New Arrivals

“The buried and the bound” by Rochelle Hassan
Seventeen-year-old Aziza El-Amin, the only hedgewitch in Blackthorn, Massachusetts, teams up with a cursed boy looking for answers and a young necromancer in order to eradicate a new threat in the woods and take back her hometown.

“Change the game” by Colin Kaepernick
High school star athlete Colin Kaepernick is at a crossroads in life. Heavily scouted by colleges and MLB as a baseball pitcher, he has a bright future ahead of him as a highly touted prospect. Everyone from his parents to his teachers and coaches are in agreement on his future. Colin feels differently. Colin isn’t excited about baseball. College football looks a lot more fun than sleeping on hotel room floors in the minor leagues of baseball. But Colin doesn’t have a single offer to play football. Yet.

Summer Reading 2023!
Summer Reading 2023 is here! Our Summer Reading program starts June 1! This year’s theme is "Find Your Voice" and the library has plenty in store for teens. If you are 12-17 years old, you can register using the Beanstack app to access your bingo activity card and to track your reading and collect prize drawing tickets.

Prizes!
There will be free giveaways and you'll have chances to win gift certificates to Dutch Bros. Coffee, Geeks & Games, Menchies, White Rabbit and our teen book box filled with books, a journal, pens, a tote bag and much more! For more information about summer reading and events visit our website at www.orcity.org/library.

Upcoming Events

Creative Kits - Register on the first Monday of the month for a free monthly crafting kit which includes supplies and instructions. Previous kits included macrame or moon phase theme magnets
June - Rainbow Pom Pom Garland
July - Friendship Bracelets
August - Constellation Bracelets

Maker Lounge
Register the week before to reserve your space!
June 30, 3pm - Dragon Eye Pendants, Button Maker, Masking Tape/Canvas painting
July 21, 3pm - DIY Cup Coasters
Aug. 18, 3pm - Tie Dye T-shirt

City Celebrations
Juneteenth June 17, 2-4pm, in Library Park

Holiday Library Closures:
Juneteenth (Mon, June 19), Independence Day (Tues, July 4) Labor Day (Mon, Sept. 4)

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

“Advice from an Orca” by Guthrie Romans
Hunt and eat many fish
Find a good pod and take care of each other
Embrace your generational culture and use it
Solve problems and enjoy doing so
Take pride in your pattern
Use your tail to propel yourself at high speeds
Form strong bonds with your family (and use it to hunt together)
Play in all stages of your life
Chum salmon are good, Chinook are the best. Enjoy both.

“Six” by Myrtle Romans
The collectors and the record keepers of the world are building a pulpy paper hive and the bees are in mourning;
The symphony is playing and I am still a passenger in my mother’s car; Don’t forget how it started.
Winter is lingering at the door, a confession on their lips. The air is vibrating with the absurdity of the living
and the disappointment of the dead before they even pull the door open
Act 1, scene 6, lights up on a bedroom that has always been too small for you;

“Sea Glass” by Myrtle Romans
The ravens are screaming again, calling for something they can’t name
pulling sea glass edges from the pebbles
dipping beaks low in the water/ iridescent droplets on night veiled wings

Art

“Green” By Myrtle
“Sunset” By Julia, 15
“Mitski” By Elizabeth, 15
“Dionysus” By Myrtle Romans
“Prom Queen” By Elizabeth, 15
“Untitled” By Julia, 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 original artwork for a chance to be showcased in The Stacks in the next quarterly newsletter. Scan the QR code to submit your drawing, painting, poem or other artwork!