

Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens Aurora Ropp for The News-Review

At Roseburg Public Library, I do not present public children's programs in May to give myself time to finish planning and preparing for the Summer Reading Program.

Our Summer Reading Program runs from June 1 through Aug. 24. That's 12 weeks and equates to 61 programs, hundreds of reading prizes, 240 craft kits every week, numerous outreach events, extra summer volunteers and presenters.

All that fun needs scheduling, coordinating, purchasing and pieces put together, which is both the most exciting and stressful portion of my work at the library.

You can keep up to date on the Summer Reading Program on the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org. The Events Calendar includes program details, and the Summer Reading Program page has reading logs, book review slips, the prize list and the StoryWalk® schedule.

Information also will be available at outreach events, including Roseburg School District's Lunchbox Express at various locations on Mondays throughout the summer.

The foundation of the Summer Reading Program is reading. At Roseburg Public Library, children and teens will have a total of three logs to track their time reading, as they did last summer. A Roseburg Public Library card is not required to participate.

When participants read or are read to for seven hours, they can turn in their log for a book, trinkets and the next log. Reading 14 hours and completing the second log will earn participants another book and trinkets. Completing the final log – reading a total of 21 hours – will enter participants into the grand prize drawing, and they will receive a third book and more trinket prizes.

Special thank you to Karen and Jon Wittwer for donating prizes for readers.

We have three grand prizes to give away this year – \$200 gift cards for a party at TenDown Bowling in Roseburg.

In addition to reading logs, we will continue the popular book review raffle for larger prizes. Children and youth can write or draw about a book they read or were read to for a chance to win the prizes displayed in the lobby case. We have some awesome prizes such as two large Squishmallows, a veterinarian play set, crafting kits and Lego sets.

We will have four regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer. At 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the library, we will have an activity or special presentation for pre-K through fifth graders from June 11 through Aug. 20.

We will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion for Storytime at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday from June 5 through Aug. 21.

We will be back at the library for Storytime at 10:15 a.m. every Thursday from June 6 through Aug. 22 (except July 4).

From 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, we will have an activity for youth in sixth to 12th grade June 13 through Aug. 22.

Then at 10:30 a.m. every Friday, we will be at the Stewart Park Pavilion with another activity for pre-K through fifth graders from June 14 through Aug. 23.

The library is hosting a very special program for artists ages 9 and up. Former “The Simpsons” artist Carlos Nieto III will present Anime Your Way drawing classes June 18-20 for children ages 9-12, teens ages 13-17 and adults 18 and up. Note that the family class scheduled on June 20 is full, and we no longer are adding names to the wait list.

Anime Your Way is the only summer program in which registration is required to attend. Call 541-492-7050 or visit the library’s website to sign up.

We are partnering with Roseburg Parks and Recreation to provide pre-show entertainment for Movies in the Park at the Stewart Park Half Shell on Friday, June 7. At 7:30 p.m., comedy magician Stefano laboni will perform, and youth will be able to choose a free book and receive a craft kit.

We are planning our third annual Harry Potter Day at the library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27. There will be wand making, transfiguration, Harry Potter trivia and prizes throughout the day, and there will be a magic show at 11 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up!

There also will be a raffle for attendees 18 and under for a Harry Potter quilt; the winner must be present at the noon drawing. This will be a fun day of activity for the whole family.

Our StoryWalk® will be displayed at parks throughout Roseburg from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday from June 3 through Aug. 24. A new bilingual StoryWalk® featuring “Lola at the Library” / “Lola en la biblioteca” written by Anna McQuinn and illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw will debut June 3 at Stewart Park near the Half Shell.

Last, but certainly not least, grab-and-go craft kits will be available first come, first served at the library at 10 a.m. every Tuesday beginning June 4.

Our Summer Reading Program is made possible by the C. Giles Hunt Charitable Trust, Douglas County Cultural Coalition, Friends of the Roseburg Public Library, Roundhouse Foundation and State Library of Oregon.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

This week's Friends of the Roseburg Public Library book sale will feature better books with most items priced at \$1; payment is by cash or check only. The inventory includes items in great condition with no library withdrawals.

New books published in the past three years and special art books will be sold for \$5. Colorful, handcrafted book bags are available for \$5. Music CDs, books on CD and DVDs will be 50 cents, and mass market paperbacks will be 25 cents. Saturday is half-price day.

During the sale, the free clearance event will continue inside the library at the Friends Book Store.

Sale hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone interested in helping with the sale should contact the library at library@cityofroseburg.org or 541-492-7050.

Donations of gently used books always are welcome and may be dropped off during library hours.

This Week's Library Events

Tuesday, May 28, 4 p.m. – Resume workshop (email library@cityofroseburg.org to register)

Thursday, May 30, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. – Silent Book Group

Friday, May 31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m. – Author Katherine Visher Newman book reading and signing