



The entrance at the Hood River Library on State Street celebrates this year's Hood River County Reads title, "The Highest Tide." For event information, see What's Happening, this page. Contributed photo

Browsing, computer appointments now at Hood River Library

The Hood River County Library District is offering browsing and Computer appointments at the Hood River branch Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon to 6 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patrons are invited into the building for 30 minutes to pick up holds, browse for books, or use a public computer. For browsing appointments, patrons can bring up to five people or one family unit. For computer appointments, patrons can bring up to two people.

Patrons will enter through the west side of the building through the door near the book drop. The main entrance of the library will be for curbside pickup only. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the library website www.hoodriverlibrary.org.

org, calling 541-386-2535, or dropping by during curbside or appointment hours.

To help keep the library open and everyone safe, the Library District Leadership Team has established a few basic rules based on guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Library Association, which will be updated as conditions change:

- Masks required: All visitors to the library ages 5 and up are required to wear a face covering. If you cannot wear a mask, please call the library to make special arrangements for book pickup outside the library.
- Public computers: The library is offering public computer and photocopier use. Computer stations are spaced per state health guidance and will be sanitized between users.
- Bathrooms: Bathrooms are

closed due to strict cleaning protocols.

- No furniture: All seating has been put away to help keep patrons to 30 minutes and reduce sanitation requirements.
- No meeting rooms: There will be no meeting rooms available at this time.
- Book drops: The book drops will remain open for drop off anytime. All items are kept in quarantine for two days. We are a fine free library and no overdue fines will be issued.

Curbside services continue

Curbside services will continue to be offered at the Hood River Library on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. and Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at the Cascade Locks and

Parkdale branches Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In order to pick up materials through this service, library patrons will be asked to place holds on their library cards through the library's online catalog or by calling the branches directly; see What's Happening, below, for details.

Library patrons are asked to only return items in the outside book drops. All items returned to the library during this time will be placed in a 48-hour quarantine before being placed back on the shelves.

Re-opening plan

The Hood River County Library District Leadership Team has developed a re-opening plan using recommendations from Gov. Kate Brown, local health department officials, and the Oregon State Library. The plan involves re-opening the library in stages. The Library District moved to Stage 4 on March 10. The plan can be viewed at www.hoodriverlibrary.org.

The leadership team will continue to approach each stage of reopening with careful thought and consideration to ensure the safety of the staff, volunteers and patrons, said a press release. The Library District is working to add appointments at the Cascade Locks branch library. Due to the small size and limited ventilation system at the Parkdale branch library, only curbside services will be available at this time.

Library staff encourage patrons to continue to use their online resources and services. Residents in the service area can sign up for a library card through the website at www.hoodriverlibrary.org to access ebooks and audiobooks, stream movies and kid's educational programming, and to access online databases and more through the digital library.

The Dalles Public Library re-opens

The Dalles Public Library has re-opened, with limited library services available.

Face masks are required at all times while in the building, worn properly over the nose and mouth. Patrons are asked to limit library visits to one hour. The self-checkout machine will be available.

There are three public computers available with sessions limited to 30 minutes. Printing from the computer, and making photocopies, is now available.

The library will continue to offer Curbside Service, for those who want it. If possible, call before coming for curbside pickup, which allows staff time to gather materials and have them ready.

Digital resources continue to be available, such as Kanopy (video), Library2Go (audio and digital books), and TumbleBooks (digital books for children). Patrons can find the access links on the website, wascocountylibrary.com.

In addition, staff will continue to offer other virtual programs, such as story times and author events, and artistic/craft/STEM programming.

There will be no in-person programs at this time.

What to know before visiting the library

- Face masks are required at all times while in the building, worn properly over the nose and mouth.
 - Temperature is taken at the front entrance, before you come into the building.
 - Seating is unavailable.
 - Please respect social distancing.
 - You can now pay fees (overdue fines, lost or damaged item charges) at the front desk.
 - Educational play equipment in the children's wing will not be available.
 - Meeting room remains closed.
- Contact the library at 541-296-2815 for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

What's Happening is a free service of Columbia Gorge News and may be edited for length. Items can also be found online on the Columbia Gorge News website (GorgeLifeTab.com); calendar items are updated daily. Send items to trishaw@gore-news.com.

