

Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens
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At Roseburg Public Library, I do not present public children's programs in May to give myself time to finish planning and preparing for the Summer Reading Program.

Our Summer Reading Program runs from June 1 through Aug. 23. That's 12 weeks and equates to 57 programs, hundreds of reading prizes, 290 craft kits every week, numerous outreach events, extra summer volunteers and presenters.

All that fun needs scheduling, coordinating, purchasing and pieces put together, which is both the most exciting and time-consuming portion of my work at the library.

You can keep up to date on the Summer Reading Program on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org. The Events Calendar includes program details, and the Summer Reading Program page has reading logs, book review slips, the prize list and the StoryWalk® schedule.

Information also will be available at outreach events, including Roseburg School District's Lunchbox Express at various locations on Mondays throughout the summer.

The foundation of the Summer Reading Program is reading. At Roseburg Public Library, children and teens will have a log to keep track of minutes read. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required to participate.

We are changing how we keep track of reading this summer. All youth will track their reading on one log, which is divided into three sections of seven hours. When participants complete one section, they can bring in their log and choose one new book and three trinket prizes.

Completing the final section of the log – reading a total of 21 hours – will enter participants into the grand prize drawing, and they will receive a third book and more trinket prizes.

We have three grand prizes to give away this year – yearlong memberships to the YMCA of Douglas County.

In addition to reading logs, we will continue the super popular book review raffle for prizes. Children and youth can write or draw about a book they read or were read to for a chance to win the items displayed in the lobby's glass case. We have some cool prizes such as a gift card to DEFY trampoline park in Eugene, a 3Doodler 3D pen, Squishmallows and more.

We will have four regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer. At 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the library, we will have an activity or special presentation for pre-K through

fifth graders from June 17 through Aug. 19. I am so excited for the many performers we will have this summer, including Leapin' Louie, Angel Ocasio, Red Yarn Puppets and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

We will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion for Storytime at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday from June 4 through Aug. 20.

From 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, we will have an activity for youth in sixth to 12th grade June 19 through Aug. 21.

Then at 10:30 a.m. every Friday, we will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion with another activity for pre-K through fifth graders from June 20 through Aug. 22.

We are planning our fifth Harry Potter Day at the library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26. There will be wand making, transfiguration, Harry Potter trivia and prizes throughout the day, and there will be wizarding-related animals from Wildlife Safari at 11 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up!

There also will be a raffle for attendees 18 and under for a Harry Potter quilt; the winner must be present at the noon drawing. This will be a fun day of activities for the whole family.

Our StoryWalk® will be displayed at parks throughout Roseburg from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday from June 2 through Aug. 23. A new bilingual StoryWalk® featuring “Baby Goes to Market / Bebé Va al Mercado” written by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brooksbank will debut this summer.

Last, but certainly not least, grab-and-go craft kits will be available first come, first served at the library at 10 a.m. every Tuesday beginning June 3.

Our Summer Reading Program is made possible by Mike and Barb Coen, Douglas County Cultural Coalition, Friends of the Roseburg Public Library and the State Library of Oregon. A special thank you to Karen and Jon Wittwer for donating prizes for readers.

This Week's Library Event

Thursday, May 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group