

## Roseburg Library Announces Fall Youth Programs

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Roseburg Public Library's fall youth program schedule includes activities for nearly every family.

For a full list of events, visit the library's website at [www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org](http://www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org); click on Events Calendar. Patrons also may stop by the library, call 541-492-7050 or email [library@roseburgor.gov](mailto:library@roseburgor.gov) for information.

Programs are free and open to the public. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required.

Storytime is a mainstay, and I will present the same weekly selection of stories at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday beginning Oct. 1 and Oct. 2. At Storytime we listen to stories, songs, movement rhymes and create a simple craft. This is perfect for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers.

Lap-Sit Storytime, perfect for children from 6 months to 2 years old, will be offered at 10:15 a.m. on third Tuesdays: Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. The program features 20 minutes of interactive rhymes and songs for babies and caregivers, props to play with and books. There will be a playtime at the end for babies and caregivers to connect. The structure is flexible, and participants are welcome to attend for as long or short as babies are willing.

Young adults in sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to the library's teen programming from 3-4:30 p.m. on first Wednesdays: Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. I will be in the Teen Room with supplies for crafting and gaming equipment. Check our events calendar for the specific activity each month.

Teen volunteer hours for ages 13-18 are scheduled for 3-5 p.m. on third Wednesdays: Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Library staff will supervise activities such as packaging craft kits, light housekeeping and alphabetizing books. This is a great time to earn volunteer hours needed for school or to gain experience for a first job application.

Teens under age 18 must have a Permission Slip and Liability Waiver signed by a parent or guardian before beginning service. Teens who are 18 years old and in their senior year of high school should complete a Volunteer Policy Application. Both documents are available on the library's website or at the library's front desk.

From 4-5 p.m. Thursdays Oct. 2 and Nov. 6, all of the library's Legos, Duplos and building objects will be available for all ages to enjoy on a drop-in basis.

The library's Chess Club is set for 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on first Saturdays: Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has four chess

sets to share, and attendees are welcome to bring their own boards. Registration is not required. Simply show up ready to meet new people and have fun.

New this fall, I will facilitate a book club for elementary-aged readers. At 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, participants will discuss the Dragon Girls series by Maddy Mara. At 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, we will talk about the Warriors books by Erin Hunter. Attendees will select the series to discuss in December.

Each month, kids should read a book in the selected series and be ready to talk about it with others. I will read passages from the series, guide the discussion and lead a simple themed activity.

Elementary-aged youth are invited to drop in for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) program from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on third Thursdays: Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. There will be hands-on interaction with Ozobots, 3D pens and LEDs with all supplies provided.

From 4-5 p.m. on Thursdays Oct. 23 and Dec. 4, youth from pre-K through fifth grade are welcome to drop in for seasonal crafts. We will make pretty pumpkins or sparkling ornaments depending on the month. All supplies will be provided.

Finally, grab-and-go craft kits for youth will be available on a first-come, first-served basis every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. beginning Oct. 7.

We look forward to seeing children and families at the library this fall!

### **Next week's events**

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 12 p.m. – Umpqua Haiku

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 3-4:30 p.m. – Teen program: pumpkin crafts and virtual reality headsets

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Oct. 2, 4-5 p.m. – Legos & building toys for all ages

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. – Recreational chess club