

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.

- **Ashland Branch** needs a Family Matinee helper who can set up chairs and DVD player, stay for the movie, and help clean up after on Tuesdays from June 22 to August 10.
- **Ashland Branch** needs several volunteers to help with Summer Reading. They will help sign up children for the program, describe the prizes, and help with simple coloring projects, either one-on-one or in small groups. Volunteers are needed: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Thursdays and Saturdays from 12 noon – 4 p.m.
- **Central Point Branch** needs a Storytime Host(ess) who will assist the presenter for the Wobblers program on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The assistant will set up, stay for storytime, and help clean up after.
- **Medford Branch** needs a Rover who can help patrons with book and catalog searches on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays from 12 noon – 2 p.m.

Library Calculator

How much can the library save you? Check out the link below to the Library Calculator. See what you would pay for library services such as books, movies, magazines, computer use, reference time, etc. It really adds up, proving once again that libraries are great for the budget!

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/about/calculator.htm>

Featured Library Event:

Join us for a presentation by Dr. Mujahid Rizvi on "Pakistan - An insider and outsider's view of the people, culture, and politics" as part of Jackson County Reads, a one-book, one-community program sponsored by Jackson County Library Services and the Jackson County Library Foundation. Presentations will be on:

- Monday, April 19, 12 noon – 1 p.m.
Medford Branch Library
205 South Central Avenue
- Monday, April 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Central Point Branch Library
116 South Third Street

Volunteer Spotlight:

Ellie Gardiner, Ashland Branch's Youngest Volunteer

Don't we all hope to have a volunteer who will do anything? Well...the Ashland Children's Department has such a volunteer in the person of 11-year-old Ellie Gardiner. Let me just list a few of the things she's done for us recently: sorted books, shelved books, rearranged books, packed gift bags for new babies, assisted with materials for *Babies in the Library* and *Wobblers in the Library*, cut out felt figures for storytimes, assisted with our *Brain Building* day, and last but not least, managed crowd control during our *St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans*. See what I mean? To know Ellie is to love Ellie.

So what does Ellie love? She loves Latin. Yes, Latin! The way words are formed, prefixes, suffixes, and all that wonderful stuff. She also loves history and is doing the *Story of the World* home-schooling program. For example, for her Rome studies, Ellie is learning Roman numerals, making a toga. and doing mosaic artwork. Wow!

Of course Ellie loves reading! She has a tough time picking a favorite book, but a few are from the *Warriors* series, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series, and the *Sisters Grimm* series. On the other hand, Ellie warns us against reading *A Dog Called Kitty* which she describes as "boring." Now, *that's* a discerning young reader.

Archery is another of Ellie's passions. Every summer Ellie looks forward to archery lessons at the Ashland YMCA and this will be her third summer. She's getting good at making bull's eyes! And we've hit the bull's eye finding Ellie!

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Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18-24, 2010

We are grateful for our wonderful volunteers! We couldn't provide all of the wonderful services to our patrons without you.

You perform many tasks that help the libraries run smoothly and the creativity and positive attitudes that you demonstrate make our libraries a welcoming community resource.

You make us smile!

