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Save Our Libraries concert coming

Some of Ashland's most well-known local bands will perform at a nine-hour, 16-band, festival-style concert to raise money for the campaign to re-open the Jackson County Library System.

State of Jefferson, the Frankie Hernandez Band and the Rogue Suspects are just some of the headliners for a concert that will happen at the Historic Ashland Armory the weekend of April 20-22.

"You will never see a line-up this big here in the Rogue Valley," said Josh Gordon of the Save Our Libraries System Campaign. "If you support our 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."

Donations of "\$10 or more are requested" for admission, according to Gordon.

The event kicks off on Friday and Saturday, from 5 to 9 p.m. on both days, with a benefit rug auction, at which more than 500 genuine Oriental rugs will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. At least 10 percent of the proceeds of the auction will go to the library campaign. Rugs may be viewed from 5 to 7 p.m. each night and the auction will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees will be able to enjoy free wine and chocolate tasting during the event and more than 50 local businesses have donated gift certificates for free raffles.

The music starts on Sunday at 2 p.m. and concludes at 11 p.m. with an "All-Star jam with a stage full of performers," Gordon said.

Other performers include Craig Wright and the Horsefeathers, Annie Mac, the Ashland Jazz Trio, One Horse Shy, Little Thom and African Drums, among many others.

All admission proceeds will go to the Jackson County Library Foundation and the Save Our Libraries System to support ballot measure 15-75, a county-wide property tax increase that would provide funding to re-open the 15 area libraries that were closed on Friday when federal and county politicians failed to find a source of funding for the library system.