

Looking ahead to the New Year at your library

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For Go! Magazine 2022 is almost upon us and the excitement of a new year is contagious. The Umatilla County Special Library District has plans ready to go for several projects.

The library district is embarking on a needs assessment to focus on our community, whether they are library users or have yet to discover all that the library can provide. With new data from the 2020 Census and growth in Umatilla County, it is a perfect time to look at our library district with new eyes. Watch for more information as we hone our plans.

Each year, the C.S. Jackson Trust/Oregon Community Foundation grant coordinated by the Umatilla County Historical Society funds the purchase of library materials that promote the history of Umatilla County, Eastern Oregon and Oregon. Soon the libraries will be ordering new items highlighting our beautiful area and state. Visit your library to see what historical items they have. The libraries in the UCSLD also will be trying new activities and programs and having fun with community favorites.

Below is a peek at some of the fun activities coming your way in the new year; all events are at the Library unless otherwise specified.

HELIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Jan. 7, 5 p.m., Book Club.
- Mondays, 3-5 p.m.: Monday Fundays with crafts and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) activities. Watch for a "New Year, New Card" for new library patron cards at the Helix

Public Library.

HERMISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Jan. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.: Adult Paint Night with artist Bryce Southerland. Register soon by phone or in person at the Hermiston Public Library.
- January, TBD, Teen Anime Trivia Night: Get your friends to create a team or play solo for a night of snacks, drinks, anime trivia and prizes. Trivia questions will be about anime like Demon Slayer, Jujutsu Kaisen, Fruits Basket, One Piece, Haikyuu!! and more.

UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Jan. 7, 3 p.m., Kids and Family Movie Day: "Ron's Gone Wrong."
- Jan. 21, 6 p.m.: Adults Wine and Art.
- Jan. 28, 2-4 p.m.: Teens DIY Polymer Jewelry.

MORE INFORMATION

Check each library for storytimes for children, teen programs for kids a bit older and book clubs and paint nights for the 18 and over crowd. Each library takes time to create programs that meet the needs of those in their communities. Check them out.

For information on any of these events and more, call or stop by your local library or find a contact link at www.ucslid.org. We wish our library communities a healthy and happy New Year!

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