



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) is having a bingo library borrowing program for 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. For example, if you are interested in reading books in a specific genre such as romance, you could earn raffle tickets by reading up to 25 different types and specializations of that genre, such as 25 kinds of romance novels (romances set in different time periods and regions, with different types of plots, paranormal romances vs. historical romances, etc.). Effort has been made to meet a wide range of interests so that there are bingo cards available that appeal to as many different people as possible.

LULD is participating in the countywide *One County, One Book* contest in which middle schoolers can read a specific book, create a project about it and submit their entries to the library. Participants will compete with other kids from throughout Douglas County. Submissions are due by January 23rd. This year's book is *Dealing with Dragons* by Patricia Wrede, which is a fantasy novel involving a princess and a dragon. LULD has two copies of this book available for checkout.

Six neighborhood library modules (weatherproofed bookcases) are available throughout LULD's service area. A new module was recently installed outside the Oregon Coast School of Art in Gardiner. It joins the neighborhood library modules at Highland Pool in uptown Reedsport, at the fire stations in Winchester Bay and Wells Creek, at Smith River store on Lower Smith River Road, and in Ash Valley near the junction of Elk Ridge Forest Road and Loon Lake Road. Books and DVDs may be borrowed from neighborhood library modules on an honor system basis and are kept stocked by LULD staff and by volunteers.

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

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