Community Meeting # 16 Applegate Branch Library 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 11 – 4 – 15
At the Applegate community meeting 14 members from the community participated, District Board Member Carol Doty participated and JCLS staff members Tammy Westergard, Marian Barker, and Jody Fleming also attended to facilitate the meeting. Special thanks to Branch Manager Lisa Martin for her attendance, welcome, advanced preparation and marketing for the meeting.
What follows are the 45 data points as collected through the meeting as well as via post-it notes on a visual display at the library inviting patron feedback from folks who were not able to make the meeting.

Discussion regarding the idea of libraries equaling education:
Questions that create connections with referrals
Cultural presentations – arts/humanities
Building is gathering place
Library as a grange – community center
Library as civic engagement plus schmooz factor!
Library is free/open
Applegate high school is 20 miles away. By the time they get home, library is closed!
Library as resource for homeschoolers!
Quality out of school time – need better resources to support coursework!

Opportunities to provide additional support for people continuing a self-directed learning journey?
Computer lab in meeting room
Online learning- big impact when ISP fail
All kinds of things to borrow

Opportunities to enhance programs keeping in mind trends connected to:
Technology
STEAM skill building
Project based learning

Economy
Instruction regarding driver’s license test
Information literacy
Use libraries to help classroom teachers meet their goals
E-government - citizenship tests, driver’s license, passports
VITA
Schools having to cut arts and cultural enrichments because class time is focused on teaching to test

Social connections
Multi-aged learning convened at library via partnerships
Activities for family groups
Summer reading program
Storytelling via Story Corps
Showing teens the world! Via humanities in the library. Theater, music, stories!, video
Library as healing: storytelling, silence, dance, singing, play
Students need to be at library after school
Libraries come together regarding teaching classes so friends could contact a menu of options

Opportunities to enhance ways people find information and or conduct research?
Support information literacy
Source of civic engagement on local issues that impact everyone – forum=Education=local

Other
Messaging to inform non users!
Library collaboration to use as gathering place – accommodate: dancing, yoga, more!
Transportation
Support visitors and residents alike!
Freshen collection! All formats, music, too
Keep up the great work.
More James Lee Burke on CD when possible...
Talk Story – a program where young and old tell short stories of life’s happenings
Training for eBooks (Overdrive training), MP3, iPod, etc.
More music programs (all ages) folk, traditional, bluegrass
Parent resources
Classes for kids
More programs and ongoing classes
More local art
More hours