

# Lower Umpqua Library District News



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) has a new neighborhood library module! It was installed near the Smith River Store and Tavern on July 24th. Please feel free to visit it and borrow a book or a DVD!

Smith River's is the third neighborhood library module that LULD has installed so far out of a planned six. It was completed by district resident, Rico Duval. The neighborhood library modules are roofed bookcases placed throughout the library district's rural hinterland, which provide books and DVDs to residents on an honor system basis. Each module is designed to hold approximately 150 titles and is equipped with a light that will allow for use after dark. Aside from the new addition at Smith River, LULD also has neighborhood library modules near the fire station in Winchester Bay (Broadway Avenue and 6th Street) and near the intersection of Loon Lake Road and Elk Ridge Forest Road in Ash Valley. Staff and volunteers keep the modules full by periodically restocking books and DVDs. LULD will provide updates on this project as each of the remaining three neighborhood library modules are erected.

Participants in LULD's summer reading program should turn in or present their reading logs to staff by Wednesday, August 21st at the latest, in order to be considered for the prize drawing. As a reminder, teens will be issued one raffle ticket for every two hours of reading in their logs and younger participants will earn one ticket per logged hour. Unfortunately, Smokey Bear was unable to visit the library as planned, due his role in firefighting. LULD will post an announcement on Facebook when Smokey Bear's visit to the library is rescheduled.

LULD is pleased to announce the completion of the library's roof in July. For those who

may have found the sounds of the construction disturbing, the library has returned to its ordinary quieter state.

LULD is seeking to hire a library assistant to fill a recent vacancy, which is open until filled. This would be a regular part-time position of approximately 20-30 hours per week. A job description and application form are available at [www.luld.org/employment](http://www.luld.org/employment).

The library continues to offer traditional library materials such as books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines for borrowing, as well as less conventional items such as WiFi hotspots and extenders, compasses, pedometers, trekking poles (hiking sticks), bicycle locks, computer accessories, solar chargers, and umbrellas. Each



item is available for checkout to library card holders for a period of up to three weeks and may be renewed for an additional three weeks unless requested by other patrons.

Please call, visit, or email the library for more information.

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# Jelly Roll Plays Oregon State Prison Show



**Salem, OR (AP)** — Country singer Jelly Roll has been playing sold-out shows across the U.S. as part of his "Beautifully Broken" tour. But earlier this week, his venue wasn't a massive arena: it was the Oregon State Penitentiary.

The award-winning artist posted a video and photos of his visit to the Salem prison on Instagram, showing him singing a cover of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" and signing autographs for people incarcerated at the prison. According to Jelly Roll, it was the first live music in the prison yard in 20 years.

"I am a firm believer that if we commit crimes we should do our time and be held accountable for our actions, but I also believe that every human deserves love no matter how bad of a decision they have made," the 39-year-old wrote on Instagram.

Jelly Roll, who was incarcerated in his youth, said he wrote his first song while behind bars.

"It never feels better than to come back behind a wall and sing a song for y'all," he told the crowd.

His lyrics often touch on his troubled past and issues of addiction, and in his video from the prison, one man speaks about how Jelly Roll's music changed his life.

"I heard 'Save Me' on the radio, and I got clean that day," the man said, referring to a song on Jelly Roll's most recent album.

Jelly Roll, whose real name is Jason DeFord, began his musical career as a rapper before becoming an acclaimed country artist. In 2023, he won New Artist of the Year at the Country Music Association Awards.

"I remember being in a dark place and no one ever coming through and showing us any hope of changing the path of our lives," he said. "It felt so good bringing a little light to such a dark place."



# Cottage Grove Rampage

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happened in the middle of the night and quickly used spare plywood to cover up other businesses windows after the rampage. She said they also saved the book store's popular in-house cat from getting out due to the broken window. Sisson also said this could not have come at a more awkward and tense time for the city.

"Cottage Grove has had some division recently some issues of mental health and homelessness," she said. "I really hope we can recognize this equal opportunity that someone was not targeting us. We have some issues we have to work together to solve."

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce has set up a fund to help businesses restore the damage to their windows

# Baseball 'Covered Area' Project Started NDSB Getting New Batting Cages

The North Douglas High School baseball "covered area" project began on August 4. Conceived in 2019, the goal of the project is to provide an area where North Douglas players and Babe Ruth or Junior Staters can hit and pitch, outside, when there is inclement weather.

The covered area will be constructed between the cage shed and third base dugout of the NDHS baseball field and cover the batter's cage when it is pulled out. The building will also provide cover for fans and parents attending games.

Approved by the North Douglas administration and the North Douglas School District Board of Directors, the project will be funded mostly via fund raising and donations.

Thanks to Craig Zolezzi and Zolezzi

Insurance for making an initial supportive contribution. Others wanting to donate can do so at the North Douglas High School office or mail a donation to NDHS Baseball, PO Box 488, Drain, OR 97435.

Andy Jentsch did the excavation and gravel work. The gravel was generously donated by Rundell, Inc. North Douglas School District Head of Maintenance, Roy Harkins, is the North Douglas liaison. Special thanks to Toy Construction, who developed the original plans for the structure in 2019. For more information, contact Jeff Davis at 541-505-4979.

If you would like to help us in our fundraising for this worthwhile project please go to our GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/8e127753>



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