on Fridays and Saturdays, free instant online library cards to access ebooks and audiobooks, virtual Summer Reading Program with recommended reading and activities for all ages, JosephineLINK community database, and more.

Library phone lines and email are open for tech support at all four branches in Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek during regular service hours.

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