

Celebrating to save our libraries

A three-day weekend with a nine-hour, 16-band concert is planned to help fund libraries

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The Annie Mac band is one of 16 bands that will be playing in the nine-hour benefit for the Jackson County Library System.

Annie MAC

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The unthinkable happened April 7 when the Jackson County Library System officially closed due to a lack of funding. There have been a number of responses to this situation and there will be a fundraising weekend hosted by the Jackson County Library Foundation and the Save Our Libraries System campaign.

The event, April 20-22, will feature a benefit rug auction, Children's Library Celebration, and a nine-hour fund-raising concert at the Historic Ashland Armory, 208 Oak St., Ashland.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Jackson County Library Foundation and the Save Our Libraries System campaign in support of ballot measure 15-75, which would provide three years of funding for the Jackson County Library System.

In a press release, Josh Gordon, partnership coordinator for the Save Our Libraries System Campaign, said, "If you support your libraries, you should come out and have a great time at this important event. Nobody wants our libraries to go away, and it's important to show our unity with as many people as possible, who believe our libraries are an important cornerstone of the community."

The benefit rug auction will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. More than 500 Oriental rugs will be previewed from 5 to 7 p.m. and auctioned from 7 to 9 p.m., with a minimum of 10 percent of all proceeds going to the campaign. Free wine and chocolate tasting will highlight the event, as well as free drawings for gift certificates from more than 50 local businesses. For more information about the benefit rug auction, call 301-0815.

On Sunday, April 22, children will be treated to the free Children's Library Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature arts and crafts, a book swap, face painting, and storyteller Dorothy Ormes, who will read from 1 to 2 p.m.

The weekend's finale, the fundraising concert, will feature at least 16 local bands and performers from 2 to 11 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Highlighting the event will be: Craig Wright and The HorseFeathers, State of Jefferson, the Frankie Hernandez Band, AnnieMac and the Rogue Suspects. Also on the program will be: Vincent Love Wright, Cantrell Marriott, Ashland Jazz Trio, The Mighty Lonesomes, Jeremy and DD, Little Thom, One Horse Shy, Holly Freeman, African Drums, Bree Horton and Aaron Reed. The night will conclude with an all-star jam with a stage full of performers.

Donations of \$10 or more are requested.

For more information about the events call 488-1765.

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