

Short Chapters from Roseburg Public Library
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Roseburg Public Library

Children's nonfiction readers will see many new books on the shelves this month.

Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp has completed the withdrawal process in which she discarded 2,800 junior nonfiction books that were at least 20 years old and had not checked out in the past four years. In the library world, we call that deadwood, and it takes valuable space that can be used to display more relevant materials and add new books to the collection.

Now that the housekeeping is finished, the library is processing brand-new material to provide the most current information to readers.

The largest addition is a set of books that covers all of the U.S. presidents. Each book is a biography that introduces the man, including information about his childhood, family and personal life as well as his presidential administration. Charts and images supplement the text.

A set of books about countries of the world also will hit the shelves. The history, government, culture, natural resources and more of countries such as Germany, India, Kenya and New Zealand are covered.

Other new series include "body systems," "cats," "essential pets" and "Native American nations."

To browse all new books, patrons may visit the library's online catalog at roseburg.biblionix.com. Click "What's New," then click "Search." Library staff are available to help patrons locate books on the shelves.

Spanish Language Books

We have been focusing some of our collection development efforts on expanding the library's Spanish language collection.

Since January 2024, the library has added nearly 400 books in Spanish for all ages, and we now have more than 1,000 books in Spanish.

Picture books in Spanish and Spanish/English have been the most popular type for patrons, although books in all categories are circulating.

Please encourage the Spanish speakers in your life to help us develop this collection by completing a survey available on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org and in person at the library's front desk.

Homebound Services

The library's homebound services program is growing by leaps and bounds.

Roseburg residents who are elderly or permanently or temporarily disabled are eligible for the program. Library staff deliver and pick up materials where the patron lives twice a month.

Patrons may place holds in the library catalog, or staff are happy to select materials based on reading interests.

For more information, visit the library's website, click "Policies and Forms," then click on "Homebound Services Policy" and "Homebound Services Application." We also will provide information in person or by email at library@roseburgor.gov.

Next week's library events

Tuesday, March 18, 10:15 a.m. – Lap-Sit Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, March 19, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, March 19, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer time

Thursday, March 20, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, March 20, 4-5 p.m. – STEAM activity for kids: insects