

La Pine Public Library Where the Teens Are

Where were all the teens Friday night? At the library! More than 60 people attended the first-ever La Pine Teen Open Mic Night December 21st at the La Pine Public Library. After regular hours, we reopened the library to let local teens show off their talent to friends and family. Local bands **Insert Matter** and **Dread the Day** gave amazing performances. Other talented teens sang songs or did stand-up comedy. Everyone agreed it was something that needs repeating—we can't wait for the next Teen Open Mic Night!



Looking Ahead

2007 has been a year of growth and challenges in La Pine. This summer, we began using our state-of-the-art **Laptop Lab** to teach computer classes. It's allowed us to expand the number of students we have in each class, along with offering more variety in class types and times. We have also utilized the lab to expand computer usage after school for teens. Look for **Teen Homework Labs** offered every Monday beginning in January.

Thanks to the efforts of our Teen Librarian and support from all La Pine staff, our Teen Program is becoming more successful each day. With success comes challenges, ours being the behavior of the teens at the Library and around town. We are spearheading an effort in La Pine to help solve the serious issues of unsupervised teens after school. It will take a village—or a city!—to create and sustain an environment throughout La Pine that is safe and welcoming for everyone.

2008 promises to be another fantastic year at the La Pine Public Library. We appreciate all of the support from the community, and wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2008!