

## La Pine Library Happenings

As the winter snow begins to melt, the residents of La Pine are coming out of hibernation! Plus, the snowbirds are traveling back to town, migrating north for the warmer months of the year.

The La Pine Public Library remains busy as usual. When the school day ends, teens and elementary students dominate the scene! April, our Teen Librarian, is introducing **Teen Territory**. Free weekly events include snacks, magazines, assorted activities, and music. It's a chance for teens ages 12–17 to hang out in a safe environment with their friends, as well as gain exposure to library materials and programs. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays from 3–5 pm!

The **Friends of the La Pine Library** are back in action. Monthly meetings are every second Wednesday at 1 pm. The Friends always welcome new members, and have a variety of activities throughout the year, all of which benefit the La Pine Public Library. Stop by at a meeting and find out how you can help our library succeed!

*Sandy Irwin, La Pine Public Library Manager*

## Volunteers Benefit District

Once again, volunteers at the Deschutes Public Library show their dedication with more service hours which has made a dramatic impact on patron services. Whether it's shelving, gardening, or mending books, volunteers make an important difference. For example, during fiscal year 2004, library volunteers clocked 12,508 hours. At an hourly wage of \$9.25 those hours mean \$115,699 saved. The 159 volunteers that serve Deschutes Public Library averaged 78 hours each.

Statistics are a necessary part of showing success, but what really counts when it comes to library volunteers are the services they provide library patrons. In the Reference department, volunteers lead classes and tutorials for patrons learning new skills. Honor Society students in Redmond are earning their required community service hours shelving pictures books. Volunteers in Outreach Services continue to keep the homebound connected to the library by selecting and delivering books. The new *Linx* project keeps volunteers busy pulling and shelving requested items for students in Bend and Sisters. Volunteers clip and collate newspaper articles about the library. Art committees around the district keep the walls of the branches adorned with photographs and art created by locals. They organize craft projects for our young readers.

Volunteers make the library run more smoothly, helping staff to better meet the needs of the community. The library is grateful for every hour and every deed donated by our volunteers.

## REDMOND

The Redmond branch held its second annual **4th Grade Book Contest** and garnered 158 entries this year. The program merges public and private talents:

**Redmond Writer's** provide workshops in the library and classroom to help the children craft their story.

The **High Desert Society for the Arts** help kids match their artwork to the action of the story.

The **Redmond School District** hands out flyers to all of the children in early September. Some teachers incorporate the project into their lessons plans.

The **Redmond Rotary** provides the funds to help print copies of the winner and the runner's up entries. They also provide funds for a reception, book signing, and an exhibition of all the entries.

A great community effort!

## Volunteers Rock!

**159 volunteers** served the Deschutes Public Library over 36,000 hours from 2003 to 2005.

**12,508** (2005)

**12,130** (2004)

**11,461** (2003)