Community Events

- **Order Now — Central Gorge Master Gardener Plant Sale;** order online at blogs.oregonstate.edu/cgmga; pickup May 6-8 at the Master Gardener Greenhouse in Hood River. Questions to hoodmg.plant-sale@gmail.com.
- **Order Now — Rockford Grange Spring Plant Sale Pre-orders** thru May 2 at www.rockfordgrange.net. Organically grown veggies, culinary and medicinal herbs and annual and perennial flowers. Pre-orders only. Pickup May 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More at info@rockfordgrange.net.
- **Order now — Young Life Hanging Basket Fundraiser.** Order at hr_younglife@gmail.com; see page B2 for details.
- **Thru April 21 — May Day Hanging Basket Fundraiser,** sponsored by Soroptimist International Hood River. Pre-order and pick up April 30-May 1 at Vanguard Nursery in White Salmon. Supports women and girls in the Gorge. Contact a Soroptimist member or email Lynda, dallman@gmail.com.
- **April 14 — Hood River County School District Board Meeting,** 6:30 p.m.; for link and meeting packet, visit www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/Page/10335.
- **April 14 — Sense of Place,** 7 p.m. at mtadamsinstitute.org/senseofplace. "Pikas Under Fire: American Pika Ecology and Behavior in a Time of Global Change" with Dr. Johanna Varner. Free; option to donate to support program.
- **April 15 — NORCOR**

- **Board Meeting,** 9 a.m. on Zoom at wascocounty.org/zoom.us/j/86908837269; Meeting ID: 869 0883 7269; One tap mobile +12532158782, PIN 86908837269#.
- **April 15 — Webinar, "A Climate of Change,"** 6 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of the Columbia Gorge & Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network. Info and register at gorgefriends.org/news-events/events/2021-04-15/a-climate-of-change. Free and open to the public.
- **April 16-18 — The Fantasticks.** The Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association presents a local cast performing the longest-running off-Broadway musical via livestream. Tickets \$10 at gorgeorchestra.org.
- **April 17 — Gorge Grown Winter Market,** 10 a.m. to noon, ground floor, Ferment Brewing Co., 403 Portway Ave., Hood River. Info on COVID safety, fresh sheets and vendors at gorge-grown.com.
- **April 17 — Hazardous Waste Collection Event** (for rural households and small businesses), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parkdale Fire Department. For more info, call Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling, 541-506-2636, or visit www.tricountyrecycle.com.
- **April 17 — Hood River County Reads Zoom Writing Workshop with Author Jim Lynch,** 10:30 a.m. to noon (beginners) and 2-3:30 p.m. (intermediate or advanced); registration starts March 6. For information or to register, email info@hoodriverlibrary.org or call 541-386-2535.
- **April 17-18 — Blossom Festival Craft Show,** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hood River County Fairgrounds. Quilt show, art show, plant sales, fresh fruit, wine tasting, food and music.
- **April 18 — Hood River County Reads Zoom Presentation by Author Jim**

- **Lynch,** 2 p.m. at us02web.zoom.us/j/88692198217 (Meeting ID: 886 9219 8217) or by phone (+1 253 215 8782; Meeting ID: 886 9219 8217). All are welcome.
- **April 19 — Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board Meeting,** 5:30 p.m. Register at attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1218380243976512012; Webinar ID: 287-512-307. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Approval of the registrant is automatic.
- **April 19 — Lyle Lions Club Meeting,** 6 p.m. at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of Fifth and Highway 14. No potluck; masks required.
- **April 20 — Live Virtual Lecture, Joy Hargo.** Sponsored by White Salmon Education Foundation. Registration required at wsvef.org/chs-book-club.
- **April 20 — Plants Have Wings, Pollinators and Pizza,** 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom; sponsored by the Mt. View Grange No. 98 for Earth Month. Online screening and discussion with Filmmaker Rose Madrone. Register and info at www.grange.org/mountainviewwa98.
- **April 22 — Earth Day with "We Are Water Protectors" Author Carole Lindstrom,** 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; register at www.wascocountylibrary.com/we-are-water-protectors. Sponsored by the Wasco County Library District. Book raffle for those who register.
- **April 22 — Crop Talk,** 5:30-7 p.m. For a link, email Dan@ucdwa.org. Featuring Gorge Greens. Sponsored by Gorge Grown Food Network, Underwood Conservation District and OSU Extension and held every fourth Thursday.
- **May 1 — North Wasco County SD21 Spring Pledge Drive Fundraiser Deadline.**

