

### 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](mailto:cprechtel@jcls.org) or 541-774-6407.

- **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 Pick List Volunteer to select books requested by patrons on Saturdays from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

### Featured Library Event:

#### 17th Greater Medford Multicultural Fair

Saturday, September 25, 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Hawthorne Park, Medford, Oregon

JCLS is participating in the Greater Medford Multicultural Fair, a one-day event highlighting the multicultural communities in our region through the sharing of dance, music, arts, crafts, food, and customs. The goal of the Fair is to build community by 'bringing us all together' to share our cultures in a way that leads to broader understanding, mutual respect, and further dialogue.

JCLS needs volunteers to help with their booth in the afternoon. If you are interested in helping, please call Carrie at 541-774-6407.

"For years it was predicted that libraries would become superfluous-mausoleums for books-when so much was available on-line. Instead, library visits now far exceed annual attendance at sporting events, concerts, and museums combined. It turns out that the very electronic revolution that was supposed to make libraries obsolete has made them indispensable."

*U.S. News and World Report*

### [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org) News



Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Check out this free program on the JCLS Web site, [www.jcls.org](http://www.jcls.org).

### Featured Library Volunteer: Rita Vance

Rita Vance is an Outreach to Child Care volunteer. Since moving to Jackson County in 2003, Rita has received many volunteer awards. She has a Master of Social Work, a BS in Education, and a BA in Social Services. She also helps to care for her 94-year old mother.

Her journey to find the inspiring and rewarding "perfect" volunteer experience with JCLS Outreach to Child Care began with six years of volunteering for other social agencies. And then she heard the following: One in three young children are not ready to succeed in kindergarten (National Library Association) and one in four students drop out of high school in Jackson County (United Way). How could she help?

The answer was by volunteering with JCLS Outreach to Child Care. With a high-pitched voice and no skills in storytelling, she was worried. Could she do it? These worries evaporated with the children's welcome song, "I'm so glad to see you!" or their chanting "More books! More books!"

Rita recruits many caring, creative, kind, inspiring, and skilled volunteers to help young children through the Family Nurturing Center's Jackson County Circle of Caring: 23 read to groups at 32 child care provider sites through the JCLS Outreach, 20 nurture at-risk preschoolers in free classes at the Family Nurturing Center, 4 volunteers (more needed) help autistic children at Child Development Services. We are so lucky to have Rita supporting JCLS and the Outreach efforts.  
*Carrie Prechtel*