

## — Applegate Library —

Games, prizes at  
Summer Reading Kick-off Party!

BY CHRISTINE GRUBB

Join us at the Applegate Library for the Summer Reading Kick-off Party! From 2-3:30 pm Saturday, June 8, we will have games, prizes, and light refreshments while you sign up for summer reading. This year's theme is Read, Renew, Repeat.

**Upcoming events**

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Folded Book Art**, 18+ years. Book folding is the process of folding down the pages of a book to create a sculpture or piece of art. Come learn how. Used books will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! 5-6 pm Thursday, June 13.

**Learn about Bats with John Jackson of Bugs-R-Us**, 3+ years. It's all about these flying mammals and their important role in the ecosystem. The audience will receive instructions on building a bat house, bat ID sheets, and bat coloring pages. 3-4 pm Saturday, June 22.

**Paint with Plants**, 8+ years. Discover the beautiful world of natural colors right outside your door. We'll explore how to make watercolor from garden-grown and foraged plants and how to change those colors. 2:30-3:30 pm Thursday, June 28.

**Ventriloquist Steve Chaney with the Corny Crow Show**, 3+ years. Steve Chaney brings his comical puppets to life with the ancient art of ventriloquism. Steve's show is geared for all ages with songs, a magic trick or two, and lots of audience participation. Steve also makes a sock puppet while explaining what and how ventriloquism is done. 4-5 pm Thursday, July 11.

**Herbal Tea Blending**, 18+ years. Let's talk herbal loose-leaf tea! In this class, learn the art of loose-leaf tea blending and different methods of blending herbal tea. An herbal tea tasting is also included. 2:30-3:30 pm Friday, July 12.

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Animal Presentation with Wildlife Safari**, 6+ years. Join Wildlife Safari for a lesson about the characteristics and habitats of their surprise animal guests! 11 am-noon Friday, July 19.

**How to Speak Flowers**, 5+ years. Oh, the joy of flowers! In this class, learn the different languages of flowers and the importance of connecting with flowers. This class is hands-on—it includes making pollinating seed bombs with local seeds and needle felt flower making. 12:30-1:30 pm Saturday, July 20.

**Coloring for Grown-ups**, 18+ years. We think of coloring as a kids' activity. However, it can be beneficial for adults.

Coloring can help us de-stress. Coloring sheets and colored pencils will be provided. 5-7 pm Thursday, July 25.

**Australian Didgeridoo Performance with Tyler Spencer**, 6+ years. Tyler Spencer's Didgeridoo Experience combines funky didgeridoo rhythms, worldly percussive beats, storytelling, and audience participation. Tyler's Didgeridoo Experience is interactive, educational, and entertaining for all ages! 6-7 pm Thursday, August 8.

**Storytelling with Kevin Menegus and The Fratello Marionettes**, 6+ years. Using traditional music, intricate costumes, and dramatic staging, puppeteer Kevin Menegus brings to life the classic story of Aladdin through handcrafted marionettes. 10:30-11:30 am Friday, August 9.

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Salmon Watch with The Rogue Basin Clean Water Project**, 9+ years. The Salmon Watch Program teaches students about healthy watersheds, clean water, and stewardship by learning about the necessary conditions in local streams and rivers for a healthy, thriving salmon population. Students will learn by participating in hands-on activities. 4:40-5:30 pm Thursday, August 15.

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Learn Hands-only CPR with the American Red Cross**, 13+ years. Many people who survive a cardiac emergency are helped by a bystander. In this program, you can learn how to perform Hands-only CPR so that you can help deliver lifesaving care until professional responders arrive. *This program is not a certification program.* 5-6 pm Thursday, August 22.

**Reminders**

A Digital Services representative will be at the library 10 am-12:30 pm Tuesdays and Fridays on a first come, first served basis, or make an appointment at [digitalservices@jcls.org](mailto:digitalservices@jcls.org) or 541-734-3990.

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](http://jcls.libcal.com/reserve/ap-meeting).

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

Preschool Storytime is 11-11:30 am Fridays.

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## — Ruch Library —

Register for Summer  
Reading and gift book!

BY MEGAN PINDER

Summer Reading is here! All ages are encouraged to participate online or by registering in person at the library. All Ruch readers will receive a gift book and be entered in a drawing for the chance to win fabulous prizes, including gift certificates from local businesses!

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Teen Walking Challenge**, 13+ years. June-August. Renew yourself and read some books with this walking challenge! Using the World Walking app or website and a pedometer—don't worry, we'll give you one if you don't already have one—log your steps and virtually explore USA landmarks and icons!

**Web Design Essentials: Building Your First Website**, 14+ years. 1-2 pm June 8. Join web designer Jamin Giersbach from popprox.com for a comprehensive session on leveraging WordPress and Elementor to streamline the web design process from concept to publication.

**Children's Author Workshop**, 8+ years. 1-2 pm June 29. Join us with local author Valerie Coulman for an engaging time of stories together. As the writer of award-winning picture books for children, Valerie will share some of her own experiences. Then we'll write a story together.

**Bugs and Bugs as Food with John Jackson of Bugs-R-Us**, all ages. 3-4 pm July 2. The original portable zoo! Learn about bug anatomy, bugs in the environment, what bugs eat, insect defenses, and camouflage. Attendees will have the chance to touch and explore live insects and to eat real bugs (freeze-dried crickets and mealworms). Touching and/or eating the bugs is optional!

