

Focus on Library's Hobby Section
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Roseburg Public Library is a great resource for hobbyists.

The library offers lots of opportunities to explore fine and decorative arts in the middle of the 700 section of the Dewey Decimal System. From drawing to woodworking to photography, there is a book for nearly every interest.

Some of the more popular titles focus on crocheting and watercolors. "Crochet Know-How: Techniques and Tips for All Levels of Skill from Beginner to Advanced" edited by Marie Clayton and Stephen Dew and "No-Fail Watercolor: The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Painting with Confidence" by Mako, both published in 2020, circulate regularly.

Origami and paper crafting books also generate great interest.

The library has 550 titles for adults and 400 titles for youth in this area, which begins at the number 743 and ends at 771 in the nonfiction shelves. Even more titles are available on the library's digital platforms, cloudLibrary and Libby.

We regularly review our entire collection in order to develop a popular selection that reflects the community's interests. Circulation numbers help inform purchasing, but we want to back up those statistics with input from patrons.

This time, we seek public feedback about this small, important area of fine and decorative arts.

There are two ways to share your thoughts.

Stop by the library and add your opinion to the poster by the front desk. Patrons will be allowed three votes from categories such as woodworking, drawing, painting, jewelry making, knitting, quilting, sewing, crocheting, candle making, flower arranging, printmaking, photography and more. There also will be a write-in option.

Alternately, patrons may email me at kwiley@cityofroseburg.org and share their thoughts.

Please submit responses by Jan. 27.

Library Closed Dec. 22-26

Roseburg Public Library will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Dec. 26 for carpet cleaning and Christmas. Regular hours will resume at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The book drop located in the parking lot will be locked during this time. Please hang onto items until the library reopens. The library does not assess late fees.

The library's digital platforms, cloudLibrary and Libby, are available 24/7.

This Week's Library Events

Tuesday, December 19, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Tuesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m. – Zoom Videoconferencing Basics (registration required)

Tuesday, December 19, 3-4 p.m. – Winter craft activity for all ages

Wednesday, December 20, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, December 20, 3 p.m. – STEAM program for elementary students

Thursday, December 21, 11:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, December 21, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer hours

Thursday, December 21, 6 p.m. – Computer Basics for caregivers (registration required)