



## Teen Programs

### Creative Kits

Register for a free monthly crafting kit which includes supplies and instructions. Previous kits included macrame or moon phase theme magnets (Projects change each month).

## Upcoming Events

### April Creative Kits

Registration opens at 10:00 AM Monday, April 3

### Lotus Flower Lantern Craft

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Thursday, April 6

### Teen Movie Matinee: Movie TBD

3:00 PM Friday, April 28

### Chess Drop-In

12:30 pm - 4:00 pm last Sunday of each month

### May The Fourth

5:00-7:00 PM Thursday, May 4

## Summer Reading!

Our Summer Reading program starts June 1 and the 2023 theme is "Find Your Voice". Stay tuned for how you can participate and win cool prizes, books and more!



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

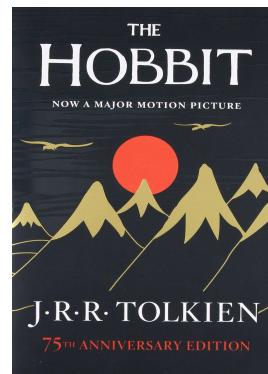
## A Daily Dose Of Knowledge

Hello readers! Today, I will be reviewing "The Hobbit" by J.R.R Tolkien. You may have heard of it, or its sequel series "The Lord of the Rings." It has a very complex world, with a host of films inspired by this universe.

To start off with, the universe is very complex and interesting. It has a rich history, with monsters, dragons, dwarves, wizards, elves, and a whole lot more! In fact, it is considered by some to be the inspiration for Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), a fantasy tabletop game. The book is, unfortunately, a little long-winded, and gets dull to read at some points. It is also quite long, which is an investment to finish. Don't get me wrong, It was interesting, but at most parts, it wasn't very exciting

It is a very calm book and a good story to read if you want to become sleepy before going to bed.

Now, you may be wondering, what do I think is better? The book or the movie? Well, unfortunately,



"The Hobbit" may violate my rule that books are usually better than the movies. The movies were very exciting, entertaining, and funny. They portrayed a rich, beautiful world. The book was just... not exactly exciting. It was, however, great for context, and to provide some more detail into the world.

In conclusion, I found that I loved not J.R.R. Tolkien's writing, but the world he expressed. So, yes! It turns out the movies can be better than the books. Well, there is a first time for everything.

I do hope you have enjoyed this review. If you like fantasy, you can check out more at the Oregon City Public Library. Maybe it even has the entire series starring middle earth! If you're interested in exploring more about D&D, there are several D&D rulebooks in the Teen Non-Fiction section at the library. You can also look up some info and reviews on it. (Side note, It is AMAZING.) Thank you for your time, and have a great rest of your day!

Using your library card, visit [lincc.org](http://lincc.org) to place a hold on "The Hobbit" or other titles!

## About The Stacks

*The Stacks* is a quarterly newsletter written and published by members of the Oregon City Public Library's Teen Advisory Committee (TAC). Our newsletter is a tool to help inform teens of upcoming activities, materials, and resources available to them through the library.

### What is TAC?

The Oregon City Public Library's Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) is composed of 13 members in grades 7-12 who live or attend school in the Oregon City Public Library Service Area. TAC members help library staff plan teen activities, create a welcoming and fun environment in the teen library, and provide weekly volunteer assistance at the library.



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## Poetry

*A Selection of Poems Written In April By Myrtle Romas*

### April 16

There's this kind of ache, that sits on your chest sometimes,  
when you are thinking of cutting your hair.  
When you see a view that's a little too pretty to be captured on camera,  
that you'll never see again.  
When your eyes linger on a happy group or couple for a little too long.  
When you catch yourself jealous of something you've never even wanted

### April 18

There's something about your own wrath that shakes you to the very bone.  
It's so much easier to be angry  
and it's easier to lose control of that lightless flame and forget who,  
what, sparked your anger; how to hone it; how to use it as a tool.

### April 19

There's something to be said for childhood bedrooms when you aren't quite out of childhood yet. For sunsets on the summer solstice. For a favorite shirt, outgrown, but not thrown away.  
For that specific shade of lilac, you chose at twelve. For the taste of tin-mug cocoa while camping. For the smell of wood smoke. For falling asleep on road trips, and waking up in new places

## Art



"Warrior" by Freya, 13



"Greek God" by Kaydince, 15



"Extension Cords"  
by Elizabeth, 14



"Room" by Johnny, 13



"Untitled" by Julia, 15



"Girl with Blue Hair" by  
Elizabeth, 14

## New Arrivals

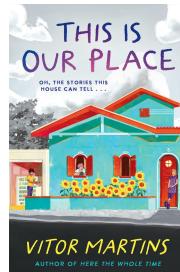
### *In the City of Time* by Gwendolyn

**Clare** Three science prodigies from two time periods meet in a strange, abandoned city. Burdened with a glitchy time machine, an android time cop hot on their trail, and some tangled temporal mechanics to unravel, they set out to save the Earth.

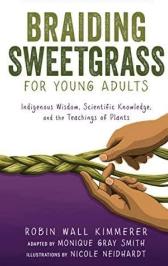


### *This Is Our Place* by Vitor Martins

The house at Number 8 Sunflower Street tells the stories of three teenagers who have lived within its walls in the 21st century--Ana, a lesbian forced to leave her home, Greg sent to live with his aunt when his parents divorce, and Beto, a would-be photographer living during the COVID pandemic.



ADAPTED FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



**Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults** by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer's best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass* is adapted for a young adult audience by children's author Monique Gray Smith, bringing Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation

## Online Resources

**Kanopy** is a free online streaming platform that allows users to access movies, documentaries and television series for free, with a library card. Download the Kanopy app or access the Kanopy website and access 5 free play credits per month.

**Creativebug** Explore your creativity with CreativeBug which offers over 1,000 classes and tutorials in arts and crafts such as, drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, and more! Free access with your library card!