



JCLS Volunteer Newsletter

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National Volunteer Week

We hope you enjoyed National Volunteer Week at JCLS. Your service to the library is so valuable and appreciated. Thank you!

JCLS Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking to help out *in addition* to your usual assignment, please consider the following and contact Carrie (cprechtel@jcls.org, 774-6406) for more details:

- **White City Branch** needs help with their bilingual Babies in the Library program. You do not need to speak Spanish to help. This is every Thursday from 12-2 p.m. from April 23 to June 11.
- **Medford Branch** needs a driver to take books to three Outreach stops in Medford. The schedule is yours to determine and is year-round. This driving position requires a DMV copy of your past 5 years driving record and a defensive driving course (which will usually lower your insurance rates).
- **Medford Branch** needs someone to help with Outreach to Storymobile and getting ready for the Summer Reading programs. This would entail stocking bags with books, flannel boards, and puppets. A crafty person could help make more flannel boards. This position is any morning except Friday for 2 hours a week, year-round.
- **Ashland Branch** needs help with Family Matinees on Tuesdays from June 16 to August 11 from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. and with Children's Summer Programs on Mondays and/or Thursdays at various times for 2 hours each. Please call Carrie for exact times on each day.

Featured JCLS Volunteer

JCLS Outreach Program would like to recognize volunteer Madeline Bell. Madeline Bell has delivered books for the Outreach to Homebound Program for 25 years. When Outreach to Homebound started again after the library reopened, Madeline returned to deliver to her previously assigned patrons. Finally, this spring, she was delivering books to just two ladies that live in a foster home at the top of a long, steep gravel road. We all worried about her and talked to her about putting the two women on the books-by-mail program so Madeline would not have to make that treacherous drive. But Madeline felt taking the time to visit with the women was as important as delivering the books. In the last few months, those deliveries ended when both of the women passed away. Madeline has always taken her commitment to service seriously and she has decided to retire as a volunteer rather than take on new people. We are honored to have had such a volunteer as Madeline and wish her a happy retirement.

by Judy Hale, Outreach Coordinator

Featured Library Event

The folk music that served as a soundtrack for the golden era of train travel is discussed in "Magic Carpet Made of Steel: Songs of America's Railroads" at the Ruch Branch Library, 7919 Highway 238, on Friday, May 1 from 7-8 p.m. JCLS and the Friends of the Ruch Library are pleased to sponsor this Oregon Chautauqua program, made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. For more information, contact the Ruch Branch Library at 899-7438.