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Cultural events and family programs offered



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New hours and new open day

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The Summer Reading Program theme this year is “Level Up!”: Level Up with the latest happenings at the Applegate library (jcls.org/branch/applegate). From our cultural events (look for the Applegate Music Festival coming this fall!) and eclectic displays and art to family programs and fun Take-&-Make kits, there’s something for everyone. For countywide events, please go to jcls.org.

Upcoming events

Knit Don’t Quit: Drop-in Knitting Time, 18+ years. Thursday, June 8, and Thursday, June 15, 4-6 pm. Local knitter Beate Foit will be on hand to guide your projects during this drop-in knitting time. Beate Foit is originally from Germany and moved to the Applegate 19 years ago. She loves knitting and has taught knitting and design in adult education classes and has given workshops for children. Knitting to her is a form of meditation and relaxation. Most of all, she loves sharing what she knows and loves to help others finish their projects—as long as it is fun for everyone.

Level Up Your Bookish Bites: Kingdom Hearts Sea Salt Ice Cream, 13+ Years. Summer is hot, so cool down with some ice cream! This recipe, inspired by Kingdom Hearts, will make you a bunch of sea salt ice cream popsicles! All nonperishable items, and popsicle molds, are included in your kit! This program is a Take & Make, available while supplies last, starting Tuesday, June 13.

Rocks, Minerals, & Fossils with Bugs-R-U’s, 3+ Years. Thursday, June 22, 1-2 pm. Learn about the basic types of rocks and minerals, including fossils, and have an in-depth discussion about the use minerals in everyday life—oils, plastics, salt, etc. The creation of fossils and Oregon geology will also be highlighted. Participants receive free rock samples for their own collections.

Level Up: Animal Meet-and-Greet with Wildlife Images, 6+ years. Friday, June 30, 11 am-12 pm. Level up your knowledge of the animal world! Learn more about animals and animal rehabilitation with Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center. In this program you’ll listen to a read-aloud, learn about animals, and meet one of the animal ambassadors from Wildlife Images!

Safari Animals and Quicksand Dig with Bugs-R-U’s, 5+ Years. Thursday, August 3, 1-2 pm. We will be learning about 15 well-known animals from Africa and Asia. The best part is the petting! Furs, pelts, horns, skulls, and feathers from amazing animals! At the end of the program, you’ll get a chance to help save an animal that has gotten stuck in the quicksand. You get to take it home with you!

Reminders

The Applegate Library meeting room can be booked for your meeting, program, or event (even when the library is closed) by going to jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting.

Wi-Fi is available in our parking lot 24-7 and inside our building during open hours.

A Digital Services representative from Jackson County Library Services will be here on Tuesdays from 10 am-12:30 pm on a first come, first served basis. Or you can make an appointment at digitalservices@jcls.org or call 541-734-3990.

Preschool Storytime is Fridays from 11-11:30 am.

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Since my last article, a lot has changed at Jackson County Library System (JCLS). First and foremost, we have now expanded hours system-wide, which means your local branch at Ruch has even more time to serve you. The new hours at the Ruch branch are:

Tuesdays: 10 am-4 pm
Wednesdays: 10 am-4 pm (New!)
Thursdays: 12-7 pm
Saturdays: 12-4 pm

On April 13, we held our first session of Kaleidoscope Play & Learn, which was a huge success! Both parents and kids are loving it, and attendance jumped so much in the second week that we’re starting to wonder if we might need a bigger space to host it. It is held from 10:30 am-12 pm every Thursday in our Community Room, and, with the new hours, everyone can go right into the library when the program is finished!

This spring and summer, we have some fun and informative programs for you, your friends, and family.

Starting June 15, we will have a sea salt ice cream Take & Make inspired by Kingdom Hearts. All nonperishable items and popsicle molds are included in your kit! Come and get them while supplies last!

On June 24, 1-3 pm, we will host Dolores Lisman as she talks about what life was like for a young female member of a mining family at the turn of the century in the Upper Applegate of southern Oregon. This presentation is based on the book *The Secret Diary of Emily: A Gold Miner’s Daughter*, by C. Ellen Watts. Ms. Watts is the daughter of Uvena Emily Arnold, the actual gold miner’s daughter in the book. Dolores Lisman will also discuss the presenter’s phone conversations with Ms. Watts about the story behind the writing of her mother’s diary. Ages 18 and up.

On July 15, 1-3 pm, come see a book talk from the author of *The Station Master’s Wife*, Sue DeMarinis. Her new book, *Hidden in Haarlem*, takes the reader through tense and harrowing true-life tales revealed in 95-year-old Johan’s memories. This survivor recounts his family’s participation in deadly games of rebellion against the Third Reich when they joined the Dutch Resistance in courageous acts of sabotage and hiding the persecuted. Things get personal when the Gestapo eventually comes for Johan and his stepbrother. Ages 18 and up.

If you’ve enjoyed the musical performances held at the Ruch Library in the past year, you’ll love our Authentic Didgeridoo Performance with Tyler Spencer on August 2, 1-2 pm. Tyler, based out of Newport, Oregon, has been performing, teaching, and making didgeridoos for 20-plus years, and he is one of the most accomplished and talented didge players in the US. Tyler has performed internationally, and his music has been showcased on movies and television, most notably for the HBO series *Dexter*. Perhaps more importantly, Tyler loves to perform for kids and families. His shows are energetic and participatory, and he invites audience members to dance and play clapsticks to his funky rhythms. His shows also include storytelling and information about didgeridoo history and crafting. Ages 5 and up.

On August 10, 1-2 pm, we have a program on Spiders and Scorpions (and other arachnids) with Bugs R Us. Those things of nightmares are explained in a positive way! We explain the differences between insects and arachnids and why the spiders and scorpions are so important for humans and the environment. Body structures, venoms, and different species are discussed. Includes hands-on time with live arachnids, including a tarantula, whip-scorpion, and non-pettable local wood scorpion, as well as various preserved examples from all over the world. Visitors receive a spider ring and ID sheets for different species of spiders. Ages three and up.

Finally, as many of you know, I have moved on from my Ruch Branch Manager position at JCLS to the Lower Rogue Area Manager position. Thank you so much for welcoming me. I have loved the time I was lucky enough to have with your beautiful community. I look forward to continuing my work there in my new role.

This means that, as of now, Ruch does not have a branch manager. However, we are working hard to find one, and I hope that by the time you read this, we will have someone new for you all to welcome in the same way you welcomed me.

Thank you again for everything.

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Ruch Library is located at 7919 Highway 238, Ruch. 541-899-7438.

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Rogue Valley Food System needs distribution contractors

BY ABIGAIL BLINN

The Rogue Valley Food System Network (RVFSN) is hiring for a few *Rogue Flavor Guide* distribution contractors!

The *Rogue Flavor Guide* is a food and farm directory for Jackson and Josephine counties. Now in its 19th year, this guide continues to bring consumers comprehensive information about fresh, wholesome, and sustainably produced foods.

It also educates and advocates in the realm of traditional agriculture’s place in a robust regional economy. The guide has a wealth of resources at readers’ fingertips—on paper and online—for easy reference anytime, all year.

RVFSN is looking for a few distribution contractors to share these guides in their areas, servicing the Medford area, Grants Pass, Shady Cove, the Illinois Valley, the Applegate Valley, and the Ashland area. This role gives the opportunity to meet the wonderful farm and food businesses that make the Rogue Valley the agricultural hub that it is!

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