In the Know: LearningExpress

One of our core goals at Jackson County Library Services is to advance learning in our community and one of the great tools we have at our disposal is LearningExpress. LearningExpress is an eLearning application that helps students and adult learners improve the skills required for academic and career success along with individual skill development. There are practice sets and tutorials to help students Grade 4 and above develop skills in math, reading, writing, and basic sciences as well as practice tests to help prepare for taking standardized tests such as the GED, and SAT. If you would like to boost your computer knowledge, LearningExpress offers software tutorials for popular programs such as Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint.

The best part of LearningExpress is that it is FREE to every Jackson County Library patron! You can find LearningExpress by going to our website jcls.org, clicking on the “research” tab on the navigation bar and selecting “Career & Education”.

Be sure to tell a friend or loved one about this amazing resource!
Welcome New Volunteers
Paul Carnigan (Ashland)
Robin Neidermeyer (Central Point)
Hannah Neidermeyer (Central Point)
Nicholas Lake (Central Point)
Corrie Crump (Central Point)
Angela Wheeler (Medford)
Tracy Stevens (Medford)
Brandi Randall (Talent)
Heather Volkman (Talent)

March Anniversaries
One Year
Kay Eberly (Medford)
Doug Hoxmeier (Ashland)

Two Years
Ron Snowden (Ashland)
Elaine Sands (Medford and Eagle Point)

Three Years
Cathy Murphy (Ashland)
Selah Stephens (Medford)
Hannah Stephens (Medford)

Four Years
Catherine Heilman (Medford)
Bonnie Hobbs (Medford)

Five Years
Sharon Woodke

Six Years
Judy Stuart (Shady Cove)
Fay Chan (Medford)

Seven Years
Peter Lee (Medford)

Twelve Years
Colleen Curran (Ashland)

Thank you!

FAST FACT
Our fantastic volunteers donated 1,348 hours in the month of January!
Name: Rosie Webb
Position: Courier
How long have you worked with JCLS? 1 1/2 years.
Describe yourself in five words: Diligent, practical, loyal, witty. Also, adorable.
Name a book you have read more than once: My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher. I’ve listened to the audiobook several times; which I highly recommend. Though my recommendation likely comes from my unhealthy obsession with the narrator’s Scottish accent. Once David Tennant reads a story to you, you’ll be ruined for all other storytellers. Request the audiobook today and you too could have this obsession.

Who or what inspires you? Kindness. I love to observe how others display kindness simply for the purpose of being, well, kind. It’s an incredibly appealing quality which I’m motivated to imitate.

Best present you ever received as a child: A rock. Yes, a rock. As a child I would play rock hound in our backyard and my mother’s close friend would deliberately plant rocks, crystals, gems and stones in our yard for me to "discover". Apparently I was sweet but gullible.

What is the most useful advice you were ever given? The more expensive the wine; the gooder it is. The older the wine; the gooder it is.

What is an interesting fact about yourself that someone might not know? I am a M*A*S*H aficionado. My sense of humor and social skills (or lack thereof) are a direct result of a lifetime spent being captivated by the comedic genius of Alan Alda. (On that note, his autobiography is an absolute hoot.)

What title would you give your autobiography? “Adopted; and Other Wishful Thinking”

One thing you wish people knew about the library: It is pronounced 'LIBRARY' not 'Liberry'.

**FAST FACTS**

Daylight Savings Time

Although Germany was the first country to enact Daylight Savings Time (DST) during WWI in an effort to conserve precious energy, the idea actually originated in Great Britain from a man named William Willette. Inspired by a beautiful sunny morning, Willette wrote “The Waste of Daylight” in 1907. His purpose for Daylight Savings had nothing to do with energy saving however—he just wanted people to enjoy the sunlight! After Germany’s adoption in 1916, other countries soon followed with the United States making the move on March 1, 1918 citing conservation of energy. Contrary to popular belief, farmers were not in favor of the shift and actively lobbied against it. Today, Daylight Saving Time (DST) is used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over 1 billion people every year.
Check It Out!

Found in Tiajin, China, the Tiajin Binhai Library is five stories of delight for the book lover in all of us! Containing 1.2 million volumes, this library is over 350,000 square feet of floor-to-ceiling books! Not all sections have books though, some have patterned book wallpaper to inspire a sense of awe and amazement in visitors.

Help Wanted for Medford Gardens

The Medford Library is looking for a volunteer for its gardens. The library has an adult garden area and another off of the children’s department and both are adjoining through a gate. The library is looking for a person who is familiar with gardens in general, enjoys working in gardens and who is related to Henry David Thoreau or John Muir but, if you don’t mind getting your hands a little dirty we’re interested! These outdoor spaces are undergoing a transition and someone who could help perhaps a few times a month is needed. This person henceforth referred to as gardener, would help maintain these outdoor spaces and further help when garden projects arise. If you feel an inkling for such an undertaking, or even a pulse in your veins rather than a throbbing back and are interested then contact the Medford Library business office at 541-774-6408 and ask for Cal Baze.