

Youth Programs at Roseburg Public Library

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It's a new year, and that means an updated youth program schedule at Roseburg Public Library.

For a full list of events, visit the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org, and click on "Events Calendar." Patrons also may stop by the library, call 541-492-7050 or email library@roseburgor.gov for information.

Programs are free and open to the public. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required to attend.

The library's Chess Club was so well received in the fall, we're continuing the program from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on first Saturdays: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has four chess sets to share, and attendees are welcome to bring their own boards. Registration is not required. Simply show up ready to meet new people and have fun.

Storytime is back, and I will present the same weekly selection of stories at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday beginning Jan. 7 and Jan. 8. At Storytime we listen to stories, songs, movement rhymes and create a simple craft. This is perfect for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers.

Lap-Sit Storytime, perfect for children from 6 months to 24 months, will be offered at 10:15 a.m. on third Tuesdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17 and April 21. The program features 20 minutes of interactive rhymes and songs for babies and caregivers, props to play with and books. There will be a playtime at the end for babies and caregivers to connect. The structure is flexible, and participants are welcome to attend for as long or short as babies are willing.

Young adults in sixth through 12th grades are invited to the library's teen programming from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on first Wednesdays: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4 and April 1.

Participants will gather in the Teen Room, and I will provide gaming equipment and supplies for crafting.

Teen volunteer hours for ages 13-18 are scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. on third Wednesdays: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18 and April 15. Library staff will supervise activities such as packaging craft kits, light housekeeping and alphabetizing books. This is a great time to earn volunteer hours needed for school or to gain experience for a first job application.

Teens under age 18 must have a Permission Slip and Liability Waiver signed by a parent or guardian before beginning service. Teens who are 18 years old and in their senior year of high school should complete a Volunteer Policy Application. Both documents are available on the library's website or at the library's front desk.

From 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, Thursday, March 5 and Thursday, April 2, all of the library's Legos, Duplos and building objects will be available for all ages to enjoy on a drop-in basis.

We are continuing our relatively new book club for elementary-aged readers at 4 p.m. on the second Thursdays through April. On Jan. 8, participants will discuss the Wingfeather Saga series by Andrew Peterson. The Dog Man series by Dav Pilkey is up Feb. 12, followed by the Wings of Fire series by Tui T. Sutherland on March 12 and the I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis on April 9.

Each month, kids should read at least one book in the selected series and be ready to talk about it with others. I will read passages from the series, guide the discussion and lead a simple themed activity.

Elementary-aged youth are invited to drop in for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on third Thursdays: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19 and April 16. Hands-on activities will include slime making and a program featuring German textile artist Anni Albers.

Youth from pre-K through fifth grade are welcome to drop in for seasonal crafts from 4 to 5 p.m. on fourth Thursdays: Jan. 22, Feb. 26 and March 26. All supplies will be provided.

Finally, grab-and-go craft kits for youth will be available on a first-come, first-served basis every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. beginning Jan. 13.

Join us for fun and learning at the library!

Next Week's Programs

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 12 p.m. – Umpqua Haiku

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 3-4:30 p.m. – Teen program: virtual reality headsets and melting Perler beads

Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Jan. 8, 4-5 p.m. – Elementary Book Club: Wingfeather Saga series by Andrew Peterson