

INSPIRE

Donor Newsletter for the Jackson County Library Foundation

Cheers TO 100 YEARS!

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JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES

Please Join Us for a Wine
and Cheese Reception in
Celebration of our
Centennial.

Ruch Library:

September 28, 2019, 5:00 pm

Medford Library:

October 5, 2019, 6:30 pm

Shady Cove Library:

October 12, 2019, 5:00 pm

Gold Hill Library:

October 19, 2019, 5:30 pm

Ashland Library:

October 24, 2019, 5:30 pm

Spark Space Fall Programming



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LEGO Mindstorm Robotics!

LEGO WeDo Collaboration Race!

K-12 Maker Projects!

Bumper Bots! Bowling Bots!

Play-Doh, Makey-Makey, Ms.
Pac-Man, Oh My!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

JCLF is under *New Leadership*



I moved to Southern Oregon over 32 years ago and to Medford two years ago. Southern Oregon is beautiful, adventurous, and majestic. I have raised three wonderful children here and have been active in my roles to help others and have an influence in society. Jackson County brought possibility for me to enjoy growth as well as use my professional expertise and education in a vastly budding community.

Becoming the Executive Director of Jackson County Library Foundation brings opportunity to utilize my leadership and non-profit experience to cultivate awareness and funding for the Foundation and its endeavor to support Library Services. I am excited to learn more about library services and actively participate in developing civic participation.

My goals for the Foundation over the next two years are to focus on four major areas. I am focused on recruiting to build a solid fundraising board, strengthening our donor pool, increasing unrestricted funds, and continuing to increase public responsiveness and backing. I love constructing strong associations with people and seeing how we can work together to better the community we live in.

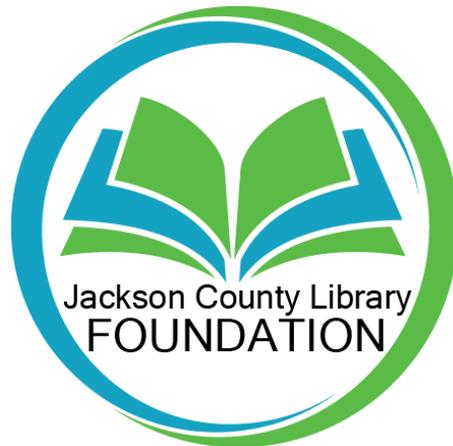
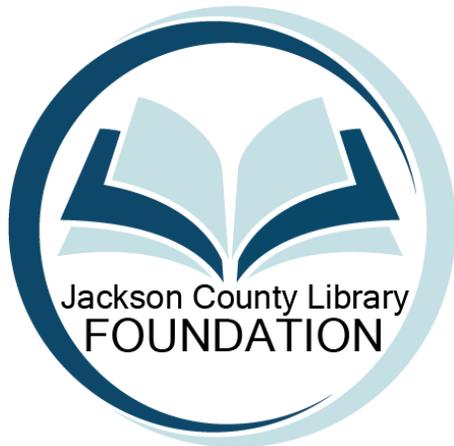
I am truly looking forward to seeing the Jackson County Library Foundation thrive. Thank you for the warm welcome and the chance to build relationships and make a difference.

Sandy New

Sandy New née Boatright
Executive Director, JCLF



We hope you love our new logos!



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GET IN ON THE STEM ACTION!

Central Point

Spark Space LEGO Mindstorm Robotics, 10-14 YRS

Build a robot using LEGO Mindstorms, then program it to complete missions.

Pre-registration required. Dates: 9/26/19, 10/24/19, 11/21/19

Spark Space Maker Project, K-12 Grade

Build a fun maker project with electronics, cardboard, robotics, and more!

Dates: 10/2/19, 10/16/19, 11/6/19, 11/20/19, 12/4/19, 12/18/19



White City

Spark Space LEGO WeDo Collaboration Race, 10+ YRS

Connect LEGO WeDo models and form teams to race each other!

Pre-registration required. Date: 10/2/19

Spark Space Bumper Bots, 6+ YRS

Build bumper bots that drive around in an arena and joust with each other! Date: 10/8/19



Spark Space Play-Doh, Makey-Makey, and Ms. Pac-Man - Oh My!, 5+ YRS

Let's figure out how to play Ms. Pac-Man on the computer using play-doh for a controller! We'll also have some trial-and-error fun with Makey-Makey.

Pre-registration required. Date: 11/06/19

Spark Space Bowling Bots, 6+ YRS

Learn to program Blue-Bots to bowl. Highest score wins! Date: 11/12/19



Go to www.jcls.libcal.com for details and click the event to register!



Baby's First Book is growing up...



In 2018, Baby's First Book reached 2100 of the 2408 babies born in Jackson County! That's almost a 90% success rate! Given the program's potential in the community, the Foundation and the Library have agreed that it's time to hand over management of the program to library staff. JCLF will continue to provide financial support for Baby's First Book.

A transition is a good time to reflect on program feedback and Baby's First Book is changing its format to better serve families. The "packet" could sometimes feel a bit overwhelming, so now new parents will simply be a board book personalized for the program, available in English or Spanish, and a "baby's first library card" application.

