

Reading Is for Everyone  
Kris Wiley for The News-Review

Roseburg Public Library is here to support readers searching for alternative book formats.

Specifically, the library has more than 1,500 books in large print format, and our patrons have access to another 400 items from our borrowing partner, Mildred Whipple Library in Drain.

Large print books feature easier-to-read fonts with type sizes in the 16- to 18-point range. That can make the books heavier because there are more pages; however, many publishers now produce these books in paperback, making them easier to hold.

Roseburg's large print books checked out 1,600 times in the last year. Our avid readers most often request Christian fiction and historical fiction, and patrons also check out the large print version of the hottest titles because they can get that copy sooner than the traditional print version.

We also have children's and young adult books in large print format that are enjoyed not only by adults but by youth with low vision or those who have difficulty tracking while reading.

I know some patrons would appreciate more books in large print format, but before I allocate additional funds to that part of the collection, I want to know what genres or authors readers prefer.

Patrons are invited to complete the "Large Print Collection Survey" located on the library's website at [www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org](http://www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org). Alternately, stop by the library's front desk for a paper copy, or contact me at [kwiley@roseburgor.gov](mailto:kwiley@roseburgor.gov) or 541-492-7051. Please respond by Nov. 22.

Keep in mind that large print books typically are more expensive than traditional print books, and not every book is published in large print format.

That's why I encourage readers to go digital. Every electronic book has the capability of becoming a large print book because all devices have settings to increase and change fonts.

Library staff members are available to help patrons get started with ebooks. We appreciate folks making an appointment, although most of the time we can accommodate walk-ins. It takes about 20 minutes for setup and a brief tutorial.

The library also has audiobooks on CD for all ages, and our digital platforms include thousands of audiobooks for download.

For even more resources, Oregonians with visual impairments, physical disabilities or reading disabilities can reach out to the State Library of Oregon's Talking Book and Braille Library.

This is a free service for eligible patrons to access audiobooks, braille books, downloadable books, newspapers and more.

The Talking Book and Braille Library loans special playback equipment, assists with material selection and mails items for free.

Learn more about the Talking Book and Braille Library at their website, [talkingbooks.oregon.gov](http://talkingbooks.oregon.gov), or contact them at 800-452-0292 or [talkingbooks.info@slo.oregon.org](mailto:talkingbooks.info@slo.oregon.org).

Reading is for everyone, and the library is here to help!

Next week's library events

Tuesday, November 12, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits while supplies last

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email [kwiley@roseburgor.gov](mailto:kwiley@roseburgor.gov) for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, November 13, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, November 14, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, November 14, 4-5 p.m. – Legos & building for all ages

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. – Examining the Holocaust through Narrative with Dr. David Luebke, University of Oregon