Upcoming Events

Creative Kits - Free monthly crafting kit that includes supplies and instructions – register on the first Monday of the month.

February – Kusudama Flower Ball
March – Felt Succulents
April – Constellation Cross Stitch

Programs
Feb 11, 2:00 pm
Oregon’s Civil Rights Years Presentation by the Oregon Black Pioneers
Feb 14, 3:30 pm
Young Teen Craft Lab
Feb 25, 12:30 pm
Chess Drop In
Mar 2, 3 pm
Dungeons & Dragons
Cauldron
Mar 13, 3:00 pm
Young Teen Craft Lab
March 22, 12:00 pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive (Outreach)
Mar 31, 12:30 pm
Chess Drop In
Apr 6, 2:00 pm
Dance Dance Oregon City – Interactive Folk Dance Event

Scan for a list of up-to-date teen programs & events at OCPL

New Arrivals
“Salt the water” by Candice Iloh
A confrontation with a teacher and a family crisis force high school senior Cerulean Gene to drop out of twelfth grade and derails their dreams of moving cross-country and living off the grid.

“Ode to my First Car” by Robin Gow
The summer before senior year, Claire Kemp, a closeted bisexual, is realizing she might be in love with her best friend, Sophia. At her job at a nursing home, she meets Lena, an eighty-year-old lesbian, who tells stories about growing up gay in the 1950s. Claire becomes more confident in her identity, and gets caught between two loves: Sophia, and Pen, a new girl.

Interview with a Teen Advisory Committee member

Julia: What is your role in TAC and what are some projects you’ve worked on?

Elle: I'm part of the decoration committee, we help plan out the seasonal/monthly decorations throughout the library.

Julia: What do you like about being in this program?

Elle: I really love being a TAC member. It's great seeing the work we put into decorations and events being enjoyed by all the visitors. Volunteering at the library and working together to come up with all these projects and ideas for the library together is great. It's just awesome to be a part of in general!

Julia: What's a library program/event you'd like to shout for readers to know about?

Elle: I really enjoy the art programs we have during the summer, but my favorite event we do is May the 4th! I also really like meeting the different people at the events we host.

Julia: What are your favorite books?

Elle: I really enjoyed reading Stargirl [by Jerry Spinelli], They Both Die at the End [by Adam Silvera], and Magnus Chase [by Rick Riordan], but I'd say my favorite book I've read so far is Percy Jackson [by Rick Riordan]. I'm excited to read the rest of the series.
Poetry

The Ballad of The Starship Yonder by Tad

The ship blazed past
Racing ever faster
Challenging the superiority of light
Time becoming a factor

At its bow
A wave hotter than a star
While the bow itself
A shield, radiation to bar

At its stern
A nuclear fire was lit
A bonfire, a blaze, an inferno
Its trail stretching for many kilometers yet

At amidships
A computer rested there, keeping things in order
As the captain of the ship
Keeping her voidworthy, and yet staring in wonder

At the cosmic sea stretching in all directions
Sol long left behind, and another star ahead
Racing ever faster, faster, and faster still
To learn and wonder more, its masters said

The ship kilometers long
Its trail many more
‘Tis but a firefly in this sea of stars
On a journey of discovery, curiosity, and ‘wondering much more

Art Submissions

Want your art showcased in the next edition of The Stacks? All teenagers ages 12-17 living or attending school in the Oregon City Public Library service area can submit artwork to be showcased in The Stacks in the next quarterly newsletter. Scan the QR code to submit your drawing, painting, poem or other artwork!