

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 and contact Carrie for more details at cprechtel@jcls.org or 774-6406:

- **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.
- **Medford Branch** needs a helper shelving in the Children's Department on Wednesday mornings.
- **Medford Branch** needs an Outreach to Homebound driver. This requires additional paperwork to take on this assignment, but is very rewarding!
- **Medford Branch** needs help in the Teen Department on Tuesdays. A crafty person would be a bonus.
- **Medford Branch** needs a volunteer for the Babies in the Library program Mondays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. through the summer.
- **Jacksonville Branch** needs an arts and crafts person on Wednesdays or Thursdays for a two hour shift.
- **Rogue River Branch** needs a Tuesday shelper and two helpers for the Summer Reading Program.
- **Ashland Branch** needs help with Family Matinees and with Teen and Children's Summer Programs at various times for 2 hours each. Please call Carrie for exact times on each day.

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Recommend a title for Jackson County Reads 2010, the fourth annual community-wide reading and discussion program. What's a good choice? A book that is acknowledged as good literature, but also easy to read, appeals to a wide audience, provokes discussion, written by an author with a body of work, and available in a variety of formats. Deadline for title suggestions is June 5, 2009 and suggestions can be e-mailed to infolib@jcls.org with "JC Reads" in the subject line. Check out our website at jcls.org for more details about this and many other programs.

Volunteer For Your Health

Scientific research has proven that volunteering your time and talents leads to personal wellness. Volunteers have greater longevity, lower rates of depression, and less incidence of heart disease, according to several different University studies. As little as two hours a week can impact your health in a positive way. Isn't it nice to know that when you help your community you are helping yourself, too?

Featured Library Event

JCLS Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 8. Fun activities are scheduled for all ages, including storytimes, movies, crafts, games, and more. To get a list of our special events, go to our calendar at jcls.org.

Volunteering Can Give Library Funds

Companies throughout the valley provide their workers with an Employee Giving Fund to benefit the charity of their choice when they have volunteered a specified number of hours. Regence, Chevron, and Ashland Community Hospital are just three companies that participate in this program. Please ask your employer if they provide this valuable benefit.

Volunteer Spotlight – Sharon Elam

Ashland Branch is lucky, lucky, lucky to have a host of wonderful volunteers, and one of our many "best" volunteers is Sharon Elam. Sharon has become like a right-hand to the staff, shelving music CDs, pulling books for the "pick list" and selecting and delivering books for Ashland's Outreach patrons. She does all this with calm competence and a smile because, as she has said, she simply enjoys life.

When asked what she likes about volunteering, she's quick to reply "the people." Being of service and connecting with people is what gives her satisfaction. For many years she loved being a waitress as she really wants to understand people and things. She calls it her "psychology lab."

She continues learning about people and things through activities like her volunteer work and reading nonfiction books. Ashland staff, and our library community, is very fortunate to have Sharon spending her time and experience with us at the Ashland Branch Library.