

Roseburg Public Library Surveys Community
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Roseburg Public Library is updating our strategic plan, and we are asking community members to help us plan for our future.

Please take five to 10 minutes to complete a survey, the results of which will give us focus and direction for providing services to the community. No matter how often you use the library, your feedback is valuable.

The survey is available in English at <https://bit.ly/RoseburgLibrarySurvey> and in Spanish at <https://bit.ly/RoseburgBibliotecaEncuesta>. It is linked on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/roseburglibrary.

Responses are due by Sunday, Dec. 7.

The library's first strategic plan was created in 2020 by RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) AmeriCorps member Kai Fischer and a committee of staff and community members. That document and annual reviews are available on the library's website under the tab "2021-2025 Strategic Plan."

For the update, we contracted with Stephanie Chase of Constructive Disruption, and she is leading a group of staff and community members in a process that will include focus groups, interviews and personal requests to complete the survey.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, the Library Commission will go through the focus group process. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in person at the library or watch on the City of Roseburg's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofroseburg.

Over the next couple of months, committee members will gather data, and we will convene for a daylong work session in early February. Information from that meeting will be shared at the Library Commission's Tuesday, Feb. 19 meeting, and we expect to present the next five-year strategic plan to the Library Commission on Tuesday, March 19.

The first strategic plan helped focus our efforts over the past five years, and I consider it successful even though we didn't accomplish everything in it.

The next five-year plan will benefit from the perspective we have gained after being open for seven years. I have learned so much, and that is informing my contributions to the committee.

One of my primary considerations is capacity – in the number of hours we are open, in staffing, in programming – really, in all the components required to provide public library services.

Your survey responses will help us prioritize those services. This is your library, so please take a few minutes to tell us how it can work best for you.

Next week's events

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits for youth and adults while supplies last

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:15 a.m. – Lap-Sit Storytime with Aurora

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer hours

Thursday, Nov. 20, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m. – Kids STEAM activity

Thursday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group