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September Newsletter



A letter from Jody Fleming,
Phoenix Library Branch
Manager

Occasionally we'll feature thoughts and reflections from Jackson County Library staff. Jody loves her work with the Phoenix Library and lives in Ashland.

A little more than three years ago, the citizens of Jackson County voted in favor of their histories, their communities, and their children, when they created a Library District and approved Levy 15-122. In doing so, you saved toddler story times; Lego Days; computer classes; author lectures; Comic Cons; dozens of jobs; and fifteen clean, safe, and beautiful buildings that are open to everyone.

Carl Sagan observed that "[w]e are the only species on the planet, so far as we know, to have invented a communal memory stored neither in our genes nor in our brains. The warehouse of this memory is called the library."

From the history of Gasburg (that's Phoenix now) to the history of the moon; from my daughter using the public library computers to watch Youtube to a grandmother using them to email her grandchildren; from a young reader who won the grand prize of a kite in the children's summer reading program to that same reader winning the grand prize of a Barnes & Noble gift card in the teen summer reading program; we build our histories and communities through our connections to the library.

JCLS unites the citizens of Jackson County as patrons, neighbors, and humans. Our humanity is reflected in our confirmation of the need of our precious libraries.

Thank you!
Jody Fleming

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES TODAY

Oregon Cultural Trust Grant Recipient

We're pleased to share that we have received an \$11,432 grant to help support Baby's First Book! Thank you to the Oregon Cultural Trust for their generous support.



Baby's First Book helps create lifelong readers and library users, almost from birth. Through this program, the Foundation guarantees that nearly all of Jackson County's new families will have at least one children's book in their home.

"We're very excited about this opportunity," says Amy Drake, Executive Director of the Jackson County Library Foundation. "This generous funding will allow us to update our materials and help ensure that we're reaching all of Jackson County's 2,000+ newborns born per year."

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New Brochure

We have a new brochure! Keep an eye out for it at your local library, and pick up a copy to learn more about the Foundation and our work.

Upcoming Events at Your Library

Stay updated on programs, talks, and more, like the Medford Friends' upcoming [Giant Book Clearance Event](#) at the Medford Library.

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