



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) is having an Open House on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Refreshments will be provided. In addition to showcasing the library's collection to the public, the open house will include the celebration of 106 years of library services in the Lower Umpqua area, and the kickoff event for Library Bingo, a reading and DVD program open to all ages

Participants in Library Bingo will earn raffle tickets throughout the year by borrowing items from the library such as books, movies, and magazines, which will be used towards quarterly and annual prize drawings. Library Bingo is a similar concept as the Summer Reading Program, except that it is year-round, includes movies as well as books, and is open to adults in addition to kids. The generalized bingo card will cover the breadth of the library's collection in adult, young adult (teen), and juvenile age categories and there will also be specialized bingo cards focused on specific subjects, such as cards for subgenres of romance and speculative fiction.

The Lower Umpqua area's very first library opened in 1920, although the present building was constructed comparatively recently in 1982. A 100th anniversary celebration had been planned in 2020 but was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Lower Umpqua Library District (serving Reedsport, Gardiner, Scottsburg, Ash Valley, Winchester Bay, and the surrounding rural hinterland) is the current iteration of a tradition of libraries dating back 106 years.

For those interested in local history, the library has several decades of the area's former newspaper the *Port Umpqua Courier*, starting in 1917. These are bound volumes, each combining 1-2 years of original newspapers into a book-like format. They are available for use inside the library but cannot be borrowed due to their fragile condition and limited availability.

As a reminder, preschool storytime continues to be held every Wednesday at 11 am.

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