

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 774-6407.

- **Ruch Branch** needs a volunteer for storytelling. Weekly storytime is Tuesday at 11 a.m. with a total time commitment of 1 ½ to 2 hours per storytime.
- **Medford Branch** needs a Saturday stack assistant in the Children's Department, anytime from 12 noon – 4 p.m.
- **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** needs shelving volunteers on Fridays anytime from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Volunteer Spotlight: Marlene Warneke, Ashland Branch

Marlene Warneke has worked as an occupational therapist and has helped milk goats, yet she is also an artist who is always creating something. At the library she creates smiles from all who pass by the Welcome Desk where she sits.

Well, she isn't often sitting. She gets up and greets anyone who has a questioning look, helping them find their way around the library, showing them patiently how to use the self-check machines, answering their questions, or directing them to staff. If there's a quiet moment, she is straightening the new book shelves or the bulletin board, sorting magazines, or asking what she can do to help. And then she decided to see what she could do to help circulation, so she learned about sorting and pulling holds. Anytime she comes in to the library there is a variety of tasks awaiting her.

Her competence is wonderful, and we appreciate it, but it's her smile, her great ideas, and engaging manner that add so much more to our library day.

*From Amy Blossom and Peggy Mitchell,
Ashland Branch Library*

Stay Healthy!

To help keep yourself healthy during the cold and flu season, avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home if you are sick, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and frequently wash your hands. Please use the hand sanitizers that are available throughout the libraries before, during, and after your shift. If you are ill, please call your supervisor to let them know you won't be coming in. This is one thing that we don't want to share!

How are things going?

We want to check in with you to see if there are any questions, comments, or concerns with your volunteer placement. Please call Carrie Prechtel (774-6407) if you would like to discuss how we can make your assignment fulfilling and positive for you and your library. Of course, we would love to hear how great everything is going, too. We really appreciate all your time and effort in making the libraries true community centers.

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Featured Library Event

December brings the Third-Annual Applegate Artisans Exhibit and Sale. Some of the Applegate Valley's finest artisan works will be on display at the Ruch Branch Library, 7919 Highway 238.

Thursday, December 10, 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Friday, December 11, 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 12, 12 noon – 6 p.m.

Plan to do your holiday shopping locally this year, selecting from candles, cards, ceramics, hats, jewelry, mosaics, paintings, photography, and much, much more. Thirty percent of the proceeds from the sales are donated by the artists to support extended hours for the Ruch Branch Library.