

Short Chapters from Roseburg Library
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Roseburg Public Library now provides access to "The News-Review's" digital newspaper.

Community members are invited to use the library's designated computer station to read the e-Edition. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required. Users can view the most current issue or access the archives. Content is searchable by keyword and date.

The library charges 25 cents per page for black and white photocopies and 50 cents per page for color copies. We accept cash or check only.

"The News-Review" provides the library with copies of their Friday print edition through the Newspapers in Education program.

Digital Newspaper Survey

The library is considering whether to offer access to digital newspapers from around the country through an annual license with NewsBank.

Folks are invited to share their thoughts about this option by completing a survey, located on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org, before Oct. 20. The survey also is available at the library.

Survey results will be shared with the Library Commission, which will make a recommendation about how to proceed.

Early results indicate community members are interested in NewsBank, but they are split on whether to shift funding from books to pay for the service.

Halloween Week Storytimes

Kids and families are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to Storytime at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 or Thursday, Oct. 30.

Storytime with Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp includes books, songs, movement rhymes and a craft, and it's perfect for ages 2-5 and their caregivers. All children and families are welcome.

Collection Update

The library's big shift to make more room for youth materials is nearly complete.

The library's junior books, young adult nonfiction and graphic novels, and youth audiovisual items make up 25% of the library's total collection. Over the past two years, they accounted for 29% of total checkouts.

We love those numbers and want to ensure our younger readers have opportunities to engage with the newest books and old favorites.

That meant making more room, so we downsized our adult fiction section. There still are 12,000 general fiction titles on the shelves – and that does not include mysteries, science fiction, fantasies and westerns, which add up to another 8,500 items.

Those 12,000 fiction titles are 15% of the total collection. Over the past two years, adult fiction accounted for 15% of all checkouts. That balance made me confident we could withdraw books that were in poor condition or had not circulated well over the past five years, condense the shelves and make space for our youth.

That said, we regularly purchase new fiction for adults, and we rely on the library's two digital platforms, CloudLibrary and Libby, for even more options.

Don't hesitate to stop by the front desk for help locating materials. We're here to help!

Next week's events

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits for kids

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10:15 a.m. – Lap-Sit Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Oct. 23, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. – Movie screening for adults with developmental disabilities

Thursday, Oct. 23, 4-5 p.m. – Seasonal kids crafts