



# JACKSON COUNTY

Library Services

## Friends of the Applegate Library News

Our last meeting took place on July 14, 2009, and Christopher Shockey was elected the new president of Friends of the Applegate Library (FOAL). We are glad to welcome Christopher into this position and know that he will add a lot of creative spirit to the library.

It was voted and approved at this meeting that Carole Karvis will use \$100 of the FOAL account money to research and buy new educational toys for the children's section of the library. Be sure to stop by with your kids and see what Carole has provided for their educational entertainment.

This summer, during the Summer Reading Program, we had Rich Glauber, a professional troubadour, here to present

a program of "Music in Action." It was enjoyed by both parents and children. Requests of "Let's sing it again," were heard throughout the library.

We had 30 young children sign up for Summer Reading this year. Of the children that finished the program, 310 books were read. The Friends of the Applegate Library donated a Barnes and Noble gift certificate for the children's drawing prize.

Karen Hardman and three young friends presented four different puppet shows, including shadow puppets that they made for the story "Tikki Tikki Tembo." Then, the audience was invited to create their own shadow puppets and experience the shadow puppet stage.

Steve Gehres brought wood scraps and the children created wild sculptures out of them with tacky glue that allows balance-defying shapes to adhere. They built towers, car ramps and several abstract sculptures.

Young local musicians, who have attended Music Camp put on by Vicki Gonzales and Karen Hardman, came to perform. The children created their own instruments to add to the rhythm section. They made African rattles with smashed bottle caps, rain sticks and kazoos.

Thalia Truesdell taught several people the old world craft of making lavender wands from the abundant lavender that grows in front of the library, and they were delighted to go home with their own sweet smelling sachets.

Other crafts were offered throughout the Summer Reading program. Children decorated cloth book bags and made beads from rolled up pieces of magazine paper, although you would never guess, to look at them. The designs are unpredictable and exciting, and the beads are a welcome addition to any collection.

The teens had books to read and their activities to complete. Eighteen teenagers signed up this summer. One lucky teen won a digital camera in our local drawing.

New this summer was an adult bingo reading game. Beverly May won a gift certificate from Fred Meyers.

Teen Read Week 2009 will be celebrated Oct. 18-24! This year's theme is "Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library," which encourages teens to read something out of this world, just for the fun of it. Teens will have had the opportunity to vote for their favorite books online and these will be featured during Teen Read Week.

The Friends had a self-serve book sale in July and August and are accepting donations of books in good condition for their larger November sale. Please bring your book donations to the library during library-open hours only.

It's been a fun and productive summer for children, teens and adults. Stop by the library and see what's in store for the winter months.

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## Jackson County Library Services' New Web Site

Redesigned to be more user-friendly, Jackson County Library Services has launched its new Web site at [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org). Find information on all branch libraries, including locations and open hours. Access the library catalog or your patron account. Download a book or find new material by your favorite

author. Learn when the next storytime, summer reading program, or teen activity is scheduled. Research databases or reserve a meeting room at the Medford Branch. All this and more at [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org)!

For more information, please contact Kim Wolfe at 541-774-6443.

## Friends of the Ruch Library Annual October Book Sale

This year's sale will be on Saturday October 17th, 9 am to 4 pm. (Friends of Ruch Library Members are invited to a pre-sale on Friday from 1 - 4 pm.)

Look for the big tent on Upper Applegate in Ruch, between Crystal Clear

Satellite and the RAT Station.

Donations of books, video tapes, VDs, and DVDs welcome anytime at A-Frame Bookstore or leave in covered breezeway of storage building on left of library driveway.

## Josephine County

## Williams Library News

Williams Friends of the Library will be holding their Fall Book Sale on Sunday, October 18 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Williams Grange, 20100 Williams Highway, Williams, OR 97544. For more information please call Prem Miles at 541-846-6718.

Josephine Community Libraries Inc (JCLI) will be opening the Williams Branch Library tentatively in early November. For more info, please check [www.josephinelibrary.org](http://www.josephinelibrary.org) for updates on Williams Branch Library opening.



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