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The Library usage has nearly returned to normal following the December disaster in Vernonia. December was a very weird month with only 1527 items circulated. The computers were used by many who were making FEMA claims and contacting family and friends as they were unable to use Internet or phones in their previously occupied homes. Meeting of FEMA representatives and of local committees were held in the main part of the library both during and after regular library hours. The month of December found the meeting room used by day care providers for those parents whose regular day care providers were flooded and for those parents who were working on their homes. As soon as there was no longer a need for this temporary day care after December, head Start began using and continues to use the room.

One movie night was offered during December as well as space for Pacific Corp and the Vernonia Boosters to host a Santa Claus with distribution of toys to youngsters.

Beginning March 1st, movies will be offered on Saturdays through the months of March and April—both matinees for children at 3p.m. and family movies at 7 p.m. Hopefully these offerings will provide some needed entertainment for families of the community.

March 18th will be a Chautauqua presentation entitled, The Witch's Garden—the hidden meaning of fairytales. Refreshments will be provided following this program which begins at 7 p.m. These Chautauqua programs are sponsored by the Oregon Council for the Humanities and are free to the public.

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