

### Ongoing Projects and Services Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD)



The library now has over 100 active magazine/periodical subscriptions available about a variety of topics, such as news (both foreign and domestic), genealogy, outdoor recreation, Oregon/local interest, travel, science, history, boating, comics, business, literature, and many more. While books are restricted to 25 checkouts at a time per person, magazine borrowing is unlimited. These subscriptions were either funded by grants or donated (by individual patrons or by groups such as the Friends of the Library and the Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society).

The library recently used grant funds to purchase bicycle locks, which are available for borrowing. These join other nontraditional objects that LULD has available for borrowing, which include trekking poles, compasses, umbrellas, pedometers, Wi-Fi hotspots, solar chargers, a keyboard, computer mice, a Blu-ray drive, and Wi-Fi extenders. In addition to these items that are available for checkout, USB flash drives may be purchased for \$3.00 apiece.

#### LULD has upcoming events throughout the months of May and June. These include:

- Pre-school Storytime will be held at LULD every Wednesday at 11 am
- Knit and Crochet Group will meet at LULD every Wednesday at 4 pm
- A presentation by Kameryn Brown at LULD regarding foraging and growing mushrooms at 10 am on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own food safe containers
- A presentation by Carolena Pierce at LULD about vermiculture composting with worms at 10 am on May 25<sup>th</sup>
- A planetarium experience at the Reedsport Community Center (451 Winchester Ave), which will be held in cooperation between LULD, Southwestern Community College and the Reedsport Community Center. It will be held on June 01<sup>st</sup> from 9 am until 12 pm.
- LULD's Summer Reading Program will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and continue until August 21<sup>st</sup>. Children and teenagers are invited to read during the summer for the chance to win prizes. A similar program for adults is also in the works and more details will be announced in next month's article.
- A presentation by Cindy Farber at LULD on dealing with garden predators and disease and summertime succession planting at 10 am on June 15<sup>th</sup>
- The kick-off party and parking lot barbecue for the Summer Reading Program will be held at LULD on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

LULD received a grant to pay a teen intern to work at the library over the summer. The intern would focus on a project, which would be determined based on the needs and interests of both the library and the intern. Applicants for both this and for a substitute library assistant position are encouraged to apply by submitting applications to the library. Additional volunteers would also be most welcome. Many ongoing projects could use the help of volunteers.

Please call or visit the library for more information or if you have questions. LULD is open 10 am to 6 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

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## Yoncalla Public Library Library Notes

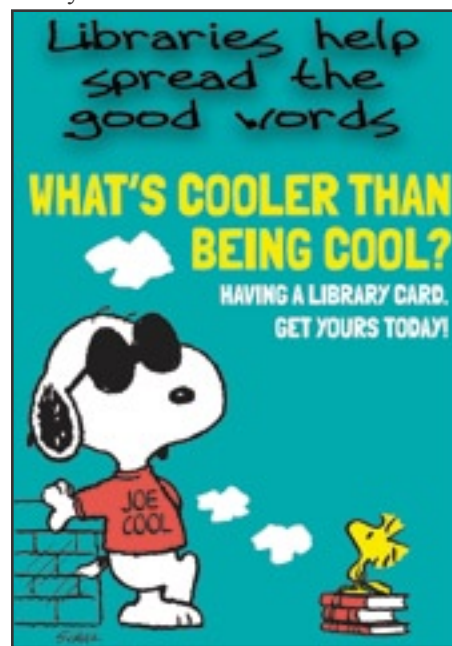
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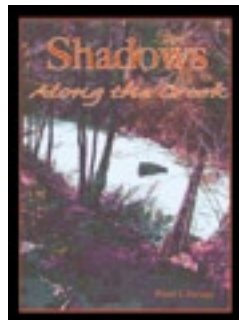
Spring is here and the Yoncalla Public Library would like to invite everyone to our upcoming Annual Book, Bake, and Bouquet Sale. This event will be held on **May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm** and all proceeds will go to the library.

Our monthly programs include Coffee Club, which is every second Saturday of the month from 10-12. This is a space to drop-in for a cup of coffee, get help with any technology needs, or just meet up for conversation. We also have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) learning activities for children and teens every second Thursday of the month from 4-7pm.

Follow us on Facebook for more information and to see what we're up to every week. Our hours are **M 1-5, W 10-4, Th 4-7, and Sat 10-2**. See you at the library!



### 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.



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### 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.



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### 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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The library was founded on April 24, 1800, when U.S. Pres. John Adams approved the \$5,000 appropriated by Congress when the U.S. capital moved from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Washington, D.C. It was housed within the new Capitol building, where it remained for nearly a century. However, on August 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, the library's original collection of 3,000 volumes was destroyed when the British burned the Capitol as well as the White House. To rebuild the library's collection, Congress, on January 30, 1815, approved the purchase of former president Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books for \$23,950. On Christmas Eve 1851, another fire destroyed two-thirds of the collection. Many of the volumes have since been replaced.