**Applegate Library**

Summer is upon us and what a great time to be at the library! "Summer Reading" will begin on June 12 at 2 pm. Reading is a great activity during the summer. We have books for books on camping, hiking, water safety, planting—you name it, we can find something for you!

**June 13**, "Super Foods" with nutritionist Barret Gifford, 2 - 3 pm. Informative talk on healthy foods.

**June 19**, Weaving with Thalia Truesdell, 3 - 5 pm. Come and learn how to weave natural materials into great masterpieces.

**June 23**, Map Out, 2 to 5 pm. Be creative with maps. Arts/crafts.

**July 10**, Face painting with local artist Angela, 2 to 6 pm.

**July 10**, Book talk with Anna Monden, 3 to 5 pm. Book talk and recycle craft fun, ages 10 and up.

**July 15**, Firefighter Randi Ann Martin and Smokey Bear, 12 to 1 pm. Applegate student follows her dreams to become a firefighter. Encouragement for boys and girls to find and follow the hero within. Enjoy a visit by Smokey Bear.

**July 24**, "Aquaman" with John Jackson, 2:30 to 3:30 pm. This program highlights seashells, plant life, and preserved animal life and features sea life coloring pages, real seashell souvenirs, and a craft activity. Everyone is welcome to bring their unique skills while working with the children in the garden. For more information, contact Danielle Schreck at dchreck@josephinelibrary.org or call the Williams branch library.

**July 28**, Rich Glauber, 2 to 3 pm. Music educator who specializes in creating interactive musical experiences for participants of all ages.

**August 4**, Recycled t-shirt capes, 4 to 5 pm. Enjoy the afternoon transforming t-shirts into superhero capes.

Storytime is every Saturday at 10 am with a craft following, and Game Night is on the last Friday of the month at 5 pm. Jackson County Library Director Kim Wolffe retired on April 30. It was a pleasure to work with Kim—she taught me courage, confidence and patience. Thanks for believing in me, Kim! Come enjoy the fun!

For more information, contact branch manager Lisa Martin at 541-846-7346 or lmartin@jcls.org.

Friends of Ruch Library seeks program ideas and volunteers

It isn’t Ruch’s best-kept secret, but there is a good chance you have never been to visit the A-frame Bookstore. It is next to the Ruch Library and has some of the best book bargains in Jackson County. A dollar and a half will get you a hardback, including recent best sellers; a dollar provides access to a selection of trade paperbacks. Children’s books are less. CDs and DVDs are also available.

**Saving money on a great book box**
in only the beginning of the story, however. The Friends of the Ruch Library (FORL) operates the A-frame. The money people spend on books goes toward helping the library. For a while, when Jackson County’s budget was extremely tight, these funds, plus generous donations from the community of Ruch, played a vital role in keeping the library open.

"We owe a deep vote of gratitude to the volunteers and community members who gave so much during the hard years," said Peggy Mekemson, the newly elected president of FORL (and my wife). "Fortunately, the recent creation of the Jackson County Library District guarantees continued funding for the library. We are now free to return to FORL’s 32 year history of providing educational programs and other types of support that enrich the contributions the library offers the people of Ruch and the surrounding community.

FORL’s officers and board members have jumped into planning summer programs for the coming year. In addition to Peggy officers include Kaye Clayton as vice president, Cynthia Cheney as secretary, and Bryan della Santina as treasurer. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Ruch Library Community Room from 6:30 to 8 pm. Agendas are posted on the library bulletin board and are also available at josephinelibrary.org. Public input is always welcome.

The meeting on June 4 will be focused on planning library programs for the coming year. "We would love to hear from members of the community about the types of program they would like to see," Peggy noted. "Come by, meet the new board, and share your ideas," she urged. "Refreshments will be served."

Another opportunity to meet FORL volunteers, and buy books, is at Buncom Day on Saturday, May 30, from 10 am to 3 pm in the old Buncom post office.

"Our ability to serve the library and the community is totally dependent on volunteer support and donations," Peggy said. "Opportunities to help include serving two-hour shifts at the A-frame, donating books to be sold, volunteering for community events such as Buncom Day and our seasonal book sales, and making financial donations for the ongoing support of programs and operations. Memberships in FORL are also available.

The A-frame Bookstore is open Tuesdays from 12 to 4 pm, Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 4 pm, Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm.

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