

Happy holidays at the library!



Happy holidays! The stretch between Thanksgiving and March is always rough for me. It's dark by 4:30 or earlier; I must layer my clothes and leave extra time to make sure my car windshield is clear. What makes it better is the holiday lighting around town. Lights make everything more festive. When my kids were still at home, we would put up our Christmas lights in December and turn them off after March 2, my oldest son's birthday. So, after everyone else had stopped lighting their houses for Christmas, ours was still blazing, making it relatively easy to spot our house in a neighborhood.

partnered with the Libraries of Eastern Oregon to provide a wider variety of attractions – you can still use your library card to visit the High Desert Museum; now, you can also visit Maryhill Museum, OMSI, and others. (jclcd.org/discover-and-go)

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



Jane Ellen Innes

Notary Services. Available by appointment, Tuesday – Thursday, from 10:00-3:00. Make an appointment online or call the library for more information. (jclcd.org/notary-services)

We have our regularly scheduled December programming – Children's storytime, Playtime at the Library, Family Storytime, and after-school STEM on Wednesdays. Please check the website for holiday closures.

Remember, you can always check our website (jclcd.org) or pick up our monthly newsletter to find the dates and times of our school year's programming. If you'd like to receive our newsletter electronically, send your request to info@jclcd.org.

Coming Soon!

In November, we received grant funds to expand online library accessibility. Thanks to the Keane Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation (\$10,000), the Oregon Public Library Innovation Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation (\$4,562), and the Roundhouse Foundation (\$10,000), we will be improving our library's online catalog. For those of you who were used to using the Deschutes Public Library catalog interface (we lost access to the DPL catalog when we transferred to a different eBook network), the new catalog

will look similar to the DPL catalog. I'm guessing it will take 4-6 months to complete the entire project, and I'll keep you posted on our progress as we go.

Beginning after the first of the year, the library is scheduling computer literacy classes on Saturdays. I'll have more information for you in January.

Building Updates

We are still on track to ask District residents for a construction bond in May 2025. The building project will allow the library to expand from

6,000 square feet to 18,000 square feet, add a dedicated teen area, and provide a separate space for historical and genealogy documents and research, a large community meeting room, a board room, and several individual or small group study areas.

We did have a fire at one of our properties across the street from the library. The fire started in the attic, and most damage was limited to that area. We're determining repair time and cost, consulting with a disaster mitigation service, and all of the other tiny details

that pop up whenever you have a project you weren't expecting. We're hoping that the house restoration will be completed by late spring.

Library Closings

The library closes at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, and reopens on Thursday, December 26 at 10:00 a.m..

My wish for each of you is to have the holiday season you wish for and need. It might be visiting with immediate family, expanded family get-togethers, seeing friends

near or far, getting to bed at 3 a.m. on Christmas Day after spending way more time than you thought on assembling something that turned out to be way more complicated than it looked, or spending time reading a great book (hmm – sounds like the perfect day for a librarian-type person.)

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach." - Charles Dickens

What's New in December?

December 14 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Jefferson County Library Association's "A Few of My Favorite Things" used book sale and holiday gift fair at the Jefferson County Event Complex (fairgrounds), Maccie-Conroy, and Keeney buildings. In addition to the book sale, there will be craft vendors, hot beverages, and food carts. Santa will be making an appearance, and we will show Christmas videos throughout the day.

Featured Library Services

Trail Cameras. Thanks to a partnership with the High Desert Museum, we have trail cameras available for 3-week lending periods. It has an SD card and cable lock to capture local wildlife. (jclcd.org/trail-cameras)

Discover and Go. We've

Library hosts book sale and holiday market

Staff Report

The Jefferson County Library District is hosting a book sale and holiday market.

Find great books and unique gifts, hosted by the

Jefferson County Library Association and Madras Downtown vendors.

Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jefferson County Event Complex. (Fairgrounds).

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