

Library to Host Conversations for Adults with Disabilities
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Adult community members with intellectual and physical disabilities are invited to share their ideas for how Roseburg Public Library can better serve them in two upcoming sessions.

Community conversations are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3 and 6 p.m. Thursday, June 19. I'll bring pizza, and I ask patrons to bring their enthusiasm and ideas. RSVP is required at least 24 hours before the events by contacting me at kwiley@roseburgor.gov or 541-492-7051. Caregivers are welcome.

These talks are the beginning of our Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities project, a grant initiative funded by the American Library Association.

I recently conducted my first conversation with a group of folks at Umpqua Valley disAbilities Network thanks to Corey Hester, their Independent Living Specialist. I was delighted to learn that participants loved libraries and were happy to share their ideas for how we can better serve them.

I came away with a lengthy list of program ideas, everything from movies to life skills to puppet shows. A number of participants mentioned they listen to books, and I look forward to ensuring our digital platforms include titles they are interested in reading.

Once I have completed the listening sessions, I will finalize the library's schedule of events, post them on the library's website and social media and announce them in this space.

Programs will occur at least once a month from September through April. After the grant project closes, I hope to provide a modified version of events.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Roseburg Public Library book sale is Thursday, June 5 through Saturday, June 7.

This will be a better book sale with newer editions and older books of excellent quality. Most books will be priced at \$1 and are in great condition with no library withdrawals. Special art books and new books published in the last three years will be offered for \$5. Colorful handcrafted book bags are available for \$5. Used children's books and mass market paperbacks will be 25 cents each. Saturday is half-price day.

During the sale the free book giveaway will continue at the Friends Book Store inside the library. Free books are available now.

Anyone interested in helping with the sale should contact the library at library@roseburgor.gov or 541-492-7050.

Donations of gently used books always are welcome and may be dropped off during library hours.

This Week's Library Events

Monday, June 2-Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - StoryWalk® at Stewart Park near the Half Shell

Tuesday, June 3, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Tuesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m. – Community conversation for people with disabilities (RSVP to 541-492-7051 required)

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime at Stewart Park Pavilion

Wednesday, June 4, 12 p.m. – Umpqua Haiku

Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. – Friends of the Roseburg Public Library Book Sale

Thursday, June 5, 6:30 p.m. – Author Betty Tamm

Friday, June 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Friends of the Roseburg Public Library Book Sale

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Friends of the Roseburg Public Library Book Sale