# Check out more than books

## **Cook Memorial Library resumes in-person programs**

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A GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's in-person programs are back, and there is something for everyone. All onsite programs, except Storytime, are held in the Community Room. Masks are required for ages 5 and older for library use and for program participation. All library programs are free.

For more details and updates on programs and Cook Memorial Library's services, visit www. cookmemoriallibrary.org, follow the library on Facebook and Instagram, call 541-962-1339 or stop by 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. Current hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

#### **CHILDREN**

Storytime (and crafts!) is on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Story Circle.

On Friday, Oct. 22, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Co. presents "The Merry Tales of Robin Hood" at 3 p.m. in the Community Room. This story is "the

exuberant tale of intrepid Robin Hood and his Merry Men, who are ever jauntily escaping from the clutches of the ill-disposed Sheriff of Nottingham," says www.travelinglantern.com.

#### **TEENS**

Teen programs are open to anyone in middle school and high school. Registration isn't required, and teens can join at any time.

Contact Celine for more information at cvandervlugt@cookmemoriallibrary.org.

**Book clubs:** Two book clubs meet on the first Wednesday of the month. The middle school club is from 3:30-4:15 p.m., and the high school club runs 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Crafts:** Teen iCraft is held once a month, on the second Wednesday, beginning at 4 p.m. The one-hour craft gathering offers a new project every month.

**Movies:** On the third Wednesday of the month, come watch a free movie from 4-5:30 p.m.



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Cook Memorial Library, La Grande, reopened its doors in October 2020 after being closed for several months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A year later, the library resumed in-person programs.

#### **ADULTS**

A new book club for adults focuses on the mystery genre. Join at any time. The club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

The library puts together a monthly take-home craft kit for adults. The kits are generally available the first Friday of the month and picked up at the front desk. Supplies are limited
— first come, first served.

Something new is a support group for new and expectant parents that meets on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon. Baby Bumps is a casual time to connect with other parents, create community and learn about library and local resources.

### **EVERYONE**

The Cook Memorial Adult and Family Literacy Center is now open for drop-in tutoring, and scheduled tutoring sessions will begin in November. The Literacy Center is available to all ages, offering opportunities to improve reading and comprehension, as well as math and other basic skills, through written materials, games and computers. The Literacy Center also is giving away free books on Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m., weather permitting, in front of the library.

Also new at the library is a short-adventure format Dungeons and Dragons (5E) adventuring program for teens and adults. New campaigns for parties of four to six players will start every six to eight weeks. To learn more and to sign up, email Ryan at rmcginnis@cookmemoriallibrary.org.

Cook Memorial Library's free Wi-Fi (LGPLWiFi) is on from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. The signal reaches to the building's entrances and the parking lot and does not require a password.



