

Library Programs for Children and Teens  
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Roseburg Public Library has a full slate of programs for children and teens beginning in January.

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.

Storytime with Aurora returns Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10:15 a.m. The program, which is perfect for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers, includes stories, songs, movement rhymes and a craft.

Starting Jan. 8, Aurora will offer the same Storytime program at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 17.

Lap-Sit Storytime for our youngest learners is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18 and April 15. This program, perfect for children from 6 months to 2 years old, 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 between 13 and 18 years old are invited to Teen Drop-In Hangout from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5 and April 2. Based on feedback from teens, we will paint miniature canvases, create origami and make baskets. Teens also can play games and use the library's virtual reality headsets.

Teen volunteer hours are scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19 and April 16. Volunteers will perform activities under the supervision of a library staff member and may include packaging craft kits, scanning book barcodes into a computer 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. It is available on the library's website or at the front desk.

From 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3, Aurora will lead an artist exploration program that includes a story about a portion of an artist's life, visuals of their art and a project to make a piece in their style! All supplies are provided, and this is a fun time for elementary-age children to explore different ways of making art.

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10, all of the library's Legos, Duplos and building objects will be available for all ages to enjoy on a

drop-in basis. We will have a monthly theme, and three creations that fit the theme will be chosen to be on display in the Children's Room for one month. Note that we shifted the time of this program because we received feedback from families that they wanted a program after traditional working hours.

From 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 17, elementary-age youth are invited to drop in for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) program. All materials will be provided.

From 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27, youth from pre-K through fifth grade are welcome to drop in for seasonally themed crafts. 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 Jan. 14.

### **Best Books of the Year Survey**

"The Women" by Kristin Hannah won our unscientific survey of Roseburg readers' favorite reads of the year.

Hannah's novel about nurses serving in Vietnam resonated with many patrons, including Melia, who wrote, "Wow! ... This book was a phenomenal telling of the women's perspective of being in war. I felt the emotion Frankie was feeling. What a wonderful tribute to the nurses who have served our country in the States or overseas!"

Several other novels ranked high for local readers: "The Hunter" by Tana French, "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride, "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, "James" by Percival Everett and "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker.

The only nonfiction title that received more than one vote was the memoir "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jennette McCurdy.

### **Library Closed New Year's Day**

The library will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. The outside book drop will be open for returns. Digital materials are available 24/7 on Libby and cloudLibrary.

Next week's library events

Tuesday, December 31, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go craft kits for youth while supplies last

Tuesday, December 31, 3-5 p.m. – Maker Space Time

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

Thursday, January 2, 4-5 p.m. – Artist Exploration for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders: Pablo Picasso