

Short Chapters from Roseburg Public Library
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I enjoy the holiday season because the mood is a little lighter, folks are a little cheerier and I have a little more time to read.

That extra time coincides well with best-of-the-year booklists, which provide inspiration whether I want to pick up an overlooked literary novel or an inspiring true story.

Over the next couple of weeks I will share as many booklists as I can find on the library's enewsletter, which publishes directly to subscribers' emails every Tuesday morning.

To join, visit the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org and click on "Sign up for the library's weekly newsletter."

The newsletter is a great way to stay current on the library's programs and projects, and we share book recommendations from staff and patrons.

Favorite Reads of 2024

Speaking of best books of the year, I plan to compile a list of local readers' favorite reads of 2024.

To participate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc2xetbu>, the library's website or the library's front desk. Submissions will be accepted through Dec. 21.

Be ready to list the five best books you read in 2024.

What does "best" mean? Anything you want. It can be books that educated you, moved you or made you laugh. It can be books for adults or books for kids. It can be classics or the latest bestsellers.

Here are my five favorite reads of the year (in no particular order):

"The Great Divide" by Cristina Henríquez

"The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters

"The Road to Dalton" by Shannon Bowring

"The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro

"Some People Need Killing: A Memoir of Murder in My Country" by Patricia Evangelista

I'll share results of the survey in this space Dec. 27.

Americans and the Holocaust Exhibition

The Americans and the Holocaust exhibition will be on display through Dec. 19.

The exhibition includes four double-sided panels and four video kiosks examining Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

Visitors spend an average of one hour exploring the exhibition.

The library has a complementary display of videos and local newspaper headlines in the lobby's glass case and a display of relevant books available for checkout.

Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries is an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

Next week's library events

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

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, December 12, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, December 12, 4-5 p.m. – Building & Legos for all ages

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. – Jewish Antifascist Activism in the U.S. During the Holocaust presented by Dr. Miriam Chorley-Schulz