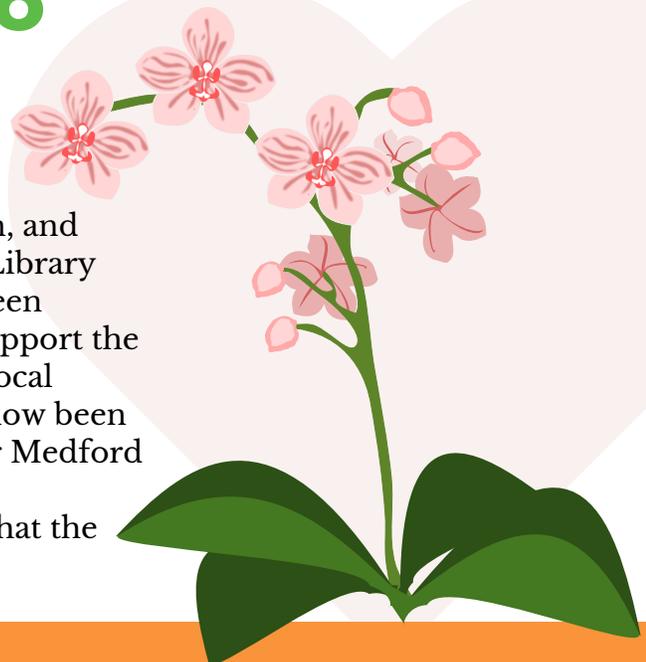


Baby's First Book is modeled on a national literacy program from the American Library Association called "Books for Babies" that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. We are forever indebted to Judy Lozano for bringing Baby's First Book to Jackson County.

We are so grateful to Alice Saunders

Shortly after Alice Saunders, beloved local educator, musician, and horticulturalist, passed away last March, the Jackson County Library Foundation received notice that a portion of her estate had been designated for the Medford library. Alice's last wish was to support the community she loved and the library was only one of many local organizations to benefit from her generosity. The estate has now been finalized and we were able to deposit the full bequest into our Medford Branch Fund.

Planned gifts, like Alice's, create a powerful legacy, ensuring that the values you cherish endure beyond your lifetime. Thank you, Alice, for your support of the Medford Library.





Outreach to Child Care

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn



When children enter the spaces curated by JCLS Outreach to Child Care staff Nancy Peterson and Megan Pinder, they know that they are there to PLAY! What is less obvious, but perhaps even more important, is their caregivers have come to LEARN. **Kaleidoscope Play & Learn** is a program offered by JCLS in partnership with Southern Oregon Early Learning Services that provides a facilitated play group setting in which children engage in open-ended, self-directed creative play which emphasizes activities that caregivers can replicate outside the group. Nancy and Megan model methods that engage the children while communicating the purpose and value of each activity to the accompanying adults. It is an approach to learning that was developed by Child Care Resources in Seattle, WA, and is now in practice across the Pacific Northwest.

A typical Kaleidoscope session begins with time for children and caregivers to enjoy informal play at activity "stations" that may include things like a set of blocks or a sensory table. Caregivers are encouraged to allow the play at these stations to be child-directed. Then there is a group activity offered such as story-time. Next comes a healthy snack. And last, but certainly not least, each child leaves with a new book in hand.

It's a wonderful time for the children, but the impact is truly felt in the support that Kaleidoscope offers to the adults caring for them. As Megan says, "It's not just what we can show them, it's the connections that they make with each other, to support each other, that make this program special."



Tuesdays

MEDFORD

10:00 - 11:30am

The Concord

100 N Grape St

TALENT

2:30 - 4:00pm

Anderson Vista

571 Talent Ave



Southern Oregon
Early Learning Services



JCLS receives Chamber award



The Medford/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce presented the Jackson County Library District with the **"Spirit of Enterprise"** award at their Centennial Celebration on September 13, 2019 in recognition of JCLS' service to the business community.

Present to accept the award were Kari May (Library Director), Susan Kiefer (Library District Board President, JCLF Board Member), Eric Dziura (Library District Board Member), and Elanna Erhardt (JCLS Business Librarian).



From the Library Director

We had a special summer at our branch libraries this year. Along with blasting off into space with a “Universe of Stories,” we celebrated our 100th birthday with cake at every branch. I tried to attend every party, but 15 slices of cake is a lot! I want to thank the Foundation for their generous support of these events, and Executive Director Sandy New for coordinating cake deliveries and helping us sing “Happy Birthday.” The kids all agree: the best birthday gift to give a library? Books!

Our centennial culminates this fall with regional celebrations. I look forward to honoring the Library’s numerous supporters—current and retired staff, Friends, volunteers, board members, donors, and patrons. Together we’ll reflect on JCLS’s long history of community support, and look ahead to a bright future.

Fall is a great time to remember the value of a library card. Sure, you can check out books with it, but you can do so much more. Download an electronic book or audiobook at any time of day (or night) with Library2Go and Hoopla. Learn a foreign language in your pajamas using Mango Languages. Reserve a meeting room for free at any of our 15 branches. Borrow a sewing machine, puzzle, or hotspot from our Library of Things. Your library card unlocks a universe of possibilities to enrich your life.

Thank you for your support of Jackson County Library Services.

Kari May
Kari May
Library Director



JCLS to partner with the Foundation Center

Soon there will be a nonprofit funding expert in our community... and you can find them at the library! JCLF's Board of Directors recently voted to fully fund a proposal brought to us by Library Director Kari May and Business Librarian Elanna Erhardt: JCLS has applied to become a Network Partner of the Foundation Center and join the Funding Information Network (FIN). FIN is a network of libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that can be found across the U.S. and around the world. The network consists of hundreds of organizations that host Foundation Center databases and training support, available at NO COST to their local communities.

JCLF endorses the Foundation Center's stated value that "philanthropy is an engine for positive social change". Access to the resources within FIN will connect local change-makers with funders all over the world and the training programs soon to be offered at the library may make the difference between a vision failed and a vision realized.

The Jackson County Library Foundation is thrilled to support this new addition to Jackson County Libraries Services.



Thank you for your support!



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Mission: The Jackson County Library Foundation secures resources and funding to strengthen innovation and literacy in our community.

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