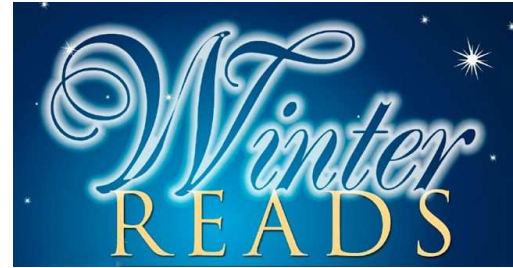


Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider the following positions and contact Carrie for more details at 541-774-6407 or cprechtel@jcls.org if you:

- ~are looking to help out *in addition* to your usual assignment,
- ~are ready for something new, or
- ~know of someone who would like to volunteer.

- **Medford Branch** needs Rovers who can help patrons with book and catalog searches on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 noon – 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 12 noon, and Saturdays from 2 – 4 p.m.
- **Medford Branch** needs Technical Services Assistants to help a couple hours a week to do book mending, book jacketing, spine labeling, and replacing of damaged A/V cases. Attention to detail and precision are needed for this behind-the-scenes assignment in a fun department.
- **Medford Branch** Outreach Department needs an assistant who will help with DVD donations as well as check and re-shelve incoming flannel board packages. Scheduling for days and hours are flexible, 2-3 hours a week.
- **Rogue River Branch** needs several Library Volunteers to help with shelving and other general library tasks.
- **Ruch Branch** needs a Storytime Helper on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This person would help set up, help during storytime, and help clean up after.



Featured Library Services Event: *Winter Reads Program*

Jackson County Library Services' *Winter Reads* program will run from January 10 through February 19, 2011, 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 (or print one from the link on www.jcls.org), take it home, and write down five books as you read them. Listening to an audiobook 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, a drawing is held. The winning reader gets to choose either a gently-used book or book bucks for the Friends of the Library book sales. After February 19, everyone who has returned reading logs will have their names put into a drawing for a grand prize for a dinner certificate.

For additional information, please call your local branch library or 541-774-6996.



www.jcls.org News: *Tax Help at Your Fingertips*

The Internal Revenue Service announced that tax forms will no longer be mailed due to growth in electronic filing and cost-cutting measures, but you can still find tax forms through Jackson County Library Services.

Patrons can obtain select federal tax forms at many local library branches after January 1, or state and federal forms through links provided at www.jcls.org. Please contact the Medford Branch Library at 541-774-8689 or Ashland Branch Library at 541-774-6996 for more information.



Volunteer Spotlight *Cosette Campbell: A Lovely Volunteer with a Lovely Name*

Cosette Campbell is named after the famous character in the French novel, *Les Miserables*, and she is becoming famous around the Ashland Children's Department!

Seventeen-year-old Cosette is one of the rare teenagers who actually loves working with the Dewey Decimal shelves. Now, any volunteer who spends much time in those shelves knows how tricky and confusing they can be, so it's a wonderful thing for us to be able to turn over

cartloads of numbered books, knowing that Cosette will shelve them absolutely correctly—and have fun while doing it.

So...you readers may wonder how it is that a teenager loves the Dewey Decimals so much. Well, here's a bit to know about Cosette: She will read a book of fiction, and then look for the non-fiction materials that have been mentioned in the book. Case in point: Cosette recently read a novel called *Absolutely Normal Chaos* by Sharon Creech in which *The Iliad* was mentioned. Guess what Cosette is reading now...*The Iliad*, found on the shelf at 883 Ho (as in Homer)!

The oldest of four girls, all of whom are home schooled, Cosette's favorite subject is math. That's probably another part of why she likes the numeration of the Dewey Decimal system. And why do **we** like Cosette? In addition to the above reasons, Cosette is easy to work with because she communicates so well, is eager to take on tasks, and works to such a high standard. It's an absolute pleasure to count Cosette as one of the Ashland Library's volunteers.

Perii Hauschild-Owen

Ashland Children's Department

Thank you for your Mitten Tree Donations!

Thanks to all library volunteers and staff who donated to the Medford mitten tree. When we decided to do the tree again this year, we had no idea the response would be so positive! During the month of December this year, we delivered three big boxes, stuffed with hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, underwear, and baby blankets—many of them hand made, all of them warm and cheery with color—to CASA of Jackson County. We also took a large box of hats and mittens to The Maslow Project, and another to ACCESS, both of which serve families in need.

I received a lovely letter from Jennifer Mylenek, Executive Director of CASA of Jackson County, which stated, in part, "We are indeed grateful for your interest in CASA and your support of our efforts to provide advocacy for our community's most disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens—the children who are victims of abuse and neglect. It is only through community support, like yours,



that we are able to continue to reach out to more children on our waiting list."

You deserve this thanks, so we are passing it on to you. You warmed our hearts, too, with your response.

Patt and Leslie

Medford Children's Department



Featured Library Event: *Windows in Time Lecture Series*

Next Windows in Time Series Talk: "The Al Sarena Mine as a Campaign Issue" Jackson County Library Services is proud to announce "The Al Sarena Mine as a Campaign Issue," the next topic in the "Windows in Time" history series offered in partnership with the Southern Oregon Historical Society. Lectures are at noon on Wednesday, January 5, at the Medford Branch Library, 205 South Central Avenue, and Wednesday, January 12, at the Ashland Branch Library, 410 Siskiyou Boulevard.

Jay Mullen returns to discuss Jackson County's Al Sarena Mine as a campaign issue in the 1956 Morse/McKay senatorial campaign. What seemed like a local issue soon gained national attention. The Interior Department was accused of improprieties in issuing questionable patents on valuable timberlands. Several thousand acres of heavily timbered land in the Rogue River National Forest were logged after the Interior Department's interpretation of existing mining laws.

Jay Mullen graduated from Medford High School in 1957 and was a National Defense Foreign Language Fellow in Wolof at Indiana University's African Language Institute, a National Humanities Institute Fellow at the University of Texas, and a Fulbright scholar to Egypt. He is a professor emeritus at Southern Oregon University.

The free lunchtime lecture series will continue monthly on the first and second Wednesdays throughout the year from noon to 1 p.m. For more information on the series, please call Jackson County Library Services at 541-774-8689 or the Southern Oregon Historical Society at 541-899-8123.