

La Pine

Working Toward a Better Community

After a difficult year of managing teens in the La Pine community, the La Pine Public Library pulled together a wide range of community resources to improve the situation. And it worked! Teaming up with the City of La Pine, the La Pine Chamber of Commerce, the Bend-La Pine School District, the Deschutes County Sheriff, La Pine Parks and Recreation, Cascade Youth & Family, local businesses, and concerned adults, the library pulled the community together and positive change occurred.

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The most successful efforts were Community Policing and the Teen Lounge. Community Policing provided assistance and strategies to local businesses to help improve their problems and issues after school. The Teen Lounge became a local teen center after school on Wednesdays. LPRD provided the space and equipment, and the committee found volunteers to manage the activities. This is an unfunded program, supplemented by \$1000 in lottery funds provided by Deschutes County. The goal is to find funding to continue this program in Fall 2008 and the Library is again leading the way.

The La Pine Public Library will continue working with community agencies to provide positive activities for youth of all ages, and will continue to be the welcoming community gathering place for all ages.

Sandy Irwin, La Public Library

Summer in Sunriver

Summer is always a fun time and an exciting one for the kids with our great summer reading programs. But this year adults can get in the fun too! Our fourth annual adult summer reading program theme is "Pollinate Your Mind." With three hours of reading adults earn a free book and a package of SeedBallz (www.gardenbasket.com/1_seedballz.html) to help pollinate minds and gardens! Come celebrate the Sunriver Area Public Library's tenth year and join the adult summer reading program.

Redmond Library displays "Dignity"

The Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places (RCAPP) is raising funds to purchase "Dignity" a 54 inch bronze sculpture by Rodd Ambrosion to add to Redmond's public art collection. While the Commission looks for a permanent home for "Dignity" the public is invited to come and view the sculpture at the Redmond Public Library!

