

Roseburg Public Library to Celebrate Five-Year Anniversary Kris Wiley for The News Review

Roseburg Public Library is marking its five-year anniversary with a community celebration on Saturday, Jan. 6.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., youth are invited to create book-themed crafts. Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp is planning six stations, including crafts based on the Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems, Dog Man by Dav Pilkey and Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling.

At 10:30 a.m., City of Roseburg and Douglas Education Service District officials will share brief remarks.

At 11 a.m., longtime Register-Guard columnist and bestselling author Bob Welch will present his latest book, "Seven Summers (and a Few Bummers): My Adventure Hiking the 2,650-Mile PCT," which chronicles his efforts to conquer the Pacific Crest Trail with his brother-in-law.

Throughout the morning, the library will provide cookies, coffee, water and library-branded items such as stickers, pens and notepads.

The celebration, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the library, 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.

The library, which opened Dec. 27, 2018, is a full-service information center that supports literacy and lifelong learning with materials, programs, Internet access, reference assistance and more.

Over the past five years, nearly 280,000 people have visited the library. They have checked out 331,600 physical items and 108,000 digital items and logged 25,000 computer sessions.

More than 25,000 people have attended 900 programs, and the meeting rooms have been used 3000 times.

The library operates with a paid staff of 3.5 full-time equivalents. That corresponds to one full-time director, one full-time youth services librarian, one half-time circulation supervisor and four library aides who each work 10 hours a week. In addition, the library has received support from several AmeriCorps members and City of Roseburg staff on light duty.

Volunteers have been instrumental from the beginning, when they re-shelved about 90,000 items after the carpet was replaced. They have worked at the front desk, helped with programming, inventoried the collection and kept the shelves in order. Over the years, more than 75 community members have served 9300 hours.

The Friends of the Roseburg Public Library continue to be important partners, donating \$47,800 since 2018. Funds have been used to purchase a public copier/printer, help renovate the Ford Room, sponsor the summer and winter reading programs, fund speakers and craft supplies and more.

Although best known for their book sales, the Friends also advocate for public library services and oversee Dolly Parton's Imagination Library as the affiliate for the greater Roseburg, Glide and Idleyld Park communities.

There is a lot to celebrate on Jan. 6 and a lot to look forward to in the next five years. Roseburg Public Library is just getting started!

This Week's Library Events

Tuesday, December 12, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@cityofroseburg.org for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, December 13, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, December 14, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, December 14, 3:30-5 p.m. – Building & Legos for all ages

Thursday, December 14, 6 p.m. – Conceptos básicos de informática (registration required)

Friday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. – iOS Basics (registration required)