

Roseburg Library Adds Digital Newspapers

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Roseburg Public Library now offers access to thousands of digital newspapers through NewsBank.

Active library cardholders have 24/7 access at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org. Click on "Digital newspapers now available," and log in with the 14-digital card number.

The service also is available at any of the library's public computer stations during open hours. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required with this option.

NewsBank includes 55 Oregon titles. Four of them – "The Oregonian," the (Eugene) "Register-Guard," the (Klamath Falls) "Herald and News" and the "Bend Bulletin" – are available as image editions, which allow patrons to read the entire newspaper as if they were holding the physical copy in their hands.

Archives of newspapers vary according to the publication and format. For example, the image edition of "The Oregonian" is available from 2017; however, the image version of "USA Today" goes back to 2006.

Users can set up email alerts and create a folder to save documents and custom searches.

The library added NewsBank on the recommendation of the Library Commission after they reviewed the results of a patron survey.

Thirty-eight folks responded to the survey with 76% of them interested in the library providing digital newspaper access. That percentage dropped to 50 when they were asked whether they wanted digital newspaper access if it meant the library purchased fewer books.

I will compile monthly usage statistics, and we will evaluate the service annually.

If the numbers are anything like those for digital magazines, it will be a no-brainer to continue the service.

Since the library added digital magazines on the Libby platform July 1, 2024, patrons have checked out 7,100 issues, a monthly average of 444. Over the past four months, the average was 529.

Library Closed Veterans Day

The library will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

Patrons may return material in the book return located in the library parking lot.

Digital books, audiobooks and magazines are available around the clock on the Libby and CloudLibrary platforms. And don't forget about the new digital newspaper platform at NewsBank.

The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Next week's events

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Nov. 13, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m. – Program for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities: Wildlife Safari

Thursday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m. – Elementary Book Club: Warriors series by Erin Hunter