

# March brings new programs and movies

*The library continues to expand, build partnerships and grow programming*



**NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY**  
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Welcome to March! The days are getting longer, Daylight Savings Time is just around the corner, and hopefully, we have seen our last cold snap of the year.

March 16 is National Freedom of Information Day, observed every year on the birthday of former President James Madison. The day ensures the public is aware of all the government's information and provided with the necessary information. Madison earned the name the Father of the Constitution and was the fore-

most advocate for openness in government. Historians hail Madison as instrumental in drafting the United States Constitution and the leading advocate and author of the Bill of Rights.

March is also Women's History Month, a great time to discover or rediscover some great reads. Here's a (not comprehensive by any means) list of potential fiction and non-fiction reads.

- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks / Rebecca Skloot
- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl / Anne Frank

- Pride and Prejudice / Jane Austen
- Little Women / Louisa May Alcott
- Revolutions: How women changed the

world on two wheels / Hannah Ross

- Women: Our story / foreword by Rebecca Boggs Roberts
- Illuminating women in the medieval world / Christine Sciacca
- The 100 most influential women of all time / edited by Kathleen Kuiper

**Library Expansion Update**

The JCLD Board of Directors has been moving forward on expansion plans. The Board developed and distributed an RFQ for owner's representative services in January and conducted interviews in February. The Board will make a final decision this month.

**New Partnerships**

Internship Program. One of the Library's goals is to develop stronger partnerships with

other community organizations. Assistant director Laura Jones has been working with Youth Career Connect Central Oregon, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and Easterseals Oregon, Senior Community Service Employment Program to create an internship program that provides basic job training skills. The partnership offers paid internships to 16-24-year-old people and 55+ people of diverse backgrounds. These internships include job preparedness training and leadership opportunities. Interns will have specific library tasks and may shadow various library departments. Jones said, "I think this is a win-win for all of our participating organizations, and I'm excited to provide training and learning opportunities to area residents."

Neighbor Impact. Beginning March 6 (from 1:00 -2:00 pm) and continuing the first Monday of each month, Neighbor Impact is relocating its monthly food distribution location to the empty lot behind the library (the corner of 8th and E Streets). No proof of

ID or proof of income is required. ([www.neighborimpact.org](http://www.neighborimpact.org))

**Program Notes**

If you are a school or organization planning a family literacy night, consider calling the library (541.475.3351) to add us to your program.

Talk Abouts. Our winter talk series in January and February was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came by to listen. Speakers shared information about CASA Advocacy, stories from our I am a Story community storytelling project, tattoos, and writing your obituary. The Talk-Abouts (and other videos) are available on the Library's Facebook page and linked on our [jclld.org](http://jclld.org) website under Quick Links, or with a direct link to <https://my.nicheacademy.com/jclld>

Our Talk-Abouts are an annual winter talk series presented each year in January and February (sometimes in March). Mark your calendars for January 2024, when the yearly program begins again.

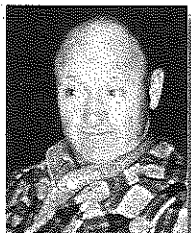
**March Films**

Free films are on the first three Fridays of the Month. March 3 – Mrs. Harris goes to Paris, March 10 – McFarland, March 17 – Waking Ned Divine. The library opens at 6:45 pm for seating, and movies begin at 7:00 pm. Be sure to check the advertisement about the March programs in this issue of the Pioneer.

Thank you for your continuing support of your Library. We are excited to offer more opportunities through community partnerships and programs. I appreciate every one of the community trailblazers who understood the importance of a library in a community and worked hard to create the Library District in 2000. Way before I became your library director, I can distinctly remember driving through Madras, finding the library, and being impressed by the quality of the public library in a small town. On behalf of the entire staff and Board, it is our honor to serve the Madras, Culver, Metolius, and all other communities in the District from Camp Sherman to Ashwood and parts of Crooked River Ranch.

*In Loving Memory*

**Fred Amel Koppenhafer, Sr.**  
January 19, 1926 - February 19, 2023



Fred Amel Koppenhafer, Sr., age 97, passed from this earth on February 19, 2023. He was born in Cortez, Colorado on January 19, 1926. He was one of 11 children born at home to parents, Frederick Koppenhafer and Ida May Carver. His father immigrated to the U.S.

**VA holds Virtual Women**

**Movin' Mountains**