

## Diving Deeper Into the Library Collection

Kris Wiley for The News Review

A few weeks ago, I asked Roseburg Public Library patrons to vote on the types of hobby books they would check out from the library, and they made their preferences clear.

Drawing books led the way, which wasn't a big surprise. We routinely add drawing books for all ages to the collection and will continue to do so. Most of them are located at number 741.2 in the Dewey Decimal System.

The newest youth title added to the collection is "Wings of Fire: The Official How to Draw" by Tui T. Sutherland and Brianna C. Walsh, a fantastic companion to Sutherland's hugely popular Wings of Fire junior novels.

Newer adult titles include "Drawing Concepts: A Complete Guide to Essential Drawing Techniques and Fundamentals" by Ken Goldman and "The Art of Basic Drawing: Simple Step-By-Step Techniques for Drawing a Variety of Subjects in Graphite Pencil" by Michael Butkus.

Jewelry received the second most votes, followed by painting, crocheting and photography.

The biggest surprise was sheet music, a write-in category that resonated with a number of patrons. Most of the titles we have are in the 780-782 section. I encourage musicians to request specific titles or genres to help create a selection that circulates.

Next up, we're taking a closer look at the children's collection.

Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp often talks with parents and caregivers interested in bedtime read alouds. The possibilities are virtually endless, so we would appreciate input from patrons to help us focus our efforts.

When it comes to picture books, do your little ones enjoy good night, nature or silly stories? What about older classics such as "Goodnight Moon" and "The Runaway Bunny" by Margaret Wise Brown or "The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney? Or newer classics such as "Goodnight, Gorilla" by Peggy Rathman or the Pigeon series by Mo Willems?

We encourage parents and caregivers to continue reading aloud to children even when they can read on their own. Storytime provides an opportunity for bonding and generates conversations about all kinds of topics, from the comical to the serious.

When it comes to books for elementary-aged youth, there are old favorites such as "Mr. Popper's Penguins" by Florence and Richard Atwater, "Charlotte's Web" and "Stuart

Little” by E.B. White, “Dragonwings” by Laurence Yep and “The Secret Garden” by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Then there are new favorites such as the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, “The Tale of Despereaux” by Kate DiCamillo, Jacqueline Woodson’s novels, including “Brown Girl Dreaming,” “Hello, Universe” by Erin Entrada Kelly and “Hatchet” by Gary Paulsen.

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 the categories noted above. There also will be a write-in option.

Alternately, patrons may email me at [kwiley@cityofroseburg.org](mailto:kwiley@cityofroseburg.org) and share their thoughts.

Please submit responses by Feb. 16.

#### This Week’s Library Events

Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Wednesday, January 24, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, January 24, 4 p.m. – Club de Idioma Español | Spanish Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Thursday, January 25, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, January 25, 4-5 p.m. – Seasonal Kids Crafts

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group