- To support district programs. To make a Tax-deductible donation, send a check to 3632 West 10th St., The Dalles, OR 97058.
- **Ongoing**
- **Thru May 31 — "Oregon Voices"** at the History Museum of Hood River County, 300 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River. Visiting exhibition from the Oregon Historical Society. Hours: Thursday thru Saturday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment. More at www.hoodriverhistorymuseum.org.
- **Monday, Wednesday and Saturday — NU-2-U Shop Open,** 9 a.m. to noon at the Mid-Columbia Senior Center, 1112 W. Ninth, The Dalles. Enter via front desk; masks required. No trying on clothes, no refunds. Donations of clothing items now accepted. More information at 541-296-4788.
- **Mondays & Thursdays — OSU Hood River County Extension Central Gorge Master Gardeners Virtual Plant Clinic,** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. To receive help for your home gardening questions, go to extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/hoodriver to complete and submit the Plant Clinic Submission Form, or call and leave a message at 541-386-3343 ext. 39259.
- **Monday thru Friday — Klickitat Senior Services Telephone Support,** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Goldendale, 509-773-3757; White Salmon, 509-493-3068; or Toll Free, 1-800-447-7858. Staff will direct callers to available resources, assist with online benefit applications and issues with Social Security and Medicare. Seniors can also call for essential grocery delivery, prescription pickup or food bank needs.
- **Monday-Saturday — Curbside Pickup Service at the Wasco County Library,** Monday-Thursday, 10

- a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact thedallespubliclibrary@gmail.com or 541-296-2815.
- **Monday-Saturday — Curbside Pickup Service at the White Salmon Valley and Goldendale Libraries,** 10 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Have your name and library card number ready when you call. Holds that have not been picked up at the scheduled time will be held for three business days to allow for rescheduling. Call 360-906-5000 or 1-888-546-2707.
- **Tuesdays & Saturdays — Curbside Pickup at the Cascade Locks and Parkdale Libraries,** Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Cascade Locks at 541-374-9317 or Parkdale at 541-352-6502, or email info@hoodriverlibrary.org. Pickups are limited to 15 items.
- **Wednesdays — The Dalles Rotary Club,** noon via Zoom. Address: [us02web.zoom.us](http://us02web.zoom.us/j/693639881?pwd=UFINDWw2QTZGTURmRHVhY3VlZUQvQT09).
- **Wednesday thru Saturday — Hood River County Library District "Grab and Go,"** Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon to 6 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments to browse, gather materials, checkout items and use computers in 30 minute slots at the Hood River branch; sign up at hoodriverlibrary.org.
- **First & Third Wednesday — Lyle Good Food Pantry,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Drive-thru service during COVID restrictions. Come in, apply and take food home the same day.
- **Thursdays — Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) Support Group,** 8:30 a.m. weigh-in and 9 a.m. meeting at Zion Church, 10th and Union, The Dalles. First meeting is free.
- **Thursdays — The**

- **Dalles Kiwanis Club Online Meetings.** Log in between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. at TheDallesKiwanisZoom.us. For more information go to www.thedalleskiwanis.org/ or The Dalles-Kiwanis-Club on Facebook. **April 15:** Wildlife Biologist and Habitat Consultant Bill Weiler, environmental project in the Gorge; **April 22:** Dan Bell, director of the Land Trust for Friends of the Columbia Gorge, proposed "Mt. Ulka" Trail and overlook adjacent to the golf course; **April 29:** Business meeting.
- **Fridays — Bilingual Conversation Series,** noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom, us02web.zoom.us/j/88382995731. Casual language exchange; part English and part Spanish. Sponsored by Hood River County Library District.
- **Fridays — Gorge Women in Black,** Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Fifth and Oak, Hood River. Standing in silence for peace and justice. More on Facebook.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday — Hood River Valley Adult Center Thrift Shop,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels. Masks must be worn and provided hand sanitizer used before entering; limited capacity inside.
- **Saturdays — Grief Share,** 10 a.m. to noon in the fellowship hall at Tucker Road Baptist Church, 1450 Tucker Road, Hood River. Contact Pastor Dean for more info at 360-944-0964.

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