

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. This position requires someone who enjoys telling stories to young children, is flexible, and has a good knowledge of children's literature. The person will prepare for storytime a week ahead of time to become familiar with the books, with a total time commitment of 1 ½ to 2 hours per storytime. Ruch Branch weekly storytime is Tuesday at 11 a.m.
- **Ruch Branch** needs another volunteer doing general library help on Saturdays anytime from 12-4 p.m.
- **White City Branch** Babies in the Library in Spanish needs an assistant who speaks Spanish. The program runs now through November 7 on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **White City Branch** Babies in the Library in English needs an assistant now through November 7 on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
- **Central Point Branch** needs a shelver on Fridays.

Featured Library Event

Land of the Empire Builders: Lectures celebrating 150 years of Oregon statehood

The lunchtime series, featuring well-known Southern Oregon writers and historians, brings alive the peoples, values, and events that shaped our common heritage. Lectures—many of them illustrated—are cosponsored by the Southern Oregon Historical Society and Jackson County Library Services in conjunction with the Oregon 150 Project. Attendees are invited to bring their bag lunch. Talks are offered at no cost.

November's topic:

Lecture by Elizabeth Corethers
Southern Oregon at War

Medford Branch Library: First Wednesday of each month, 12 noon-1 p.m.

Ashland Branch Library: Second Wednesday of each month, 12 noon-1 p.m.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Ashland Babies in the Library Volunteers

"It takes a village to raise a child," goes the saying. Ashland Branch Library is lucky to have two wonderful people from that village to help raise our children in the Babies in the Library program. Volunteers Sands Stockwell and Martha McIntyre faithfully come in every Tuesday ready to crawl on the floor with the babies, soothe the babies and moms, and help in any way to make our Babies and Wobblers programs run smoothly.

Sands taught Early Childhood Education at the University of Oregon for many years. She recently moved to Ashland and continues to teach, at both RCC and SOU. She brings practical knowledge and child development information about babies and young children which she shares with the parents. Her ready smile and willingness to jump right in makes her a favorite with babies and moms alike.

Sands and her dog enjoy hiking and rowing when she is not teaching or volunteering.

Martha considers herself a "would be" grandma. If only her grown children would comply! We consider Martha a grandma to the children of Ashland. She loves babies and small children and is happiest helping others. She organizes our books and materials, and keeps us on track. Martha is a great "go-for," always running upstairs to grab one more item we find needed at the last minute.

Martha is a fantastic quilter and loves to travel the world. She shares her lovely home and garden with Lady Jane Grey, her new kitten.

By Margie Cicerrella, Ashland Children's Librarian

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