

SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING HUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Spring is a season of growth, and that's exactly what we're focused on at the South-Central Early Learning Hub! This month, we are highlighting the importance of early literacy and the role that everyday interactions play in building strong language skills. Whether it's sharing a favorite book, singing a song, or engaging in conversation, every moment counts in preparing children for future success. Be sure to check out our upcoming events, workshops, and resources designed to support families and caregivers in fostering early learning at home.

Happy reading,

Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub



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DOUGLAS, KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES

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WELCOME SPRING

April, the month of possibilities, where dreams blossom like spring flowers.



Little Free Libraries-Update

We are excited to share about the new Little Free Libraries that have launched, thanks to grant funding, and the incredible work and dedication of the South-Central Early Learning Hub's Family Governance Advisory Committee. Their thoughtful efforts in writing and submitting a successful grant made it possible to implement the Little Free Libraries across our region. We now have five locations in Douglas County, three in Klamath County (with one more to be placed soon!), and two in Lake County (with one more to be placed soon).

Thanks to their commitment and vision, families now have greater access to books and resources in areas that largely did not have access in the past. These books support early literacy and a love of reading in our communities, bringing books that celebrate diversity to our region. These unique libraries offer a curated collection of multi-cultural and multi-lingual children's books, carefully selected to be age-appropriate and reflective of a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. Designed to promote inclusivity, these libraries aim to foster a love of reading and learning while helping children from all walks of life see themselves represented in the stories they read.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LOCATIONS

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18377 HIGHWAY 42, CAMAS VALLEY, OR. 97416

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352 S CALAPOOIA ST. SUTHERLIN, OR. 97479

THE FISH FOOD PANTRY OF ROSEBURG

405 JERRYS DR, ROSEBURG, OR 97470

DAYS CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL

11381 TILLER TRAIL HWY. DAYS CREEK,
OR. 97429

PIONEER PARK

305 S CANYON ST. CANYONVILLE, OR.
97417

KLAMATH COUNTY LOCATIONS

MARTIN'S FOOD CENTER

137 WEST FRONT ST. MERRILL, OR. 97633

FAST MART

4846 S 6TH ST. KLAMATH FALLS, OR. 97603

TAQUERIA JALISCIENSE

2009 BROADWAY ST. MALIN, OR. 97632

LAKE COUNTY LOCATIONS

PAISLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

260 GREEN ST. PAISLEY, OR. 97636

LAKE COUNTY FOOD SHARE

247 NORTH N ST., LAKEVIEW, OR. 97630

Little Free Libraries-Update

With books in various languages and from different cultural perspectives, these new libraries are a step toward creating more inclusive, connected communities where all children can feel seen and valued. Multi-cultural and multi-lingual books for children offer an exciting opportunity to expose young minds to the rich diversity of the world around them.

These books celebrate different cultures, traditions, and languages, fostering empathy and understanding while encouraging a love for learning about other ways of life. Whether it's a story written in both English and Spanish, or a tale that brings characters from diverse backgrounds together, these books help children develop a broader perspective. These books are paired with fun and colorful bookmarks featuring information about the Family Governance Advisory Committee and ways to get involved.



Community UPLiFT is taking referrals!

Connecting expecting families and families with children birth to five, and up to the age of 21 with special needs, to resources in the community.

Community UPLiFT has a new text number!

Text the keyword “uplift1” for Douglas, “uplift2” for Klamath, and “uplift3” for Lake to **(541) 351-3100** to receive a link to the referral form!

Other ways to make a referral to Community UPLiFT:

- Families can self-refer or be referred through community partners.
- Online at community-uplift.com
- QR Code
- Fax initial referral form or brochure
- Mail initial referral form or brochure



South-Central Early Learning Hub Spotlight

Apply for Preschool Promise Today!

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open in Douglas, Klamath, and Lake counties!



**Preschool
Promise**

Oregon Department of
Early Learning and Care

About the Program:

The South-Central Early Learning Hub accepts applications for Preschool Promise year-round. Eligible students must turn 3 or 4 by September 1st of the school year the applicant is applying for, are residents of Oregon, and have a family income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level. We encourage families who think they might be over income to apply. Preschool Promise is accepting applications for the 24-25 and 25-26 school year now.



