



# THE STACKS

Winter  
2024

## 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

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teen  
programs &  
events at  
OCPL



## New Arrivals

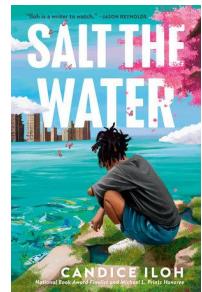
**"Salt the water" by Candice Iloh**

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?**

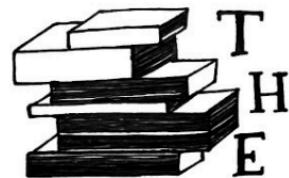
**Elle:** I really love being a TAC member. It's great seeing the work we put into decorations and events being enjoyed by all the visitors. Volunteering at the library and working together to come up with all these projects and ideas for the library together is great. It's just awesome to be a part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



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## 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



*"The girl with the pearl  
Earring reimaged" By  
Elizabeth, 15*



*"Untitled" By Freya,  
14*



*"Untitled" By Freya, 14*



*"Demeter" By  
Elizabeth, 15*

## 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!



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