

Library Considers Digital Newspapers

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If you are interested in daily newspaper content, help us decide whether to add digital newspapers to Roseburg Public Library's collection.

We are considering whether to provide access to newspapers from around the country through an annual license with NewsBank.

Please complete the survey, located on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org, before Oct. 11. The survey also is available at the library.

Survey results will be shared with the Library Commission, which will make a recommendation about how to proceed.

The most important thing to know is the News-Review is not available through this subscription service.

However, a number of Oregon newspapers are available as image editions, including "The Oregonian," the (Eugene) "Register-Guard," the (Klamath Falls) "Herald and News" and the "Bend Bulletin." The image edition allows patrons to read the entire newspaper as if they were holding the physical copy in their hands.

Several hyperlocal Oregon newspapers are available in text-only format.

The package includes image editions of well-known national newspapers such as the "Seattle Times," "San Francisco Chronicle" and "Denver Post." For a full list of available titles, visit the library's website and select "Newspaper title list."

Most newspapers may be read the same day they are published, and readers can access archived editions that vary by publication.

The annual cost for the subscription is \$2300, and we would pay for it with operating funds. That would mean reallocating some funding assigned to print and digital books. Given current pricing, I estimate the library would purchase up to 100 fewer physical books or 50 fewer electronic books/audiobooks – or some combination of the two.

Patrons have the opportunity to share additional comments on the survey, in person or by email to kwiley@roseburgor.gov.

Collection Survey

Thank you to the 44 people who responded to the library's collection survey that focused on digital and large-print materials.

Respondents overwhelmingly indicated they prefer the library broaden the digital collection rather than purchase additional copies of the most popular downloadable books.

Nearly 50% of respondents reported they both listen to and read digital content on the library's platforms. About 31% exclusively listen to digital material, and 21% only read electronic books.

I received a number of author, title and series suggestions to add to the collection. Library cardholders always are able to recommend purchases of physical and digital books by logging into their account at roseburg.biblionix.com or completing a purchase request form at the front desk.

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts about library services. Your feedback is valuable.

Next week's events

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime

Thursday, Oct. 9, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime

Thursday, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m. – Tie dye program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Thursday, Oct. 9, 4-5 p.m. – Elementary book club: Dragon Girls series by Maddy Mara

Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. – Author Discussion Group: Colson Whitehead (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)