

**Library Happenings**

**Adams** 541.566.3038

**Athena** 541.566.2470  
 July 12: Oregon Book Awards Author Tour and Writing Workshop  
 Aug. 14: OMSI

**Echo** 541.376.8411

July 6 - Insect Presentation  
 July 23 - Reptile Guy

**Helix** 541.457.6130

**Hermiston** 541.567.2882  
 July 21 - Storyteller  
 July 27 - Teen Zombie Murder Mystery

**Milton-Freewater** 541.938.8247

July 6 - Oldies Night @ The Library  
 JAug 17-19 – Friends of the Library Muddy Frogwater Festival Book Sale

**Pendleton** 541.966.0380

July 16 - Flashlight Tag  
 Aug 7 - National Night Out

**Pilot Rock** 541.443.3285

July 17 - Chris Leebrick, Storyteller  
 Aug 23 - Rocket Readers Book Club

**Stanfield** 541.449.1254

July 17 - Chris Leebrick, Storyteller  
 July 24 - Ronald McDonald is back

**Ukiah** 541.427.3735

July 2 - Summer Reading Begins  
 Aug 10 - Chris Leebrick, Storyteller

**Umatilla** 541.922.5704

July 5 - Summer Reading Begins  
 Aug 17 - OMSI

**Weston** 541.566.2378

July 6- Dreams and Wishes  
 July 20 - Chris Leebrick, Storyteller

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

**Ken Reading, Director Retiring**

After nearly 25 years as the Librarian/Coordinator for the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD), Ken Reading is retiring.

Ken was hired in late 1987, shortly after UCSLD was founded and has been instrumental in the



*Ken Reading, retiring after nearly 25 years as Director of the Umatilla County Special Library District.*

development of the District. One of his first undertakings was to expand inter-library loan courier service to twice weekly courier

service to each of the city libraries. This was done through piggy-backing on to delivery service provided by the Education Service District. In 1989, automation of the libraries began, with PCs being purchased for each library and continues with all libraries connected with the Sage Library System.

In 2000, he was instrumental in the establishment of LEO – Libraries of Eastern Oregon. LEO are

libraries in eastern Oregon collaborating to bring a wider variety of service availability to libraries patrons, these currently include Library2Go, tutor.com, and the World Book Encyclopedia. Ken was also key in combining the electronic card catalogs of UCSLD, Baker/Union and Malheur Counties into the Sage Library System – the electronic card catalog and standardized loan rules and inter-library loan courier services outside of Umatilla County.

*Take Off!*, a preschool learning outreach program, began in 2002 with grant funding, allowing the UCSLD to provide services to early childhood facilities (Head Start, day care centers, and private day cares.)

Courier service to city libraries in the county was expanded to tri-weekly service in 2007.

The Oregon Library Association recognized Ken as the Librarian of the Year in 1992.

Future plans? Ken and his wife Suzanne, are exploring options for his retirement, with no definite plans. The UCSLD Board is currently working on filling Ken's vacancy.

**See You at the Fair**

The Umatilla County Special Library District, along with city libraries in the county, are sponsoring a booth at this year's Umatilla County Fair. Stop by and learn what services are available through your local library.



**Welcome!**

*This is the inaugural edition of the UCSLD Newsletter. We plan to publish bi-monthly with information of both the District and city libraries happenings. Our initial distribution is limited, so we ask you share the newsletters to other library patrons in your area. If you would like to be on our email list, let us know at dan@ucsl.d.org.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON: Weston Library

On June 2, the Weston Library celebrated 100 years of service to the Weston Community. In 1912, a petition was circulated for a small tax levy to finance a public library in Weston. The levy passed and the Umatilla County librarian helped in the library's organization.

The first library opened in the DB Jarman Department Store and over the next years was housed in two other locations. Eventually, the library purchased and

moved into Dr. Watts' office on Main Street.

