

Love in the Roseburg Library Stacks
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I swoon for a good love story, and Roseburg Public Library has some great new romances.

Ali Hazelwood's latest, "Problematic Summer Romance," is a super spicy, age-gap trope novel featuring 23-year-old Maya and 38-year-old Conor. They became friends three years ago when Conor helped Maya through a difficult breakup. Over the years they texted and talked but didn't connect again in person.

A few months ago, Conor broke off their friendship for reasons Maya doesn't understand, but now they are thrown together for the wedding of Maya's brother, who happens to be Conor's best friend.

Maya has been head over heels for Conor for years, and the reader gets the sense Conor reciprocates her feelings. So what's keeping them apart? Maya and Conor spend the wedding week sorting out their differences in the hopes of creating a happily ever after.

Fans of "Sleepless in Seattle" may enjoy the semi-steamy "First-Time Caller" by B.K. Borison. Aiden hosts a romance radio talk show, but he's jaded when it comes to love. Then he gets a call from a girl looking to help her mom, Lucie, find love.

When the interview goes viral, Aiden's boss sees an opportunity to save the radio station, and Lucie joins Aiden in the studio to interview potential love interests. Of course it's clear Aiden and Lucie belong together, but how long will it take for them to figure that out?

I was charmed by the characters, especially Lucie's daughter, Maya, and Maya's dads, Grayson and Matteo, who have created a wonderful family. I also enjoyed Aiden and Lucie's radio banter, written as transcriptions from their show.

Finally, I was inspired by the construction of Roseburg's new pickleball courts to read the funny and saucy "All's Fair in Love and Pickleball" by Kate Spencer.

Bex inherited a tennis club from her parents, and she's struggling to keep the old facility running. She just might have the answer to her problems when Niko Karras shows up. Niko is a professional tennis player rehabbing an injury. He also is self-absorbed and not inclined to help Bex – until a rival tennis player appears.

Bex and Niko stumble into fake dating, then a real pickleball partnership, then a potential forever romance. I laughed out loud watching their relationship develop.

Harry Potter Day Saturday

A reminder that Harry Potter Day is 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

There will be activities and trivia throughout the day. Wildlife Safari will present a critter program at 11 a.m.

Youth aged 18 and under are eligible to win the Harry Potter-themed quilt designed and created by Ashley Oberg. The drawing is at noon, and the winner must be present.

Harry Potter Day is free and open to the public. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required to participate.

Summer Reading Quiz for Adults

Adults are invited to complete a 10-question literary quiz for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Level Up Frozen Yogurt at 1143 NE Stephens St. in Roseburg.

To participate, visit the library's website, and click on "Summer Reading Program." Click on the link titled "July Bonus Survey" to complete the quiz. Alternately, stop into the library for a paper copy. Submissions are due by 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

Next Week's Library Events

Monday, July 28-Saturday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - StoryWalk® at Sunshine Park

Tuesday, July 29, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go kids craft kits while supplies last

Tuesday, July 29, 1 p.m. – Children's program: silent reading or listen to Aurora read

Wednesday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. at Stewart Park Pavilion – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, July 31, 1-2:30 p.m. – Teen program: wizard crafts

Thursday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group

Friday, Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. at Stewart Park Pavilion – Children's program: messy paints