

Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens Aurora Ropp for The News-Review

At Roseburg Public Library, I do not do public programs in May to give myself time to finish planning the Summer Reading Program.

Our Summer Reading Program is 12.5 weeks long this year, and that equates to 44 programs, hundreds of reading prizes, 364 craft kits every week, numerous outreach events, extra summer helpers and presenters.

All that fun needs scheduling, coordinating and purchasing, which is both the most exciting and stressful portion of my work at the library.

You can keep up to date on the Summer Reading Program on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org. The Events Calendar includes program details, and the Summer Reading Program page has reading logs, book review slips, the prize list and the StoryWalk® schedule.

Information also will be available at outreach events, including Roseburg School District's Lunchbox Express at various locations on Mondays throughout the summer.

The foundation of the Summer Reading Program is reading. At Roseburg Public Library, children and teens will have a total of three logs to track their time reading, as they did last summer. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required to participate.

When participants read or are read to for seven hours, they can turn in their log for a book, trinkets and the next log. Reading 14 hours and completing the second log will earn participants another book and trinkets. Completing the final log – reading a total of 21 hours – will enter participants into the grand prize drawing, and they will receive a third book and more trinket prizes.

We have four grand prizes to give away this year – one-year memberships to Wildlife Safari!

In addition to reading logs, we will continue the popular book review raffle for larger prizes. Children and youth can write or draw about a book they read or were read to for a chance to win the prizes displayed in the lobby case. We have some awesome prizes such as Lego sets, a fort building set, play lawn mower and more. Thank you to Karen Wittwer and other community members for donating many of our prizes.

We will have four regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer. At 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the library, we will have an activity or craft for pre-K through fifth graders from June 13 through Aug. 22 (except July 4).

We will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion for storytime at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday from June 7 through Aug. 23 (except July 5).

Back at the library from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, we will have an activity for youth in sixth to 12th grade June 15 through Aug. 24.

Then at 10:30 a.m. every Friday, we will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion with another activity for pre-K through fifth graders from June 16 through Aug. 25.

We are partnering with Roseburg Parks and Rec to provide pre-show entertainment for Movies in the Park at the Stewart Park Half Shell on Friday, June 23. At 7:30 p.m., ventriloquist Steve Chaney will return with his comedy show, and youth will be able to choose a free book and receive a craft kit.

We are planning our third annual Harry Potter Day at the library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29. There will be wand making, care of magical creatures, and Harry Potter trivia and prizes. Participants will be encouraged to dress up!

There also will be a raffle for attendees 18 and under for a Harry Potter quilt; the winner must be present at the noon drawing. This will be a fun day of activity for the whole family.

Our StoryWalk® will be displayed at parks throughout Roseburg. Two new StoryWalk® stories will be around, including “The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse” by Eric Carle, which will be a limited edition book just for this year.

“Silly Sally” by Audrey Wood also is new and will be added to our annual rotation of stories.

Last, but certainly not least, grab-and-go craft kits will be available first come, first served at the library at 10 a.m. every Tuesday beginning June 6.

Our Summer Reading Program is made possible by the Douglas County Cultural Coalition, Friends of the Roseburg Public Library, Roundhouse Foundation, State Library of Oregon, and Whipple Foundation (Oregon Community Foundation).

Friends of the Library Book Sale

This week’s Friends of the Roseburg Public Library book sale will feature better books with most items priced at \$1.

New books published since 2021 and special art books will be sold for \$5. Some bargain books will be offered for 50 cents, and magazines and pamphlets will be free.

On Saturday, all books will be 50 cents, and books in the Friends Book Store inside the library will be 25 cents.

Sale hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

The inventory has been donated by our generous patrons and includes recently published or older editions in excellent condition. Look for the usual fiction and nonfiction selections. A few children's books will be available in the store.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the sale should contact the library at library@cityofroseburg.org or 541-492-7050.

Donations of gently used books always are welcome and may be dropped off during library hours.

This Week's Library Events

Tuesday, May 30 – 10 a.m., Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Wednesday, May 31 – 4-4:45 p.m., Club de Idioma Español | Spanish Club

Thursday, June 1 – 9 a.m.-6 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, June 1 – 6:30 p.m., Silent Book Group

Friday, June 2 – 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, June 3 – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale