

# Library Message From the Director “LULD is Growing”



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) is continuing to expand its materials and services. The library will soon be offering classes in which interested patrons will be taught how to research their genealogy (family history). LULD has a short trial version of Ancestry Library Edition available (through April 18th) in order to assess the public's interest in this genealogical resource. If enough people use it then LULD may be able to provide access through a regular subscription. Additionally, the library has been acquiring books about genealogical research and related topics, which are available for borrowing.

In addition to traditional library materials such as books, magazines, and DVDs, the library now has trekking poles (walking sticks designed for hiking), umbrellas, compasses, and pedometers available for borrowing. The funds for these items were provided by a grant from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU).

The library is in the process of developing a Pacific Northwest collection, which is primarily focused on books about or set-in the region. This section already comprises nearly 800 titles, with additional materials frequently being added. With grant funds provided by the Special District's Association of Oregon (SDAO), the library hired a college student as an intern to help organize the Pacific Northwest section.

Last year the Douglas County Circuit Court in Roseburg donated a microfilm reader to LULD and the library has since acquired older issues of the *News Review* and the *Oregonian* on microfilm through donations from Chemeketa Community College and Roseburg Public Library. The microfilm is still in the process of being organized, but LULD anticipates it being fully available to the public soon.

LULD is seeking to broaden the appeal of its collection by adding books from a variety of genres, so that people with many different interests can find what they want to read. If there is something that you would like to borrow that the library does not yet have in its collection, please let us know and we may be able to add it. Staff are very open to suggestions.

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## Letters from the Librarian

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" - Mark Twain*



Spring, sprung. If you hurry you may still catch the cherry blossoms in front of the library. And there's no rush to "check out" the ever-growing seed selection in our free seed library. A generous donation of heirloom seeds from the Agrarian Sharing Network has arrived and is of course available for browsing and "borrowing," no library card required. Inside of the library, the weather is always good and books and materials are available to match your mood. Did you know that the library is usually able to find a book, even if it's not in our collection? When it's not available at the Mildred Whipple Library, we are happy to help search the Roseburg Public Library catalog as well, placing holds that are received every Wednesday. If that doesn't work, patrons can request titles for purchase in our monthly book ordering process.

As you're planning your springtime and summertime activities, remember that books go well with waiting for sports practices. Books go well with travel and with longer evenings in the garden or on the deck. Ebooks and audiobooks, more than 60,000 of them, are especially portable and free through the library's Libby app on your mobile device. Don't have one? Borrow one of our ereaders and you're suddenly able to carry 30 books at a time.

The Mildred Whipple Library is celebrating the season with a free concert in April and a flea market in May. Join us Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. for a matinee performance by the internationally acclaimed Diane Lou Azo and accompanists. This free afternoon event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will include refreshments, a raffle of locally curated gift baskets, and a chance to meet local author Bob Crites. Then in May, celebrate further by visiting our Friends of the Library flea market to benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library all day on May 18. Vendors will include housewares, handmade items, and of course the legendary Friends of the Library book sale.

The magical season of spring can symbolize fresh starts and new growth. The library is happy to be part of fresh starts! And we've lots of activities and materials to foster and help with new growth.

### Library Schedule of Events

- Tuesdays**  
11 am Story Time
- Wednesdays**  
3:45 pm Teen Advisory Board  
4 pm Family Movie  
4 pm Yarn Club
- Thursdays**  
11 am Silent Book Club/Bring Your Own Book  
7 pm YonDr Book Club (second Thursday of each month)
- Fridays**  
10 am Clothes Closet  
1-3 pm Kids Activity Club (first and third Fridays are Lego and second and fourth are games)
- Saturdays**  
12-2 Garden Club (second Saturday of month)
- Special Events and Meetings**  
Friends of the Library: Tuesday, April 2 and May 7 at 4 pm  
Budget Meeting/Budget Hearing and Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, April 10 and May 15 at 5:30 pm

## Roseburg Library Wine Presentation Local History & Info - April 11

Roseburg Public Library invites the public to a presentation on wine making, viticulture and the history of wine in the Umpqua Valley at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.



Presenter Joel Goodwillie, winery manager at Umpqua Community College's Southern Oregon Wine Institute, has 30 years of experience building successful winery and hard cidery businesses. He co-authored the federal Columbia Gorge American Viticultural Area application and co-founded the Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Association. Goodwillie also is knowledgeable in business, sales, marketing, customer relations, and strategic planning and implementation.

The Southern Oregon Wine Institute's mission is to serve the wineries of Southern Oregon as a resource for skilled winery workers.

The program, which will be held at the library located at 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Roseburg Public Library staff at 541-

Classical Concert: Sunday, April 21 at 3 pm  
Library Closed: Tuesday April 23-Saturday April 27  
Flea Market: Saturday, May 18 8 am-3 pm

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### Shadows Along the Creek



(Paperback) by Rusty L Savage  
2.6 out of 5 stars on Amazon  
**\$14.84**

Judson Ringo has not been dealt an easy hand in life. After losing his father, and nine months later his mother, he is left on his own at seventeen in rural 1890s Kentucky. He goes to Tennessee to live with his uncle, but instead of being treated like family, he is a slave. Judson faces each challenge as it comes, thinking only to survive. After four years in bondage, John Harrington dies and Judson is set free. He returns to his father's farm on a cold winter night, finds it in ruins, is suspected of murder, and begins life all over, finding strength in the midst of struggle and love in remnants of buried dreams. Martha Jane gets her buggy stuck in the mud on a cold winter night. She tries everything, but cannot get the buggy back on the road. She is all but ready to leave the buggy, when a horse and rider approaches. The hopes and dreams Martha Jane believed long dead come to life once more.

**NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**  
<https://a.co/d/9NIFOYc>



### The Highest Hill



(Paperback) by Rusty L Savage  
**\$13.66**

This is the story of two young brothers, Bobby and Jackie Ringo, who struggle to overcome the hardships of an unpropitious home environment in rural western Kentucky in the 1940s and 1950s. Their lives and futures are fraught with pitfalls and roadblocks, both debilitating and deadly. The reader will feel the dreams, aspirations and wonder of the youngest whilst living and growing up in very different time than our own. The boys, left on their own much of the time cope with a drinking and abusive father, barely escape being sent to reform school, struggle to stay in school, graduate and overcome their circumstance and to reach higher and higher to achieve a better life as kids and for their futures. Follow Bobby and Jackie through the early 1950s, starting at ages nine and twelve, through their high school years to a dramatic climax of personal and physical struggle with the "Ringo Streak" and its repercussions. If they survive, it'll be to eventually realize the true lessons of the Highest Hill which continues to reveal its real measure and meaning.

**NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**  
<https://a.co/d/jivKij6>



### A Place to Die (Paperback)



by Rusty L Savage  
4.1 out of 5 stars on Amazon  
**\$15.66**

Johnny Ringo's brother was dead. "I'll get 'em Frank, I swear to you I'll get them". What a place to die, there on the frozen banks of the Rough Creek. The Law wasn't doing anything about it and Johnny had decided he would. It was 1938 and the county was full of Bootleggers. One of them "Shiners" did it. Johnny was gonna find out who and he knew how to do it. Trouble is there are a lot of prime suspects and a good deal of danger from any one of them. Johnny has a plan, if he can keep out of sight of the Sheriff long enough and keep from getting killed himself. He knows the woods and hills and he will find out what he needs to know.

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<https://a.co/d/2cOZfG2>

