

Feed Your Love of Reading at the Library
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Roseburg Public Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing, and we encourage people of all ages to read for fun and prizes. Reading logs and book review forms are available in person at the front desk or on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org.

One of the program goals is to encourage a love of reading and learning, and we think young readers will get caught up in these stories.

Picture Book

Practice getting back up again with the beach story "The Squish" written and illustrated by Breanna Carzoo. This story is told from a sandcastle's point of view.

The sandcastle is constantly knocked over and then has to build itself back up. The sandcastle gets tired of constantly have to rebuild and sits as a squish until a new sandcastle friend appears.

When the new sandcastle is squished, the original is able to provide comfort and encouragement in the aftermath of destruction. This is a cute story about trying again and again and helping others going through similar circumstances. It's great to share with children ages 3-7.

Junior

Young adventurers may enjoy "Climbing the Volcano: A Journey in Haiku" written by Curtis Manley and illustrated by Jennifer K. Mann because it's haiku set to a family's hike up South Sister in central Oregon.

Over the course of a day, the family goes from the mosquito-riddled base of the mountain to wind and rocks to the snowy summit and back down again.

The back of the book includes information on the geology of the area, how to prepare to climb a mountain, the animals you might see if you're in the Bend area, and information about haiku as an art form.

I can see this book being used in the classroom in several ways and really connecting with kids because it's so familiar to us.

Young Adults

If you like adventure, romance, fantasy and history all thrown together – think "Romancing the Stone," "The Mummy" and the Indiana Jones series – be sure to check out "What the River Knows," the first book in the Secrets of the Nile duology by Isabel Ibañez.

Teenager Inez lives in 1880s Buenos Aires and sees her parents only occasionally because they are archaeologists doing research in Egypt. When she learns they have died, she outwits her extended family and makes her way to Cairo. There she meets up with her uncle, her parents' business partner, and her romantic interest, a Brit named Whit who is her uncle's assistant.

Inez's magical gifts make her a target for those who want to uncover ancient treasure of immeasurable worth, but rather than running, Inez becomes determined to solve the mystery of her parents' deaths and recover the powerful gold ring her father gave her.

"What the River Knows" has lots of action, a charming love story, a strong protagonist and a great setting that is sure to pique readers' interest in Egyptology.

All of these books are available at the library. Place holds at roseburg.biblionix.com, or contact library staff at library@cityofroseburg.org or 541-492-7050 for assistance.

This Month's Youth Programs

10 a.m. every Tuesday – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last at library

10:30 a.m. every Wednesday – Storytime with Aurora at Stewart Park Pavilion

10:15 a.m. every Thursday – Storytime with Aurora at library

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, July 15 through Saturday, July 20 – StoryWalk® at Beulah Park

1-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 – Children's program: Makedo cardboard construction at library

1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18 – Teen program: tie dye shirts (T-shirts provided)

3-5 p.m. Thursday, July 18 – Teen volunteer hours at library

10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, July 19 – Children's program: messy paints at Stewart Park Pavilion

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, July 22 through Saturday, July 27 – StoryWalk® at Thompson Park

1-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 – Children's program: painting with fruits & veggies at library

1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 – Teen program: nature wall hangings at library

10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, July 26 – Children's program: paper mache

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, July 29 through Saturday, August 3 – StoryWalk® at Sunshine Park

1-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 30 – Children’s program: Journey Under the Sea presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History