

# Library ...

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Additional free training is available to access JCLI's expanded digital databases which are particularly useful for job searching, improving occupational skills, starting or expanding a business, or doing market research. The Expanding Opportunities Program is led by Outreach Education Librarian Kate Dwyer. With the motto "Have laptop and hotspot, will travel," she's available to train individuals and small groups; demonstrating the library system's coordinated research options for business and organizations.

To take advantage of this service, contact Dwyer at [kdwyer@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:kdwyer@josephinelibrary.org) or call (541) 787-5283.

Free family activities include "Young Master Gardeners" on January 10. Two separate sessions will discuss trees at 2:30 or 3:30 p.m. "Families at Play" every Wednesday at 1 p.m. offers very young child and parent activities for an hour before the doors open to the public. In addition, the library offers Storytime every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and every Saturday at noon.

Over 360 volunteers contribute around 500 hours per week to help keep the four JCLI libraries open and free to the public. Those interested in donating funds, in any amount, to the Illinois Valley "Adopt an Hour" program are encouraged to call (541) 476-0571 or email [info@josephinelibrary.org](mailto:info@josephinelibrary.org).

The Illinois Valley branch, located at 209 W. Palmer Street, is open to the public 2 to 6 on Wednesdays, 11 to 3 on Fridays and 11 to 4 on Saturdays. Call (541) 592-4770 for further information.



(Photo by IVFD Media Dept)

**IVFD personnel look to ensure no one else was in a vehicle on Caves Hwy. January 2. One person was air lifted to Medford.**

## Fire ... Continued from A-1

Hoke said replacing fire equipment could cost up to \$500,000 and considering this high cost, apparatus replacement must be carefully planned and conducted on a regular basis "to avoid shortfalls within our fleet."

After meeting with staff and evaluating the needs of the district, Hoke and his team have come up with a recommended priority replacement plan that includes moving some rigs to different stations, taking some equipment out of operation, selling at least one vehicle, and then leasing (with intent to purchase) a newer fire engine for five years at an estimated cost of about \$15-20,000 per year.

"Without an established replacement plan it will soon be extremely difficult, if not irreversible, to maintain a safe and reliable fleet," Hoke said. "Ongoing annual payments may be easier to absorb than being hit with those large one-time needs. Fire ap-

paratus are a substantial financial burden, but truly, a necessary tool for us to protect life and property for our citizens. Apparatus that are beyond their service-life means increased maintenance costs that will further tax the district's limited funds to maintain the fleet."

"We will continue to seek grants for vehicle purchases but federal support has dwindled in recent years," Hoke added. "Our levy in 2011 passed, but only by a narrow margin. So while we've evaluated going to the voters for a levy increase, the consensus is that it would fail. So this means we'll continue to seek alternate funding, and we'll target 2017 for a voter approved levy to purchase new apparatus and to build a new maintenance shop."

Donations to help keep the fleet up and running are always appreciated. Call the district at 541-592-2121 to contribute.

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**Across**  
 1- Hole-making tools; 5- Spahn teammate; 9- Swagger; 14- Worry; 15- Man-eating giant of popular folklore; 16- Jazzy Chick; 17- Wedding cake feature; 18- Pertaining to fractions; 20- Precise; 22- Go downhill fast; 23- Cupola; 24- Young deer; 26- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door; 28- Feudal overlord; 32- Familiarize; 36- Mao \_\_\_-tung; 37- Rare delight; 39- Killed; 40- Applies friction to; 42- Inventor Howe; 44- This, in Tijuana; 45- Keep an \_\_\_ the ground; 47- Mawkish; 49- Nevertheless; 50- Lament; 52- State in the E United States; 54- Numbered rds.; 56- Japanese rice wine; 57- Sorry sort; 60- A mouse!; 62- African fly; 66- Post of duty; 69- Blockhead; 70- Device with 88 keys; 71- As to; 72- Canal of song; 73- Coniferous evergreen forest; 74- Fly; 75- X-ray units;

**Down**  
 1- P.M. times; 2- Sealed document; 3- Lustful look; 4- Bitter conflict; 5- Computer programs; 6- Cabinet dept.; 7- Some nest eggs; 8- Head supporters; 9- Biol. or chem.; 10- Stack of firewood; 11- Florence's river; 12- Thin stratum; 13- Patriot Nathan; 19- Bandleader Puente; 21- Wagon; 25- Nobelist Bohr; 27- Hesitant sounds; 28- Throat problem; 29- Run-of-the-mill; 30- Horselike African mammal; 31- Nymph presiding over rivers; 33- Snap course; 34- Gunpowder ingredient; 35- Govt. security; 38- Ribbons; 41- Rousing; 43- Deep-fryer's concern; 46- Toronto's prov.; 48- Tibetan oxen; 51- Adolescent; 53- Garden device; 55- Big rigs; 57- Spellbound; 58- Voice of America org.; 59- Morales of "NYPD Blue"; 61- Game of chance; 63- When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 64- Lost traction; 65- French summers; 67- \_\_\_ few rounds; 68- Heston's org.;

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