



JACKSON COUNTY Library Services

Applegate Library

We are continuing to have exciting programs at the Applegate Branch Library, so keep in touch with our schedule because sometimes programs are planned after the *Applegater* is able to publish them.

In March, we enjoyed a concert by the Accidental Ensemble, a group of musically dedicated community members who love to sing. We filled the meeting room and everyone appreciated the opportunity to socialize together as well as hear the four-part harmonies of the ensemble.

In April we had back-to-back programs on beavers and safety in the meeting room. Also, Ed Reilly presented a program on rock gardens.

What was once Oregon Chautauqua has been transformed into the Conservation Project, a new Chautauqua that connects Oregonians with public scholars and provocative ideas through idea-driven dialogue. On May 13 at 3 pm, Mark Cunningham will present his talk, "From Print to Pixels." For those of you who are wondering if all of our books will disappear along with the libraries in this age of computers and digital communication, this program is what you've been waiting

for. Mr. Cunningham's talk is sponsored by the Oregon Counsel for the Humanities (OCH) and is one of a series of programs offered by OCH. Mark your calendars for this event. You won't want to miss it.

On May 18, Barbara Mumblo will present a program on invasive plants at 5 pm.

If you're wondering what those maps hanging on the wall next to the door between the library room and the lobby are all about, they are the Pilot Thompson Project Maps, given to the library by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) so that those interested may study the locations of timber harvest planning, as well as wildlife protection and hiking trails in the Thompson Creek watershed. The planning for this project is now under way, and BLM will be taking comments on the project. Now is the time to get involved.

If you haven't renewed your membership in Friends of the Applegate Library, this is a good time to do so. Our meetings are only four times a year, and we would welcome your participation in library activities. Don't forget: if you don't use it, you lose it. We wouldn't want to lose our libraries.

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Ruch Library

May 19, 1-2 pm

Learn about rabies awareness and prevention presented by Jackson Baures of the Jackson County Environmental Public Health Services. His program will cover information about rabies virus, rabies prevalence worldwide and locally, Oregon laws regarding rabies, and what we can do to help prevent rabies.

Starts June 12

Join us at Ruch Library for an exciting Summer Reading Program for all ages. The program for children through age 12 is titled "Dream Big . . . READ!" The teen program is "Own the Night," and the adult reading program is "Between the Sheets." Details of the requirements to participate in each program will be available in the library in early June. Please join us and become a bright star in our sky. All of these programs are free.

June 16, 1 - 2 pm

We will be kicking off the season with a presentation by Mark Prchal, retired US Forest Service (USFS) geologist, on "The Geology of Southern Oregon," focusing on Crater Lake and the Table Rocks in Rogue Valley. This will be of interest to older children and all adults. The presentation will be in the Ruch Library Community Room and lasting about an hour.

June 21, 3 - 3:30 pm and 4 - 4:30 pm

Science Works Museum in Ashland is bringing their inflatable planetarium to our library for a view of the night sky. Participants will crawl inside, make themselves comfortable, and watch the "sky" come alive. The program lasts about a half hour, with two sessions: 3 - 3:30 pm, and 4 - 4:30 pm. Pre sign-ups will be required (20 people per session). Call or visit Ruch Library soon to make certain you can be part of this exciting event.

June 22 - 24

Ruch Library will participate in Applegate Valley Days by displaying available

books on local history, artifacts and pictures. We hope you can stop by and browse.

June 30, 1 - 3 pm

Janis Mohr-Tipton will lead a workshop in Steampunk Jewelry for children 10-18 years old, and there will be jewelry-making activities for younger children as well. Pre sign-ups are encouraged so Janis will know how many supplies to bring.

July 7, 1 - 2 pm

Barb Mumblo, botanist with the USFS, will offer children directions in flower pressing. Children will learn how to press wildflowers, and what they can do with them after they are dry.

July 21

Children will have the opportunity to participate in some raucous storytelling with Patricia Aulik by punctuating the story with a variety of percussion instruments she provides. She will conduct two sessions: ages 3 - 6 from 2 - 2:45 pm, and ages 7 and over from 3 - 3:45 pm. Kids love this!

July 26, 2:30 pm

Owls will be the theme of John Jackson's presentation. John has a wonderful program guaranteed to delight children, and will have owl pellets for the children to dissect and discover whom the owl ate for dinner the night before. (Fascinating, and good clean fun!)

August 11

Greeley Wells will lead a discovery of the night sky, location to be announced. Bring a blanket and the whole family for an evening of stargazing with Greeley, who is a wealth of knowledge on the subject.

August 11, 2 pm

We will conclude the Summer Reading Program with a party and awards ceremony at Ruch Library. We will have games, refreshments and prizes for everyone who participated in this great program. Thanks for your interest in our library and in Raising Ruch Readers!

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A FEAST in the Applegate

On Sunday, March 11, over 60 people gathered at the Applegate River Lodge for the FEAST workshop. The FEAST brought together a variety of community members from the Applegate Valley, from farmers and ranchers to food pantry volunteers.

Participants worked in groups that were formed based on their common visions for the local food system. These groups worked on plans to achieve their visions by involving community partners. The visions addressed included providing sustainable food assistance, acquiring the infrastructure needed for a self-sufficient local food system, educating the community about growing and eating local foods, increasing networking among different sectors of the food system, and expanding viable markets for local food producers.

These topics and more are being discussed throughout the Rogue Valley as a part of the Rogue Valley Community

Food System Planning Process that is currently being coordinated by ACCESS, Thrive, and the Josephine County Food Bank. There are several more FEASTs and Community Foods Conversations taking place in other locations that include Jacksonville, Phoenix/Talent, Rogue River, Upper Rogue Valley, Grants Pass, Cave Junction, Ashland and Medford. The goal of these gatherings and conversations is to find ways in which our food system can be strengthened and to connect community members with common interests.

We want to thank all of the community members who came to the FEAST and contributed their time and vision for the food system. We hope that the great ideas that were formed at the FEAST continue to develop.

For more information about the outcomes of the Applegate FEAST and how you can get involved, please contact Hannah Ancel, ACCESS, 541-618-4019, hancel@accesshelps.org.

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