Branch News: Staff Changes

We are pleased to welcome Christine Grubb as our new Applegate Branch Lead! Christine is no stranger to Jackson County Library Services; she began her career in the Jacksonville Library in 2008. Some of you might recognize her name from when she was one of our wonderful clerks or courier subs visiting your branch. We are happy to have Christine in her new role, and are looking forward to all the many wonderful things she will bring to the branch and the community of Applegate!

We are also happy to welcome Alyssa Drake as Supervisor to the Ashland Circulation team. Alyssa has her BFA from University of Hartford in Connecticut. Her resume is very diverse: from library work to retail to being 2nd Mate on a tall ship in Michigan! She has hit the ground running, and has already proved to be a great addition to our Ashland branch.

Ali Aftreth has been promoted to Medford Circulation Supervisor. Ali worked previously in the circulation department as a library assistant and the Hannon Library as a student assistant. She has a Bachelor of Science in English and Writing from Southern Oregon University. Ali was also an intern for White Cloud Press. We are excited to welcome Ali to her new position in the Medford Library!
## February Anniversaries

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### Welcome New Volunteers!
- Stephanie Peterson (Ashland)
- Elaine Bittle (Central Point)
- Ron Daniel (Phoenix)
- Jonathan Lake (Central Point)
- Kate Cook (Medford)
- Kamar Sanchez (Central Point)

Our wonderful volunteers donated 1,153 hours in the month of December!
**Staff Spotlight**

**Name:** Rebekah DiBianco  
**Position:** Children's Librarian  
**How long have you worked with JCLS?** A little over four years.  
**Describe yourself in five words:** Intelligent, kind, funny, contemplative, and creative.  
**Name of a book you have read more than once?** *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte because of how well Emily Bronte portrays pride, prejudices of the time, obsession, and madness. It is not a love story, but a story of madness. Even though most of the characters are unlikable, I still find myself rooting for them. It is a dark book; but in the end, there is hope for both of the main characters' as future generations.  
**Who or what inspires you?** God.  
**Best present you ever received as a child?** An electric keyboard for Christmas.  
**What is the most useful advice you were ever given?** Treat others as you wish to be treated.  
**What is an interesting fact about yourself that someone might not know?** I was left behind in Vatican City by my tour group.  
**What title would you give your autobiography?** Rebekah: The Rogue Children's Librarian.  
**One thing you wish people knew about the library?** It is free and we have so much more than just books. We have DVDs, digital collections, free programs and prizes, intelligent staff, and the list goes on.

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**News You Can Use: Tax Preparation Assistance**

FREE E-FILING Income Tax preparation and electronic filing for low or moderate income taxpayers of any age is offered by the AARP Foundation at the following locations starting February 1 and ending April 17, 2018. You do not have to be an AARP member for this free service.

**EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH,** 675 N Keene Way Dr, Medford  
WALK-INS, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY, 9 am to 1 pm  
**MEDFORD SENIOR CENTER,** 510 E. Main, Medford  
APPOINTMENTS ONLY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 9 am to 1 pm  
**ROGUE VALLEY MALL,** 1600 N. Riverside Ave, Medford  
WALK-INS, MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 9 am to 4 pm, THURSDAY, Noon to 4 pm, SATURDAY, 9 am to 2 pm  
**ROGUE FAMILY CENTER,** 3131 Avenue C, White City  
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WALK-INS, WEDNESDAY, 1 pm to 5 pm  
**TALENT LIBRARY,** 101 Home St., Talent  
WALK-INS, THURSDAY, 12 noon to 4:00 pm  
**THE GROVE,** 1195 E Main St, Ashland  
WALK-INS, WEDNESDAY, 9 am to 4 pm, FRIDAY, 9 am to 1 pm  
**UPPER ROGUE COMMUNITY CTR,** 22465 Highway 62, Shady Cove  
WALK-INS, FRIDAY, 10 am to 2 pm

**IMPORTANT!**  
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Why do you love your library?

I love my library because I always feel so at home there...have ever since I was a child.
—Pauline Washburn, Rogue River

I love my library because it has a fire place that inspires my son to read so he can sit in front of it.
—Kasandra LeVeque, Eagle Point

I love my library because I can order books, movies or audio books & have them sent to the branch closest to me for my convenience.
—Patricia Cox, Medford Outreach

I love my library because it provides me with audio books that keep me entertained while I vacuum, weed, iron, cook, exercise, dust, repair, mend, walk, pick up trash on my stretch of Dead Indian Memorial and Clover Creek Roads, change beds, wash dishes, etc., etc., etc. All at such a reasonable price. Of course I enjoy reading the books too when I sit still for awhile. I also love that I've been allowed to volunteer at Tech Services (formerly Processing on Hazel Street) for over three decades. It's like Christmas all year round when the new materials come in and the staff are very nice!!! Hooray for libraries!
—Mary Curry, Tech Services

I love my library because it truly is the heart of our village. Everyone there, staff and volunteers, go their utmost to bring wonderful programs to our citizens and bring continuing education opportunities to all.
—Bonnie Yates, Talent

I love my library because when I read a book, it is a new adventure each time!
—Jeanie Martinez, White City

I love my library because I love my library because Libraries foster my love of exploration regarding different countries and cultures.
—Gerlinde Smith, Ashland