

Beyond the Books at Roseburg Library
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Roseburg Public Library has a lot going for it in addition to books.

Yes, the books hook a lot of folks. Over the past year, 7,000 cardholders checked out 74,000 physical and 41,500 digital items.

Rest assured, the books aren't going anywhere. Library staff continue to develop a popular collection of materials for all ages.

Still, people visit the library for many other reasons.

Programs are one of the most popular services. Whether it's Storytime with Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp, teen crafts, Chess Club or book groups, there are events for all ages.

We post the programming schedule on our website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org under "Events Calendar"; on Facebook a www.facebook.com/roseburglibrary; on our weekly email newsletter (subscribe on our website); and on posters and a paper handout at the library.

The library's public computers and Wi-Fi also are popular, particularly with patrons who need to print documents. Per-copy prints are 25 cents (black and white) and 50 cents (color), and we accept payment by cash or check only. Patrons may scan files to a flash drive at no cost.

The Children's Room is a wonderland for young people and families to explore. It includes thousands of board books, picture books and early readers, a Lego table, puzzles, a play kitchen and more.

There are a variety of meeting rooms that people use for everything from birthday parties to meetings and public forums. Information about the rooms, including the policy, costs and application form, are located on the library's website under the "Meeting Rooms" tab.

For researchers, there is a microfilm reader/printer, and the library holds a collection of local newspapers from 1867 through 2014. The collection is not digitized, and it can be time consuming to scroll through the film, so plan accordingly. It's also a good idea to bring a flash drive because documents can be saved in several formats, including PDF, JPEG and TIFF.

The library also is a place to simply hang out and read a good book. The chairs are comfortable, and the space is beautiful.

No matter how you use the library, we appreciate your support.

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Regular hours will resume at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The book drop located in the parking lot will be locked Thursday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Please hang onto items until the library reopens. The library does not assess late fees.

The library's digital platforms, cloudLibrary, Libby and NewsBank, are available 24/7.

Next week's event

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora