National Friends of the Library Week
October 15-21, 2017

Jackson County’s libraries are a valuable resource for our community and our Friends groups are a valuable resource as well. Our dedicated Friends are invaluable partners in sponsoring programming, summer reading events and other activities. In addition to their financial support, our friends raise awareness in our communities about the services, resources and programs that our libraries provide. We are incredibly grateful for the support and dedication of our Friend’s groups provide and look forward to many years of continuing partnership and collaboration.

Please join us in thanking our Friends groups this week!
### October Anniversaries

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Welcome New Volunteers

Bob Hoesch (Ashland)
Daniel Smith (Medford)

Thank You!

Our volunteers shared **1,490** hours of their time in the month of August!
Summer Reading Program Update

Jackson County Library Services’ summer reading program “Build a Better World” was a wonderful success! Since you are a vital part of making this program a success, we wanted to share with you an overview of the impact this program made in our community!

During the 2017 summer reading program:

- **5,015** children and teens participated in Jackson County Library Services’ summer reading program.
- **3296** children and teens reached their reading goals and finished the program.
- **5,596** people attended **229** summer reading activities and events.
- **68%** of children ages 0-12 who participated read at least ten books for a total of **80,822** books.
- **276** teens turned in **1751** reviews of books, audiobooks and library programs.
- **352** adults participated and read **4128** books this summer.
- Our booktalk specialist visited **10** summer food sites and shared information about books and the library with **502** children and adults.

**New This Year...**

In past years our Outreach to Homebound patrons have not been included in adult summer reading but this year our staff designed a program that would work with the delivery schedule. Patrons loved commenting on their favorite books and those comments will be published in subsequent Outreach to Homebound newsletters.

One patron commented: “The Outreach Summer Reading Program opened my eyes to carefully consider the character, plot and everything in between. The program was a great education for me. You’ve taught me and encouraged me to be a more critical reader. I will keep these thoughts in mind as long as new books are written and published.”

Thank you again for all your help to make these programs a success!

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**In the Know: Digital Services**

In keeping with our strategic plan, JCLS has added a new department and two new team members to help staff it. The department is Digital Services, which is tasked with providing on-the-ground support throughout the system for patrons with technology questions and issues, as well as community outreach and helping create the roadmap for the library’s digital future.

Our two new staff members are David Haywood and Bret Fearrien. David has been helping patrons with technology issues in a volunteer capacity at the Ashland library, and is currently working on his MLIS from San Jose State. Bret has most recently worked as a reference librarian at College of the Redwoods in Eureka and has his MLIS from San Jose State as well. He also has a background in teaching. Both are excited to be using their knowledge to expand the library’s role in helping the community in the digital age.

**Welcome Bret and David!**
Name: Nancy Peterson
Position: Outreach Coordinator
How long have you worked with JCLS? 20 plus years (I think it is 22)
Describe yourself in five words: Enthusiastic, Detail-Oriented, Tenacious; Conscientious; Blue (the color!)
Name of a book you have read more than once? Ooo—do I need to leave out the children’s world of stories? If not, then it would be The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Who or what inspires you? I am in admiration of our volunteers who are active and giving back even when faced with the challenges of aging. I remember a friend of years back who had many difficulties after a stroke and her response was to “crochet with my other hand so I can get it to work.”

Best present you ever received as a child? My horse, Lady. Although, no lady was she!

What is the most useful advice you were ever given? “Enjoy today.”

What is an interesting fact about yourself that someone might not know? I love Dell Math & Logic puzzles and adore babies. (Okay, those are two facts!)

What title would you give your autobiography? I am horrible with names—as a child, my dogs were named after their color until that became ill-mannered. So...to choose a title is difficult. How about “Everything is Super”?

One thing you wish people knew about the library? We have a wealth of resources and something for everyone. I am always amazed at how many people do not know that we are a system of fifteen branches and one may borrow from one branch and return that item at another.

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**Fast Facts: The Spooky Halloween Trivia Edition**

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- Jack o’ Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Although orange is the most common, pumpkins also come in white, blue and green.
- Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.
- Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pamona, the goddess of fruit trees.