

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 helper who enjoys teens and has electronic gaming skills for 3rd Saturday Teen Gaming program.
- **Ashland Branch** needs a helper who will assist in set-up, stay for the movie, and help clean up for 4th Friday Teen Movie Nights.
- **Ashland Branch** needs a Family Matinee helper who can set up chairs and DVD player, stay for the movie, and help clean up on Tuesdays from June 22 to August 10.
- **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 is a short-term assignment.
- **Medford Branch** needs a mature person to clean/disinfect computer accessories. The hours are flexible.
- **Medford Outreach Department** needs a Storybag Helper who can unpack, check, clean, and shelve storybag contents. This volunteer should be self-motivated and experienced. Hours are flexible.
- **Medford Outreach Department** needs a Flannel Board Creator who is handy with a sewing machine and/or glue gun and iron. Hours are flexible.

www.jcls.org News: Jackson County Reads 2010

Everyone in Jackson County is encouraged to read and discuss *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*. Written by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. *Three Cups of Tea* is an unforgettable adventure and an inspiring true story. Jackson County Reads is cosponsored by Jackson County Library Services and the Jackson County Library Foundation.

Volunteer Spotlights:

Rosemary Tennant, Ashland Branch

With tap dancing lessons, yoga classes, and exercising at the YMCA, you'd think Rosemary Tennant might have her calendar filled—but not quite. She also gives eight hours a week to the Ashland Branch Library as a book cleaner in the Children's Department; and she's been doing it for four years!

Rosemary has the business of book cleaning down to a science; and while she's at it, she also identifies books with damage, finds books for patrons, and locates books to add to displays. A book *reader* as well, Rosemary is currently devouring books about Spanish royal families and Irish adventurers. Yes, she is a lover of romantic historical tales and an enthusiastic armchair traveler!

Thank you, Rosemary, for the many hours you have donated to us, for taking your job responsibilities so seriously, and for keeping us on our fashionista toes!

*By Perii Hauschild-Owen
Ashland Children's Library*

Gail Howard and Martha Abshear, Ashland Branch

We have incredible volunteers but I just have to highlight the recent efforts of just two. Gail Howard has taken on the "dirty work" and is transforming our Books on Cassette by with elbow grease and TLC. While we aren't purchasing this format any longer, it's still favored by a lot of our listeners - and it shows! These poor books have shared more meals and cups of coffee with our readers than I dare imagine, and now Gail is cleaning up. She starts with the covers, spines and backs, then goes deep inside to clean hidden spills and spots - even on the cassettes themselves. Her miracles have inspired another volunteer, Martha Abshear, to try her hand at magic, and lo and behold we have two magicians. Gail apologizes that she isn't faster, but we think she's a whiz or a wizard. She and Martha are making a big difference. And the Books on Cassette look good enough to invite for dinner.

We can't thank Gail and Martha enough for tackling this long-neglected task.

*By Amy Kinard
Ashland Branch*