



Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 9, move
clocks forward one hour.



**UMATILLA COUNTY
SPECIAL LIBRARY
DISTRICT**
Strengthening our community libraries

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Library Happenings

Adams 541.566.3038

Athena 541.566.2470

Echo 541.376.8411

Helix 541.457.6130

Friday Mornings - Pre-School
Monday Afternoons - Afterschool

Hermiston 541.567.2882

Milton-Freewater 541.938.8247

Mar 7 - Oldies Night @ the Library
Apr 7 - Oldies Night @ the Library

Pendleton 541.966.0380

Mar 6 - Great Basin National Park
Mar 26 - Intro to Internet

Pilot Rock 541.443.3285

Mar 21 - Friday Story Time & Craft
Mar 27 - Rocket Readers

Stanfield 541.449.1254

Tuesdays - Pre-school Story Time

Ukiah 541.427.3735

Umatilla 541.922.5704

Weston 541.566.2378

Mar 19 - Book Buddies
Mar 27 - Novel Readers

These and more programs are
available. For specifics contact the
local library.

UCSLD Retreat

I am a firm believer of productive board retreats. It gives directors and staff an opportunity to review and plan steps toward new goals. We accomplished that mission on January 25.

In review we accomplished many items in the past year. A beautiful new logo for establishing a "brand" and for marketing. A newsletter, in which you will find this article. We are putting a personal "face" on within our communities libraries. We purchased new receipt printers for each library, with our name on the bottom of the re-

ceipts. We have attended board meetings, parades, fairs, day cares, many times this past year. It is honor to be in a partnership with each of you. These are a few of the highlights of this past year. The District is moving forward.

One of our hardest decisions was not to go forward with a new levy measure to increase District funding. With the recent failure of two county wide measures, the timing was not good for UCSLD. We do not want to



The UCSLD Board and Staff met in January to chart the future course of the District.

Jean Eckles, UCSLD Board President

take a step backward. This was a difficult decision. For we believe in you and ourselves. Our goal is show each community how important each of you are to their success. Eighty percent of our budget goes directly to each library. Of the remaining twenty percent most of that provides programming, delivery services, early childhood learning, and office management. We receive a Big Bang for our buck.

One of our steps toward the future is showing each community governing body how important a partner we are. We believe a revised city agreement will give us that opportunity. We, in conjunction with each of you, would meet

and explain how vital you are to that community. We would like to form an Ad-Hoc committee, with community members, UCSLD members and directors. It is our desire to create a uniform message to present to each community.

We are just beginning this process and have much to do. With your help and partnership we will move forward. With your help we can build the boat and right the course. We have pride in ourselves and each of you. I personally THANK YOU for the honor of serving you.

Gale Resources

So you say you have a patron who needs magazine articles for a research paper. That big old *Readers Guide to Periodical Literature* looks pretty daunting to your inexperienced friend! Gale has provided you with an online



database that works just like Google (sort of) for just such a user. With a simple query in the all-in-one search box, your hapless inquirer has turned up pages of titles to dip into in the name of good research. But what is being searched here? I'm going to give you quick tree-top

Heather Culley, Pendleton Library Technology Expert

introduction to this database, and whet your appetite for instruction.

Well, to begin with, there are the titles available in Popular Magazines, and they sure are popular magazines. As of this very moment, 11:09 AM, Tuesday, February 11th, there are 1,881 magazines in there to be searched. *4-Wheel Drive and Sport Utility*, yes, and *African American Travel Guide*, sure, and *American Artist*. *Brides*, *Business Week*, and *Booklist*. *People*, *Teen People*, *Sunset!* Any time someone read a little bit of an article in the past 15 years and can't quite remember what was in the accompanying recipe/travel itinerary/painting layout, it can be found in Popular Magazines.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: Athena Public Library

We're celebrating 100 years! Athena Public Library opened its door on November 18, 1914. Seven women gathered together the week before to form a library

Written by
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Athena Public Library
Director

board of volunteers. They voluntarily staffed the library, recorded meetings, and acquired a new book now and then for 10 years before hiring the first paid librarian, Anna Littlejohn, who managed the library until 1962. From 1924-2014, only 6 paid librarians have directed the Athena Public Library. From a small storefront with one bookcase to a modern 3600 sq. ft. building, the citizens of Athena, support, enjoy, and utilize the beautiful library built in 2008. We invite all to join us.

The Athena Public Library



Stained glass windows at the Athena Public Library depict the agrarian history of the Athena area.

contains and maintains a collection of over 11,000 items, not including movies, downloadable books and other electronic databases, as well as numerous records in our local history room.

Genealogists rarely, if ever, leave the local history collection without adding a new thread to their quest. The original *Athena Press* newspapers are available for research, without having to navigate microfilm.

How do libraries handle the e-book technology? Will it make libraries obsolete? No! UCSLD libraries all have access to Library2Go with free downloadable books. We encourage our patrons to read

in any format. Besides, libraries aren't just for books any more. The Athena Public Library has public-access computers and WiFi, photocopy and fax services, an adult/teen book club, summer activities, family programming, comfortable seating, and a fireplace! We work in cooperation with the school district to offer "public library student aide" as an elective credit, and partner with ABC Preschool for their monthly visit to the library. It is an event to which we all look forward. We have video-conferenced with a Smithsonian American Folk Art Representative, star-gazed with amateur astronomers,

held meteorites, hosted OMSI, held a soap box derby and so much more. We encourage our community to keep an eye and an ear open toward future projects. You never know what recreational and educational activities you'll be offered at the Athena Public Library. After all, this is the year of Oregon Reads 2014 and the 100-Year Birthday! Don't blink, you might miss all the fun! After all, Libraries are magical places.

