

County library enters its third 'season'

Library's third season brings expansion of information literacy, increased hours, and many new programs

During my career, I've been a medical librarian, an academic librarian, and now, a public librarian. You might think there's not much difference. They all help people find information/answer questions, and provide access to materials. However, doctors' information needs differ from those of professors or college students, who are different from community members.

I've learned that there are three "seasons" in the public library world: (1) June and July, (2) August, and (3) September-May. Summer at the library (June-July) seems like a sprint. We're busy with the Summer Reading Program and attending summer festivities, including the Saturday Market, First Thursdays, summer parades, fairs, rodeos,

and festivals. Most of these activities slow down by the end of July, and then we have August to regroup, take well-earned vacations, catch up on special projects, and plan for the upcoming school year. Here's what's going on as we jump into Season 3.

Expanding our Information Literacy Partnerships

The Jefferson County Library District (JCLD) has been awarded a \$47,025 grant for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for staffing to expand our information literacy educational partnerships. This grant is funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and administered by the State Library of Oregon.

In 2023-2024, Librarian Laura Jones launched a pilot collaborative program with our local schools to offer Springboards to Inquiry. This curriculum encourages librarians and teachers to focus on inquiry-based learning. The program grew popular last year, and we stretched our staffing to accommodate the demand. With the LSTA grant funds, we've hired Lizzy Wienert to help Laura grow the program this year. This LSTA grant allows us to increase the Springboards program from four to seven schools and expand our services to Black Butte School in Camp Sherman.

Laura explains, "The Springboards to Inquiry partnership took off last year as a pilot program with me providing planning and implementation. Bringing Lizzy on to assist with all aspects of this program allows us to reach more schools and bounce ideas off each other. Lizzy is a dynamic teacher, and she's embraced the goals and outcomes of the program."

This initiative provides professional development opportunities for educators and staff to integrate information literacy concepts and technology into the curriculum. The partnership integrates information literacy instruction into the academic journey and enhances

students' research skills and critical thinking abilities. We also hope this Information Literacy Education Partnership sparks familiarity between students and the public library, creating a relationship that students can lean on long after graduating and encourage a lifetime of learning.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



Jane Ellen Innes

Project Staff

☒ Laura Jones, MLS – Jefferson County Library Assistant Library Director, Project Manager
☒ Lizzy Wienert BS, Biology Education, Program Assistant

Opening the Library on Fridays

Although we continue dealing with PGE property tax misreporting, the JCLD Board has made re-opening the library on Fridays one of its highest priorities, and we are shifting our funds to make that happen. In addition to being open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., we are open on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 6.

I continue evaluating our options for service enhancements and cuts to balance our 2024-2025 operating budget. We will need a supplemental budget for this year. I'm waiting for actual property tax revenue numbers in October/November before starting the supplemental budget process. I'll have more of an update for

you in October.

Programs

Children's Programs: Our weekly regular children's programming is back this month – storytime on Tuesday mornings, playtime@the library on Thursday mornings, and family storytime on Saturday mornings – all beginning next week. Lizzy continues our popular After-school STEM program for third-to-fifth graders on Wednesdays starting Sept. 25.

Spanish Services: In addition to our Spanish-language collection, our monthly cultural workshops and Spanish family storytime begin this month. The Spanish language book club, celebrating its fourth anniversary, will be reading "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel this fall and then, in November, compare the book to the movie. We are collaborating with the Latino Community Association to provide Level 1 and 2 computer classes. Adriana, our Spanish services librarian, is available to help access digital resources; to get started, email her at adriana@jclcd.org. Celebrate the richness of books and Hispanic culture together – with books and activities at the library.

What's New at the Library

Library Speakers Consortium: The Speakers Consortium is new to the library. It allows you to view discussions with well-known authors who have participated in past discussions or sign up for events when they occur. We've scheduled several online author talks for September,

including an online viewing party and discussion at the library on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. with author Liane Moriarty ("Big Little Lies," "Apples Never Fall"), whose new book "Here One Moment," was released yesterday.

Freegal: Your library card now gets you access to a free music streaming service, Freegal (free + legal = Freegal). This service allows you to create playlists, stream, and download songs.

Trail Cameras. Available to check out at the library. Check out our Talk-About on trail cameras – <https://www.jclcd.org/talk-about-trail-camera-workshop>. We even have Dion Hryciw, our own trail camera armchair expert.

Pick-up Lockers. Want to pick up a hold but can't get to the library during our open hours? The pick-up lockers in Culver and behind the library building are ready. There's a FAQ on the library website (<https://www.jclcd.org/pick-up-lockers>), or give us a call or come by to learn more.

Need more details? Everything is on our website – jclcd.org – and also briefly explained in our monthly newsletters. You can subscribe to the newsletter by sending a request to info@jclcd.org or picking up our newsletter at various spots around town and at the library.

There is no better quote about fall than F. Scott Fitzgerald's

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

Jane Ellen Innes is the executive director of the Jefferson County Library.

In Loving Memory

Judith Susan Keillor

September 22, 1939 - August 24, 2024



Judy, 84, sadly passed away in Stayton. She was born on September 22, 1939, to Ralph and Irma Metcalf, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Judy spent 30 years in Tygh Valley, 23 years in Madras before finally moving to Lyons in 2015.

She married Cecil "Bill" Keillor in Goldendale, Washington, on August 31, 1959. Together they raised four children while Judy

stayed home as a homemaker. Bill passed away on February 28, 2011.

Judy presided over the Mountain View Hospital St. Charles Auxiliary for four years, the Santiam Hospital Auxiliary, managed a gift shop for 13 years and was a member of the Lyons Garden Club. Her hobbies included her love for gardening, sewing and crafts. She was also a member of the Mehama Community Church.

Judy is survived by her children, Debby Neer, Darryl Keillor, Dan Keillor; and sister, Sharon Clowers. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil Keillor; and son, Dale Keillor.

There will be no services at this time. The family would appreciate in lieu of flowers a donation to your charity of choice in her honor. Serving the family, North Santiam Funeral Service, Stayton.

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