

Short Chapters from Roseburg Library
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Over the past couple of months, Roseburg Public Library patrons may have noticed longer wait times to check out the newest bestsellers in print format.

We are experiencing the effects of a major change in book distribution. Baker & Taylor, the largest distributor of print books to U.S. public libraries, recently ceased operations.

Baker & Taylor's competitors, including Ingram Book Company, which has a location just south of Roseburg, have realized a huge influx of customers. These companies are adding staff and adjusting their workflows, and we expect our order fulfillment will speed up; however, there is a learning curve, and that means our orders currently are slower to arrive.

This change doesn't affect digital books, so I encourage readers to visit the library's two e-book platforms, CloudLibrary and Libby.

I also suggest submitting purchase requests through the library's online catalog at roseburg.biblionix.com. This will ensure your spot in the queue as soon as I know the book is being shipped. Log in with your library card number and password (by default, the 10-digit phone number used to create the account). Select the "Reserves/Requests" tab, click on "Let us know" and complete the form. Holds are placed in the order they are received.

"Dungeon Crawler Carl" Phenomenon

"Dungeon Crawler Carl" fever hit the library staff at the end of 2025, and many of my coworkers are raving about the literary role-playing game (LitRPG) series by Matt Dinniman.

Gabby summed it up great: Boxer shorts and your ex-girlfriend's Crocs probably isn't the best outfit for the end of the world, but that's how Carl finds himself. The world doesn't just end, though. Aliens force many surviving humans to compete in an RPG-style game show that's broadcast across the galaxy. Carl and Princess Donut (his award-winning show cat) have to adapt quickly because there is death around every corner. For fans of scathing humor, fantasy/science fiction and RPGs.

There are seven books in the series with No. 8 set to publish in May.

Digital Newspaper Update

Since the library added digital newspapers to our collection through NewsBank nearly three months ago, there have been 200 logins, 950 searches and 2,200 documents viewed.

Not surprisingly, “The Oregonian” and Eugene’s “Register-Guard” are the most popular publications. But many early users are reading newspapers from across the country. In my case, it’s hyperlocal access to the latest from Northeast Iowa.

To access NewsBank, visit the library’s website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org and click on “Digital newspapers now available.” Log in with your 14-digit Roseburg Public Library card. A password is not required.

Next Week’s Programs

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10:15 a.m. – Lap-Sit Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer hours

Thursday, Jan. 22, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m. – Movie screening for adults with developmental disabilities

Thursday, Jan. 22, 4-5 p.m. – Seasonal kids crafts