Requirements:

- Family must reside in Oregon
- Family income must be at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) –*some exceptions may apply
- Children must be 3 or 4-years-old by Sept. 1 of the school year the applicant is applying for

For More Information:

- Visit www.southcentralhubenrollment.com
- View site videos at SCELH.com
- Scan the QR code
- For questions or application assistance, contact the SCELH by phone at (541) 957-4809



South-Central Early Learning Hub Region Events



Crescent Branch Library

Open House

Saturday, April 19th
from 10am - 2pm

- Book Sale
- Coffee, Cookies & Punch
- Story Time at Noon

136854 Hwy 97

541-433-2186



Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Get to know
your new library!



Take Root Parent Support Group

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A safe space to connect with other parents, guardians, and caregivers

WHEN: 5:30 - 7:30PM

Wednesdays April 16th,
May 14th & June 18th

Dinner from 5:30 - 6pm

Parent Support Group

6:00 - 7:30 pm

WHERE:



Douglas ESD
1871 NE
Stephens,
Roseburg, OR



REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/MRD8FXZ3](https://tinyurl.com/mrd8fxz3)

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**\$20 WALMART
GIFTCARD**



CHILDCARE



WARM FAMILY MEAL



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KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES



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SAVE THE DATE!

FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER


As valued Community Partners, we're excited to invite you to participate in this year's Lake County Community Baby Shower!

 Christmas Valley Event Date: Saturday, April 26th

 Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Set up starts at 10 AM | Clean up by 3 PM)

 Location: Christmas Valley Community Center (new location to accommodate more activities and space needs)

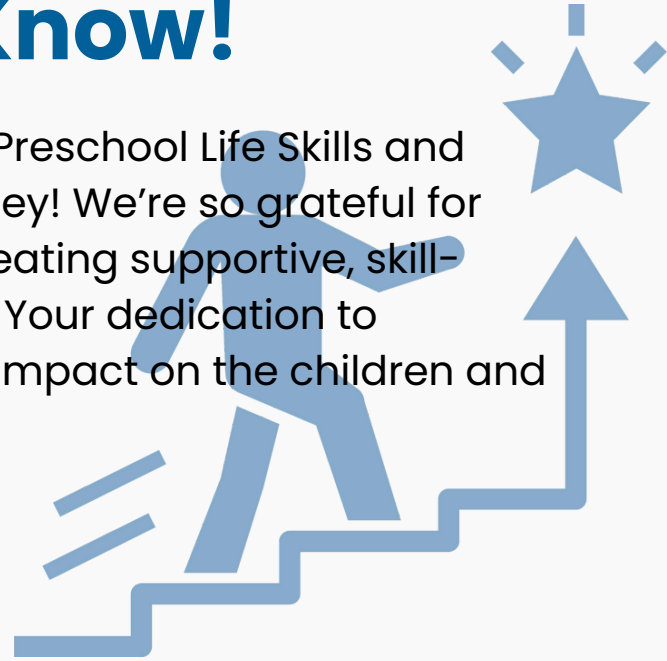
If your organization is unable to attend in person, no worries! Just like last year, you're welcome to have a presence by sending materials—we'll gladly set up a table for you. Please let us know if you'd like to drop off or mail your items in advance. This year's event will include new activities through a library district grant, so we're expecting a fun and engaging day for families. We hope you'll be part of it!

 Questions or need to coordinate material drop-off? Reach out anytime!
Contact director@lakecountylibrary.org



Stay in the Know!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Preschool Life Skills and De-escalation Trainings with Dr. Dawn Bailey! We're so grateful for your engagement and commitment to creating supportive, skill-building environments for young learners. Your dedication to professional growth makes a meaningful impact on the children and families you serve.



Participant Feedback:

"It was an AMAZING training! Spencer was funny and kept everyone engaged. I learned a lot of amazing new strategies and I feel that this is one of the best training sessions that I have ever attended." - Stephanie Sullivan

To stay informed about upcoming trainings, resources, and opportunities, be sure to join our newsletter distribution list. It's the best way to stay connected and continue growing with our professional community!

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