



Lower Umpqua Library District (LULD) continues to expand its collections. The library recently obtained several decades of the historical local newspaper, the *Port Umpqua Courier* in bound book format. These volumes provide invaluable information about life in the Lower Umpqua Valley during the 20th century (dating back as early as 1917) and may be of interest to people seeking to research local history or genealogy. These bound newspapers are available as reference materials within the library. LULD's purchase of these historical newspapers was made possible by a grant from the Douglas County Library Foundation. Many books and DVDs continue to be added to LULD's collection with funds from the same grant, including but not limited to a substantive increase in the young adult graphic novels section.

LULD created a new Speculative Fiction section, which comprises books in the science fiction, fantasy, paranormal, paranormal romance, dystopian, horror, and similar genres. This consolidates titles that had previously been spread throughout the library into a common area to facilitate finding such materials. Books in the Speculative Fiction section each have their own genre label to make it even easier to find the exact type of story desired.

LULD received grant funds from the Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society, which were used to purchase science books for the library, plus an annual subscription to *Rock & Gem* magazine. The science books are meant to appeal to a wide array of audiences, including people with beginner, intermediate, advanced, and expert prior knowledge of the topics and from the juvenile, young adult, and adult age levels.

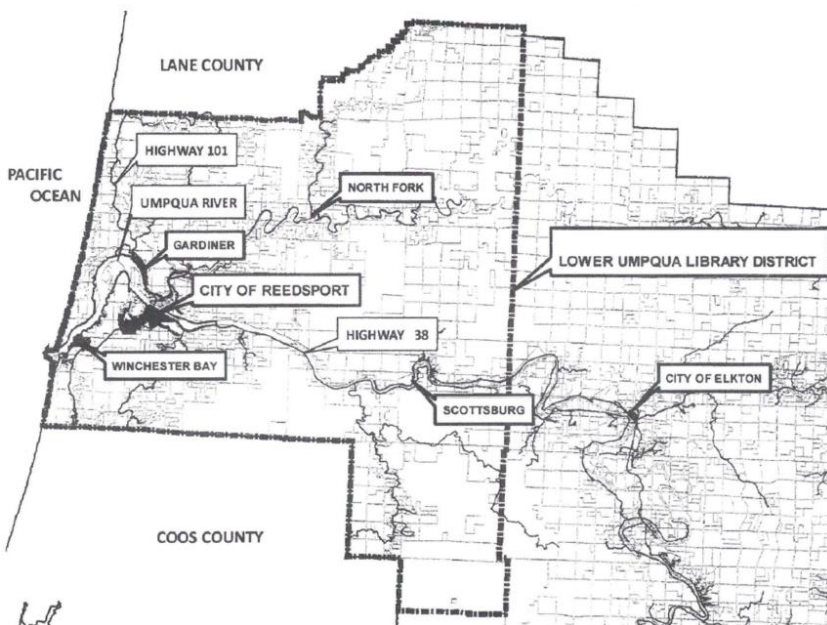
These expanded and new collections should not distract from the fact that LULD also has substantive juvenile, young adult, and adult books across a wide array of topics, over 160 magazine and newspaper subscriptions, thousands of audiovisual materials such as DVDs and CDs, electronics such as Wi-Fi hotspots and computer accessories, and equipment for outdoor activities such as trekking poles and bicycle locks.

Overdrive/Library2Go provides access to tens of thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks.

LULD holds pre-school storytime every Wednesday at 11:00 am and a Knit & Crochet group, which meets every Thursday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The Friends of the Library hold book sales at LULD, the next of which will be on Friday, February 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The library district's boundaries can be seen on the map. Anyone who lives within LULD may obtain a

library card for free and borrow up to 25 items at a time per person. Nonresidents are welcome to visit



the library to use materials within the building and participate in events but may not borrow from the collection unless they pay an annual \$30 fee.

Please call, visit, or email the library for more information.

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