

Roseburg Library Offers New Teen Volunteer Opportunity

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Teens interested in volunteering at Roseburg Public Library now have a unique opportunity to help the community and themselves.

Once a month, we will provide a drop-in session for young adults ages 13 through 17 to receive volunteer service hours by assisting library staff with a variety of tasks.

The first session is 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 and will continue the third Thursday of every month.

To participate, teens must bring a permission form signed by a parent or guardian. The form is available on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org or at the library. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required.

Teens will be supervised and required to perform activities identified by library staff. Examples include straightening books, dusting shelves, alphabetizing books and packaging craft kits. The work is not glamorous, but all of these activities help us maintain an inviting public library.

The library's Teen Drop-In Hangout will continue the first Thursday of every month. From 3-4:30 p.m. in the Teen Room, young adults are invited to make a craft, play Magic: The Gathering and try the virtual reality headsets. Snacks will be provided.

We also encourage teens to check out the large collection of materials in the young adult section.

The library has 5,500 books, 400 DVDs and 300 audiobooks on CD carefully curated for teens by Aurora.

This includes a print copy of the 2023-24 Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) titles for the high school division, which have a special label and their own shelf in the Teen Room. The library's online catalog at roseburg.bibliionix.com features a booklist with all of the titles, and holds can be placed by logging in with a Roseburg Public Library card.

We also subscribe to three print magazines of particular interest to teens: Game Informer, a monthly publication that includes articles, news and reviews of video games and consoles; OYLA, a monthly title focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning; and Popular Mechanics, which features science and technology information and publishes six times a year.

The Teen Room also has four desktop computers with access to the Internet and Microsoft Office products such as Word and Excel. Teens may log in with their library card number or a guest pass available at the front desk for a one-hour block of time, which may be extended upon request.

Finally, we encourage young adults to simply hang out in the Teen Room. There is comfortable furniture and great natural light, perfect for finishing homework or reading a good book.

This Week's Library Events

Wednesday, November 1, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, November 1, 3 p.m. – Artist Exploration for K-5th grade

Thursday, November 2, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, November 2, 3-4:30 p.m. – Teen Drop-In Hangout

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. – Conceptos básicos de informática (registration required)

Friday, November 3, 10:30 a.m. – Computer Basics (registration required)