

Hot Books at Roseburg Public Library
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The News-Review

Roseburg Public Library patrons checked out more than 50,000 items in the first half of 2025, and the most popular titles included a mix of new books and old favorites.

Physical books, audiobooks and DVDs accounted for 68% of circulation. Within that total, 57% of checkouts were for youth material and 39% for adult material. The remaining 4% included large print items and books in non-English languages.

Mysteries and thrillers remained the most popular genres for adults with perennial bestselling authors such as David Baldacci, Michael Connelly, James Patterson, Louise Penny and C.J. Box generating the most checkouts.

The most popular nonfiction books were “The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi” by Wright Thompson, “Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions” by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey and “A Well-Trained Wife: My Escape from Christian Patriarchy” by Tia Levings.

Teens continued to love graphic novels, particularly manga. Popular titles included “One Piece,” “Solo Leveling” and “Blue Lock.” They also checked out Oregon Battle of the Books selections such as “Projekt 1065” by Alan Gratz and “All My Rage” by Sabaa Tahir as well as the fantasy novels “Fireborne” by Rosaria Munda and “Powerless” by Lauren Roberts.

Junior readers also preferred graphic novels, including Dav Pilkey’s Dog Man and Cat Kid Comic Club series, the Baby-Sitters Little Sister series based on the classic novels by Ann M. Martin and the Wings of Fire series adapted by Barry Deutsch. Popular text-predominant material included the Diary of Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney, Minecraft and Lego books.

The library’s youngest readers enjoyed titles in the Llama Llama series by Anna Dewdney, books by Mo Willems and 5-minute story collections based on popular characters such as Bluey and Peppa the Pig.

Digital checkouts through the library’s two platforms, CloudLibrary and Libby, accounted for 32% of circulation in the first half of the year. Within that total, about 70% of checkouts were for adult material.

Adult patrons overwhelmingly enjoyed romantasies in digital format. The Emphyrean series by Rebecca Yarros, which currently consists of “Fourth Wing,” “Iron Flame” and “Onyx Storm,” and the five-book A Court of Thorns and Roses series by Sarah J. Maas led checkouts.

Other popular electronic books and audiobooks included “The Women” and “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah, “Pretty Girls” by Karin Slaughter, “Beautiful Ugly” by Alice Feeney, “The Let Them Theory: A Life-Changing Tool That Millions of People Can’t Stop Talking About” by Mel Robbins and “The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness” by Jonathan Haidt.

“Sunrise on the Reaping,” the latest title in Suzanne Collins’ Hunger Games series, was the most popular teen digital book.

Popular digital series for children included Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling, I Survived by Lauren Tarshis and Rick Riordan’s Greek and Roman mythology novels.

This Week’s Library Events

Monday, June 23-Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. - StoryWalk® at Fir Grove Park

Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m. - Grab-and-go kids craft kits (while supplies last)

Tuesday, June 24 from 1-2 p.m. – Fly Through Time with Leapin’ Louie

Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Stewart Park Pavilion – Storytime

Thursday, June 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. – Teen program: beaded bracelets

Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group

Friday, June 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Stewart Park Pavilion – Tie dye library book bags