In 1933, the original building was enlarged allowing for a children's room. In later years, more remodeling created more space for books, the addition of a restroom and workroom. In 1996, a Meyer Memorial Trust grant allowed the library to increase the size by approximately 40%.

Through the years, the library has developed an extensive local history collec-

tion. Today Weston is part of the computer age. Patrons have access to the Sage Library System — the electronic card catalog — which includes not only the Weston collection, but holdings from throughout Eastern Oregon, in addition to the internet.



**ABOVE:** Weston residents celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Weston Public Library.

**BELOW:** Weston Public Library on Main Street in Weston.

## UCSLD Services

The Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) provides the following services through all the city libraries in the county:

**Sage Library System** - The Sage System is the electronic card catalog used in Umatilla County. The system holds records for more than 1.3 million holdings from libraries in eastern Oregon.

**Inter-Library Loans** - Have you found a book that your library doesn't have at another library in the state? UCSLD provides courier service to pick-up and deliver books from libraries around the state.

**Library2Go** - Electronic books, audios, and videos available for check-out and use on electronic devices.

**World Book Encyclopedia** - The electronic version of the famous encyclopedia is available through each city's website.

Countywide coordination of cooperative services.

Semi-annual district wide library staff in-service training



## Libraries Receive Grants

The *Umatilla Public Library* recently added 80 books to its collection. The books were received through a Libri Foundation Grant. The grant provided children's non-fiction and fiction books. The goal of the Libri foundation is to partner with rural libraries, their Friend's groups and/or other local organizations to contribute matching funds for the purchase of children's books.



**Stanfield Public Library**

The *Stanfield Public Library* recently received a \$5,400 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation to purchase new computers. The Wildhorse Foundation is the community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a result of its gaming operation.



**Umatilla Public Library**

## New Administrative Assistant

The Library District hired Dan Feil as the new Administrative Assistant. He began work on April 2. Although Dan is new to the position, he has been associated with UCSLD for over 20 years. He volunteered for 10 years cleaning up the first generation electronic card catalog. More recently, he has evaluated several of the libraries Annual Library Service Plans.

Dan has spent the past 25 years working as a railroad clerk, bookkeeper, and office manager.

Ironically, he has returned to the office he worked in before Amtrak discontinued services through Umatilla County.



*Dan Feil newly hired Administrative Assistant*

## Library Use in Umatilla County LEO — Libraries of East Oregon

### NUMBER OF LIBRARY CARDS

27,539

### CIRCULATION

May - 24,293

Jan-May 127,829

### INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

May - 1,389

Jan-May 6,912

How good is your library card? In addition to the services provided by your local library and UCSLD, you can visit and use your library card at eastern Oregon public libraries participating in The Sage Library System (the electronic card catalog). They include public libraries in Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wal-lowa, Wasco and Wheeler counties. In addition, your card is also accepted at Blue Mountain, Columbia Gorge, and Treasure Valley Community Colleges.

## UCSLD — Participating City Libraries

### ADAMS

Jennifer Davison, Director  
190 N Main St.  
Phone: 541-566-3038  
[www.adams.plinkit.org](http://www.adams.plinkit.org)

### ATHENA

Carrie Bremer, Director  
418 E Main St.  
Phone: 541-566-2470  
<http://integraonline.com/~athenalibrary/>

### ECHO

Diane Berry, Director  
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<http://www.echo-oregon.com/library.html>

### HELIX

Darlene Herbert, Director  
Columbia St.  
Phone: 541-457-6130  
[www.helix.plinkit.org](http://www.helix.plinkit.org)

### HERMISTON

Marie Baldo, Director  
235 E Gladys Ave.  
Phone: 541-567-2822  
[www.hermistonlibrary.us](http://www.hermistonlibrary.us)

### MILTON-FREEWATER

Bob Jones, Director  
8 SW 8th St.  
Phone: 541-938-8247  
<http://www.mfcity.com/library>

### PENDLETON

Kat Davis, Director  
502 SW Dorion Ave.  
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### PILOT ROCK

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### UMATILLA

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### WESTON

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