A big thank-you to all those who participated in the first annual Applegate-Ruch “How-to” Festival! Will over 60 attenders enjoyed stories, demonstrations, and displays about surfing, genealogy, horse care, miniatures, yarn spinning, and more! It was a big success, and we look forward to hosting this event next year. Please let us know what hobbies or passions you would like to share for next year’s festival!

Upcoming events

Join us for the First Friday of the Month Craft event featuring a seasonal craft and light refreshments: December 7, January 4, and February 1 from 4 - 5:30 pm in our Community Room. And, on two Saturdays, January 12 and January 26, join us to make slime of all sorts—jiggly, glittery, smelly, or yummy—in our community room.

We will be hosting the Applegate History Series on February 12 and February 26 from 3 - 4 pm. Join us to ring see local memorabilia and hear presenters share information about the lovely Applegate Valley.

Ongoing events

Meet with a Veterans Service Officer (VSO), an accredited representative for counsel and assistance in obtaining veterans’ benefits, on the first Wednesday of every month: December 5, January 2, and February 6, from 11 am - 2 pm. Tech Services: Did you get a new device? Every Tuesday from 2 - 4:30 pm, Beer, our tech expert from Digital Services, is here to answer your tech questions or help with Hoopla (access to magazines, e-books, etc.) and Libby2Go (other online options). Make an appointment or show up—first come, first served. For an appointment, email Beer at beartrejnijicj.org.

Community drumming is held on the third Friday of the month. Join us for drumming to create one voice, one community. No experience is necessary, but bring your drums or rattles if you have them.

Storytime is every Saturday morning at 10:30. Enjoy stories and a hands-on craft afterward.

Check out our Orion telescope for your own night viewing. It is available for up to two weeks for any library card holder in good standing.

Reminder: The Applegate Library has hot spots, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and more! On Starke’s Birthday, February 14, we will have Valentine cookies to cover both holidays.

Cookie Decoration. Saturday, December 22, 1 - 3 pm. Gingerbread and sugar cookie people, icing, and sprinkles galore. Fun for all and tasty too!

Oregon’s 160th Birthday. In February 2019 we are going to celebrate all month with a history program, activities, games, scavenger hunts, and more! On Starke’s Birthday, February 14, we will have Valentine cookies to cover both holidays.

History of the Applegate Valley and the Buckley Family. Saturday, February 23, 2 - 4 pm. Mary Buckley Mikkelsen is the great-granddaughter of James Buckley, who arrived in the Applegate in 1854. She will show photos, documents, and paintings of the Applegate Valley and the Buckley family and encourages others to bring their own local history stories to share.

Ruch Library is located at 7919 Highway 238 in Jacksonville (Ruch) and is open Tuesdays from 10 am - 5 pm, Thursdays from 1 - 7 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am - 4 pm. For more information, contact branch manager Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-7438 or truesdell@jcll.org.