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Find resources for life

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Did you know that your library card gives you access not only to over 400,000 items, but also to digital downloads and streaming, wireless hotspots, dozens of online research and learning services, and our Library of Things? No longer are there late fees, sign-up fees, or program fees. You can also use your library card to reserve meeting rooms at any branch of the Jackson County Library District. To book the Applegate Branch Library meeting room go to jcls.org/branch/applegate.

You can find the most current information on open hours, programs, and events on the library's website: jcls.org.

Upcoming Events

Preschool Storytime. Bring your preschoolers (ages 3-5) to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun at the library. A great opportunity to encourage an interest in books and reading and help young children develop important socialization skills. Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, registration for Storytime is required. Please register everyone from your household (adults and children) who will be attending at jcls.org. Masks are required for children five and over, recommended for younger children. 10:30-11 am Saturdays.

Grief and Gratitude for an Ailing Planet: A Community Experience of Seeking Solace. Grappling with global change, planetary crisis, and human suffering—at times it's just too much to bear. How to cope? Fight? Flight? Freeze? While these are familiar reactions to so much of the world, they can also cause burnout, short tempers, or general malaise and disconnection. This presentation offers another response to the grief and loss we are witnessing day by day. We'll

explore alternative ways to keep our hearts open, our minds facile, and our spirits strong. 5-6 pm Tuesday, March 29.

Make Your Own Vinegar at Home. Vinegar has a ubiquitous history with humans across the planet and the ages. The power of sour has been used for medicine, food, and preservation. Learn how vinegar can be incredibly varied and nuanced in flavor and how you can make it from just about any ingredient. You will taste vinegars and make your own apple cider vinegar with Kirsten Shockey, founder of FermentWorks and the online Fermentation School. Shockey is also an award-winning author of multiple books on fermentation. Her new book, *Homebrewed Vinegar*, will be available to purchase or check out. Noon-1:30 pm Saturday, April 16.

Senior Driver Refresher Training. Refresh your knowledge of the rules and hazards of the road as we review the multiple changes to the Oregon Driver laws over the last 25 years. 5-6 pm Friday, May 20.

We will also be providing various Take & Make Kits throughout the spring. Come in to see and take the "too-numerous-to-list" kits available from the library.

Throughout the year, the Applegate Branch Library is proud to display local artists' artwork and collectors' collections. Stop by to see the variety and beauty of your neighbors' art or collections! If you have artwork or collections you would like to display, contact the Applegate Branch Library.

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Get ready for spring at Ruch Library! The theme this spring is "Read Outside." We have books and resources on gardening, do-it-yourself projects, firewise planting, edible native plants, wildflowers, animal tracks, local history, and just about anything else Applegate!

We have a tech person from Jackson County Library Services (JCLS) to help you uncover the wonders of a device you might have that is puzzling you. She's here at 2 pm Thursdays. For an appointment, email techsupport@jcls.org.

Preschool Storytime is now at 11:30 am Thursdays, followed by browsing time for parents and children (before we are officially open). There is always free Wi-Fi both within and outside the library, and we have computers to use if you do not have your own.

Our Community Room can be reserved for your family reunion or local meeting. Inquire at the desk if you are interested, and we will help you reserve it.

The Friends of Ruch Library operate a bookstore just across the parking lot from the library, open from 1-3 pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The Book Barn, next to it, is usually open on the first Saturday of the month and is a great place to fill a bag or two with wonderful bargains.

The Bookstore and Book Barn, gems of the Applegate, are run by volunteers, and staffing varies because of the pandemic, heat, or smoke. Please check the trailer sign by Ramsay Realty for updates.

We are so grateful for our partnerships with Ruch Outdoor Community School, Ruch Market, and Ruch Hardware, as well as all the members of the community who value and support the Ruch Library.

Upcoming programs

Sustainable Privacy Plantings with local gardener Bonni Engelhardt: Learn a naturalistic and sustainable approach to designing multipurpose privacy screens that also provide essential habitat for wildlife, and about drought tolerant, deer resistant, and firewise plant options. 1-2 pm Saturday, March 5.

Make and Fly a Kite! Celebrate the blustery spring weather by decorating Japanese koinobori kites (easy-to-fly windsock carp kite, traditionally flown on Children's Day in Japan). Also available as a Take and Make. This event will be outdoors. 1 pm Saturday, March 12.

Make a Unique Piece of Jewelry with Janis Mohr-Tipton. Make an accessory pin, a wrap bracelet, key chain, or necklace. You may bring a piece of old, favorite jewelry to add as a charm. No experience necessary, and all materials and tools will be provided. Ages 12-adult, 1-3 pm Saturday, April 2.

Local Nature Challenge. See how many of the listed items you can find in the Applegate while enjoying our big backyard! May 3-17.

Forest Creek History with Annice Black. This will be the story of the early settlers and families who lived on Forest Creek from the 1850s and will include the geography, economics of mining, logging, and farming. Annice will bring photographs of Forest Creek School, mining in the 30s and 40s, and Mt. Isabelle Fire Lookout. 1 pm Saturday, May 15.

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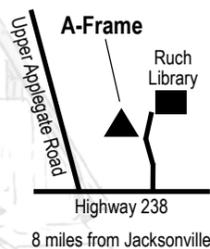
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