

Letters from the Librarian

"But you know, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light." - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, JK Rowling



Recently our library and civic center building celebrated its 40th year. We marked the occasion with live music, cake from a local bakery, and visits from friends and library supporters near and far. It was a lovely day to remember the philanthropy and community spirit that built this place. It was also a chance to reflect on some of the events and programs that have taken place here -- weddings, tea parties, proms, father-daughter dances, country swing dances, taekwondo classes, 4H club meetings, the North Douglas Fair, the storied citywide yard sale, puppet shows, and reading parades.

While visiting with one guest, I made an offhand comment that I sometimes feel guilty that this place is thriving while many communities are

struggling to provide library services and gathering opportunities. That guest very wisely corrected me. In times of difficulty, we need joy more than ever. Joy in storytime, in seed libraries, and in Lego club. We are looking forward to so much this summer! Our theme is "Level Up at Your Library," and everyone is welcome to join for programming, reading challenges, and prizes. We'll give away hundreds of free books and learn some new games and skills. Sign up now at ndld.org or of course you're welcome to stop in the library Tuesday through Saturday to sign up in person.

Beginning June 17: Tuesdays at 1 pm we will have a teen program (including D&D games and tie dye!). We kick off all-ages programming on Wednesday June 18 at 1 pm with a local author party and lots of prizes. Thursdays at 4 pm we'll show movies, and play Legos. Adults can play along too on their own schedule and join others for Local Author Night on Friday July 25 at 5 pm. A full schedule of events is in this paper and available at ndld.org or printed at the library. Won't you join us to "level up" the joy factor this summer?

"It is not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness." Peter Pan, JM Barrie

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Yoncalla Beautification in Action



A member of the Yoncalla Beautification Committee (YBC) is shown placing one of many flower pots on new posts that now line Eagle Valley Road. The posts were manufactured by a YBC member and pot holders were manufactured by

Yoncalla High School shop students. A total of 40 floral arrangements are now in place with an additional ten pots scheduled for hanging. Several posts on Eagle Valley Road also will display seasonal banners.

Lower Umpqua Senior Center in Reedsport



As the weather is changing, it's time to get out and have some fun. Come see us at the Lower Umpqua Senior Center at 460 Winchester Avenue in Reedsport to visit, have lunch, or enjoy the many activities that happen throughout the week. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 3:00, as long as there is a volunteer available.

The Senior Center begins the week with a little creativity and strategy. On Mondays the Art Group meets from 9:30 to Noon. Most in this group enjoy watercolor but all talent is welcome. Bring down what you are working on, or start a new one with friends. From Noon until 3:00 there is Mah Jongg with International Rules. All skill levels are welcome. At this point, Mah Jongg is played only on Mondays. However, if the group grows, they hope to gather twice a week.

On Tuesdays Meals on Wheels serves the senior lunch at 11:45. Lunch is available for those 60 years and up every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Senior Center asks for a \$3.00 donation, but will work with those in need. After lunch, stick around to play cards and games until the center closes. On the

first Tuesday of the month, the Senior Center Board of Directors meet at 12:30. Public is welcome.

Bingo is every Wednesday at 1:00. Make sure you arrive early so you can pick a good seat and get settled with your cards. There is no limit on how many cards you can get. It cost \$1.00 per card, \$5.00 for six cards, \$3.00 for a blackout.

On Thursday, Meals on Wheels senior lunch is served at 11:45. Ceramics Painting meets at 1:00. You can bring greenware that a member of the group will fire, or bring bisqueware to paint. There are a few basic paints available. If you want special colors or glaze, you will need to bring your own. After painting, a member of the group will take pieces home to fire.

On Friday, Meals on Wheels senior lunch is served at 11:45. Monday through Friday there are other fun activities for the community to enjoy. There is a pool table, books, horseshoes, puzzles and more. The Lower Umpqua Senior Center has free wifi. Give us a call (541-271-4484) or come down and join in all the fun! We would love to see new faces. Stacey Broussard, seniorcenterboard25@gmail.com

Annual Rock and Gem Show in Reedsport

Our Friday through Sunday annual Father's Day weekend show is coming up. As a non-profit supporting the Library, Fire and Police, our income comes from this show. We have members from Florence to Bandon

and would love to expand inland. We start mid-May and run right up through the show. Cindy Wegner Co-chair advertising Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society

LOWER UMPQUA GEM AND LAPIDARY SOCIETY-NONPROFIT

ANNUAL ROCK AND GEM SHOW

JUNE 13 - 15

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
REEDSPORT COMMUNITY CENTER

10AM FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
FREE ADMISSION, VENDORS, RAFFLE, AUCTION,
GAMES, CONTESTS, PRIZES
SUPPORT FUTURE ROCKHOUNDERS OF AMERICA