**Read Renew Repeat: Animal Presentation with Wildlife Safari**, 6+ years. 1-2 pm July 13. Join Wildlife Safari for a lesson about the characteristics and habitats of their surprise animal guests!

**Read, Renew, Repeat: Salmon Watch with the Rogue Basin Clean Water Project**, 9+ years. 1-2 pm July 20. Learn about healthy watersheds, clean water, and stewardship. Discover what conditions are needed in local streams and rivers to support a thriving salmon population.

**Read Renew Repeat: Learn Hands-only CPR with the American Red Cross**, 13+ years. 4-5 pm August 1. Learn how to perform Hands-only CPR so you can help deliver life-saving care until professional responders arrive. *This is not a certification program.*

**Learn About Siskiyou Mountain Wildlife with John Jackson of Bugs-R-Us**, all ages. 1-2 pm August 3. Take a walk on the wild side in our own backyard with Bugs-R-Us. The Siskiyou Mountains have a wide variety of animals not commonly seen anywhere else, and this is your chance to learn more about them!

**Australian Didgeridoo Performance with Tyler Spencer**, 6+ years. 10:30-11:30 am August 7. Tyler Spencer's Didgeridoo Experience combines funky didgeridoo rhythms, storytelling, and audience participation. Tyler is a master didgeridoo player and crafter who has been performing, teaching, and making didgeridoos for more than 20 years.

**Homemade Soda**, 10+ years. 2-3 pm August 21. Learn how to make your own fizzy beverages with simple kitchen ingredients. We will explore the science of carbonation and get hands-on with soda making while tasting homemade pop!

**Community Yoga**, 13+ years. 9-10 am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except June 26). Join us for an all-levels yoga class. One of our two professional instructors, Dr. Rachel Stricker and Cassidy Acacia, will support you on your yoga journey. The Community Room will open at 8:45 am and class will begin at 9 am. *Bring your own mat.*

**Read, Renew, Repeat Saturday Matinee Series**, all ages. 1-3:30 pm 4th Saturdays. Join us for three movies based on books: *The Wizard of Oz* on June 22 (G), the 2006 version of *Charlotte's Web* (G) on July 27, and *Hugo* (PG) on August 24. Popcorn provided!

**Kaleidoscope Play and Learn**, 0-5 years. 10:30 am-12 pm Thursdays. Discover how children learn through play and daily activities: singing, telling stories, creating art, and having fun! Kaleidoscope Play and Learn is open to everyone— young children and their families and caregivers.

**Preschool Storytime**, 3-5 years. 10:30-11 am Tuesdays. Bring your preschoolers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun at the library.

**Computer and Tech Help**, all ages. 10 am-12:30 pm Tuesdays and 2-4:30 pm Thursdays. Meet with a Digital Services Specialist by appointment or drop-in.

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## — Williams Library —

## Join the 2024 Summer Reading Program

BY BRANDACE ROJO

All ages are invited to join the free Josephine Community Library Summer Reading Program from June 15-August 10. To join and earn prizes, register any time beginning June 1 at [josephinelibrary.org/summer-reading-program](http://josephinelibrary.org/summer-reading-program) or at a branch in Grants Pass, Williams, or Wolf Creek. (While the Illinois Valley branch is closed for renovation, community members can visit other branches.) Don't miss out on weekly themed "craftivities" for children on open days.

**Featured Events.** Visit [josephinelibrary.org/calendar](http://josephinelibrary.org/calendar) to learn about weekly special

events at all library branches during the Summer Reading Program for all ages. Library events are offered at no charge and open to the public. A library card is not needed to participate.

- Bugs-R-Us Bats. 1-2 pm June 21.
- Among the Stars with Joe Stodola of the Grants Pass Astronomers Club. 4:30-6 pm July 13.
- Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve with the National Parks Service. 10-11 am August 3.
- Williams Weekly Storytime. 11-11:30 am every Friday. Themed storytime

and craft session in a safe and fun environment

**Virtual communication booth.** Community members can reserve the communication booth for virtual meetings at the Williams branch library at no cost. The space is large enough for one person to conduct a virtual interview, take an important call, or FaceTime with a loved one in a quiet space. It is equipped with a height-adjustable desk, outlets, and the ability to hardwire a device to the library's high-speed internet for seamless connection. Patrons can bring their own device or borrow a library laptop. Funding for the virtual communication booth was provided by A Greater Applegate.

**Get a library card**

Take advantage of thousands of books, e-books, and audiobooks with a library card. Find recommended reading, attend library programs for all ages, use public computers, and check out useful items

like laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots. Josephine County residents who live within the library district boundary get an annual library card at no cost. Community members living in Josephine County who do not live in the library district have several options to get a library card including a \$15 quarterly card, volunteering, and more. Josephine Community Library Foundation is also happy to sponsor the cost of annual household library cards at no cost to the requesting community member. Stop by your preferred branch for more information and to sign up.

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Register your children under the age of five for free online or stop by your nearest library branch in Grants Pass, Williams, or Wolf Creek during open hours and fill out a paper form. In eight to ten weeks, you'll receive the first book. After that, age-

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