P.S. What makes Athena Public Library different from others...we have a fireplace and a Director who was chosen Athena Chamber's Female Citizen of the Year.

UCSLD Board: Mardel James-Bose

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles introducing the members of UCSLD Board of Directors.

Mardel James-Bose has served on the Umatilla County Special Library Board for nearly two terms. She is currently serving as the Board's Vice-President.

She is a voracious reader who secretly can't get enough of English mysteries. Mardel also serves on the New Directions Education Project Board of Directors.

She thinks she is funnier than she really is but believes reading and libraries have the power to change lives and communities.

Gale Resources

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And it's the same in all the databases! You can search 2,883 newspapers at once in InfoTrac Newsstand. There are articles and NPR audio files and Fodor's Travel Guides in InfoTrac General OneFile, many an encyclopedia in Virtual Reference Library, and all the Spanish Language online reference resources you can consume in Informe!

Some resources are specifically for children of various ages from Kindergarten age to High School, and even up through college-age. There is Kids InfoBits, for introducing small children to research on geography, history, sports, and many more topics. There

are InfoTrac Junior Edition and Junior Reference Collection for middle school students. There are student editions of the various databases just for High School use. The biggest student resources, however, are Academic OneFile, full of peer-reviewed full-text articles (so necessary for well-written student research) and Opposing View Points in Context, full of opinion-based articles intended to offer (as indicated in the title) opposing points of view on current issues and events.

Many resources in this database exist for the use of non-students as well. Health and Wellness, Psychology, Agriculture, Culinary Arts, and Home Improvement are all

covered. Local small business persons will be able to keep up-to-date in their field by using the Gale Reference Suite. Experts and professionals will be able to skim journals and resources important to their disciplines. We are able to provide the library services our patrons need in the digital age.





Left: Heroes and Villains join together at the **Pendleton Public Library**.



Helix Public Library After School Story Time Kids getting ready to parade as they deliver special Valentines to special residents in Helix. They braved mud, rain, and other adversities, but they had a wonderful time.



The **Adams Public Library** has updated their kids area.



Above: **Echo Public Library** celebrated Valentine's Day and Oregon's Birthday with cupcakes and crafts. They read a book about early Oregon and the struggles. They made bookmarks that said "Reading together fills our home and hearts with love."



Above: During their monthly visit, ABC Preschool students listen to stories at the **Athena Public Library**.

UCSLD: 2013 By the Numbers

Number of Library Cards: 31,896
 Number of Holdings: 279,557
 Circulation: 303,818
 Number of Interlibrary Loans:
 Loaned: 16,450
 Borrowed: 14,742

FOWL Meeting

Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of Friends of **Weston Library**, (FOWL) held March 31 at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall, 210 East Main Street in Weston. Kirkpatrick's talk is titled, "Three Winners in Weston: Oregon History, Libraries and Homesteaders." Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this free special event. For more information call 541-566-2378.

Athena: Oregon Reads

The Athena Book Group is hosting a special public event on Monday, March 10, 6:30 pm at the **Athena Public Library** (418 Main St.) OREGON READS 2014. The focus is poet William Stafford in celebration of his 100th birthday and his many accomplishments. During World War II, William Stafford was a conscientious objector, working in alternative public service for the war effort. For more information call 541-566-2470.

Budget Time

It's budget season – the Budget Committee meets on March 20, at 5:15 pm, in the Second Floor Jury Room at the Pendleton City Hall to begin working on the 2014-2015 UCSLD Budget.

The Budget Committee meeting is open to the public, as is the monthly UCSLD Board meeting which follows.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Staff from all City Libraries
are attending UCSLD
In-Service Training on
Friday, April 4
All Libraries will be
CLOSED

Ukiah Recognition

Each year the State Library recognizes outstanding Ready to Read Grant projects that have been particularly effective in achieving the goals of the grant program. The criteria for an outstanding Ready to Read grant project are: adhere to the original intent of the Ready to Read Grant, promote partnerships both in and out of the library, are replicable in other libraries, enhance library services, or focus on one or more of the three best practices.

Best Practice Library -- Ukiah Public Library: received \$1,000 state funds and \$400 other funds. Implemented summer reading projects such as rock hunting, investigating worms, and researching big digging machines. Children demonstrated their ability to read and work together and have fun while to it. Children didn't miss any sessions.

UCSLD's MISSION:

Umatilla County Special Library District's mission is to ensure the continuation and growth of public libraries in Umatilla County; by supporting our libraries' ability to provide services, programs and continuing education opportunities for all. We believe libraries strengthen communities through individual, family, economic and community development.

UCSLD's VISION:

Libraries are integral parts of the infrastructure and critical to the livability and economic development of the region. The District is an essential partner with local governments to ensure the libraries of Umatilla County provide 21st century programs and services to their communities.

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