



JCLS Volunteer Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

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Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking to help out *in addition* to your usual assignment or know of someone who would like to volunteer, please consider the following positions and contact Carrie for more details at cprechtel@jcls.org or 541-774-6407.

- **Applegate Branch** needs a shelver on Tuesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays.
- **Ashland Branch** needs a helper with Third Saturday Teen Gaming from 12:00 noon – 3:30 p.m. Someone who enjoys teens and electronic and board games would be great!
- **Central Point Branch** needs shelving volunteers on Fridays anytime during open hours of 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Medford Branch** needs help with Outreach to the Homebound. This assignment includes picking up books from the Medford Branch and delivering to a few patrons each week.
- **Medford Outreach Department** needs a volunteer that is willing to empty drawers and cabinets, fill recycling containers, and dump the containers into the big recycling container. This assignment would probably be a total of eight hours.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Laura Chipman, Medford Branch

I would like to acknowledge Laura Chipman, our Medford Branch Wobblers volunteer. She has been staying longer on Wednesdays to help with shelving or pick list. Last week we had 75 sixth graders roaming the entire library for biographical information, many of them staying in the children's department and needing LOTS of help! Laura seemed happy to help them, and did so with the patience and diplomacy of an experienced teacher. After that, a teacher of younger students wanted a book to illustrate the difference between night and day. Laura knew and found the perfect book for her unit. I am always happy to have Laura as a volunteer, but especially on that day!

Patt Colwell, Medford Children's Library

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-JOHN LUBBOCK

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Jackson County Library Services' *Winter Reads* program will run from January 2 through February 13, 2010, at your local branch library. This is a fun program for adults to encourage more reading during the winter months. Just drop in to the library and pick up a Reading Log, take it home, and write down five books as you read them. Listening to an audio tape also counts. After you have read five books and filled out the log, drop it by the library, and get another reading log.

Each week, at each branch, one form is picked from those turned in and the winning reader gets to choose, and keep, a gently-used book. After February 13, everyone who has dropped off reading logs will have their names put into a drawing for the grand prize of a dinner gift certificate.

Featured Library Event:

Celebrating the Poetry of Robert Burns

Scotland's favorite son, Robert Burns, is the feature of *Thursday at the Library* on January 21 from 4-5 p.m. at the Eagle Point Branch Library Community Meeting Room, 239 West Main Street.

To help us in our appreciation of "The Bard," Eagle Point resident and native-born Scot, Maggie Webster, will enlighten and entertain patrons with Mr. Burn's life story, poetry, musical lyrics, and the story of his influence on her life. This delightful presentation will be sure to chase away the mid-winter blues. All that will be missing are the bagpipes and haggis!

Scottish refreshments will be provided by the Eagle Point Friends of the Library. For more information, contact the Eagle Point Branch Library at 826-3313.

Volunteer Statistics:

We have almost 200 volunteers among our 15 branches working over 1500 hours every month! You give much needed support in so many areas including shelving, storytimes, special programs, book mending, outreach, welcome desk, reading programs... the list goes on and on.

Thank you for all your help!