

Oregon City Public Library

Youth Collections List

Children's and teen books and audiobooks check out for 28 days and may be renewed up to 4 times unless otherwise noted.

Children's DVDs check out for 7 days and may be renewed up to 4 times unless otherwise noted.

Children's Books

Board Books

Sturdy cardboard books with simple stories, perfect for small fingers and curious mouths.

Picture Books

Illustrated books that are perfect for reading aloud to any child who isn't reading independently yet. Some picture books are simple, with only a few words or no words at all, while others have longer stories suitable for elementary school age listeners.

Picture Book Topics

Are you in a hurry or does your young listener have very specific tastes? Check our topics section first. We keep extra copies of our favorite books on hand to make your life a little bit easier. Topics are Braille, Baby, Classics, Construction, Dinosaurs, Pink, and Trucks.

Holiday Books

Picture books and nonfiction books about a variety of holidays. We have sections for Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas, with all other holidays shelved in a general Holiday section. Holiday books may be checked out for 7 days.

Phonics

Each book in this section focuses on one sound, such as the letter B or words that end in "-at." These are great ways to introduce our youngest readers to basic sounds or provide additional support for kids who are still developing reading skills.

Easy Readers

We offer four levels of just right fiction and nonfiction books for beginning readers. Because each publisher uses a different leveling system, we apply the reading level stickers in-house to ensure consistency. More details about our reading levels can be found [here](#).

Bridging Fiction

Aimed at readers in Grades 2-4, Bridging Fiction books are perfect for children's who've mastered Level 4 easy readers but aren't quite ready for full length chapter books. They're usually about 60-100 pages long, use large print text, and feature full-page illustrations.

J Fiction

Aimed at readers in Grades 3-5, J Fiction books are the perfect next step for children who've mastered Magic Treehouse but aren't quite ready for Harry Potter yet. They're usually about 100-350 pages, use regular print text, and feature no or limited illustrations.

Young Teen Fiction

Aimed at readers in Grades 5-7, Young Teen Fiction books are for older elementary and younger middle school kids who are ready to leave "little kid stuff" behind but aren't quite ready to explore the YA section yet. They're usually 350 pages or longer, use regular print text, and feature no or limited illustrations.

J Magazines

Yes, you can check out magazines! We have over a dozen magazines aimed just at children in preschool through elementary school. While the newest issue does have to stay in the library, older issues can be checked out for 14 days. We keep back issues of most magazines for one year.

J Bilingual Books (Spanish-English)

Our bilingual collection includes picture books, easy readers, and nonfiction books written in a mixture of Spanish and English. While some books are mostly in English with a few Spanish words thrown in, the majority of our bilingual books feature full text in both English and Spanish.

J Spanish Books

Our Spanish collection includes picture books, easy readers, bridging fiction, J fiction, YA fiction, and nonfiction books written in both European and North American Spanish dialects. While we get quite a few popular titles in translation, we also add books originally written in Spanish whenever we can.

J Russian Books

Fun fact: Russian is the third most commonly spoken language in Oregon after English and Spanish! Our Russian collection includes picture books and nonfiction books written in Russian (Cyrillic alphabet). This is one of our newest collections and is still growing.

Parenting

Although it's located in the Children's Room, this section is geared for adults. In addition to nonfiction books on a variety of topics related to the work of parenting, this section includes picture books to use when introducing or discussing difficult topics with kids.

J Nonfiction

Books in our J Nonfiction are arranged by Dewey Decimal number and are appropriate for readers in Grades 2-7. If your just-right fiction section is Bridging Fiction, J Fiction, or Young Teen Fiction, the J Nonfiction section will probably be just right for you, too.

J Graphic Novels

Also known as the comics or comic book section, graphic novels are one of our most popular collections! We include all-ages comic strips like Garfield and Calvin & Hobbes in this section, as well as fiction and nonfiction novel-length books just right for readers in Grades 2-7.

J Lucky Day

Because holds lists are long and waiting is not easy, we put extra copies of our most popular children's books and movies on our Lucky Day shelf. You can check out 2 Lucky Day books and 2 Lucky Day movies at a time from any of our Lucky Day collections. Lucky Day books check out for just 14 days and Lucky Day movies for the regular 7 days, and Lucky Day items can't be renewed.

Children's A/V

J Music CDs

Want to test-drive some new lullabies for naptime or a family-friendly soundtrack for the car? This collection features CDs by children's musicians from around the world. We offer a wide variety of genres, from classical to folk to rock. J Music CDs check out for 14 days.

J Info DVDs

We keep our nonfiction DVDs in this section, organized by subject instead by Dewey Decimal number. Some of our most popular Info categories are animals, languages, math, science, and history. We also have Holiday and Stories (picture book adaptations) in this section to make them easier to find.

J Movie DVDs

Looking for a family movie night pick? That's what this section is for. Our J Movie DVDs are typically theatrical release of G and PG-rated films that kids and parents find equally entertaining.

J Series DVDs

In addition to children's TV shows, this section includes straight-to-DVD franchises like Barbie. While some of these series are fun for adults to watch as well, more of the content is geared exclusively at kids.

J Playaway Views

These handheld, single-use video players are pre-loaded with a short movie perfect for children in preschool and early elementary school. We like to remind parents that these devices require a little extra care! Accidents happen to even the most responsible kids, and replacement fees can be pricey.

J Playaways

Need something to listen to during your daily commute or workout, family road trip, or just for fun? We buy copies of our most popular books for children in Grades 2-6 on pre-loaded, single use MP3 players so you can listen to a book anytime, anywhere. Just plug in headphones and you're ready to go!

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Teen Books & A/V

Young Adult Fiction

Aimed at readers in Grades 7-12, Young Adult Fiction books are usually coming-of-age stories featuring a teen or group of teen protagonists. Common themes are romance, identity, and finding your place in the world. While some YA books do feature emotionally intense or mature topics, there are plenty of great options for younger or more sensitive readers as well.

Y Nonfiction

Books in our Y Nonfiction section are arranged by Dewey Decimal number and are appropriate for readers in Grades 7-12. If your just-right fiction section is Young Adult Fiction, the Y Nonfiction section will probably be just right for you, too.

Teen Classics

This section is perfect for college-bound teens looking to broaden their horizons and teens who are ready to leave the YA section but don't know where to start. In addition to the standard classics on the [College Board](#) reading list, we include [Alex Award](#) winners (best adult books for teens) and books from the [Outstanding Books for the College Bound](#) list.

Y LGBT

Looking for books featuring queer teens or information about LGBT issues? We put a bunch of our favorites together in one section to make them easier for you to find. For teens who take a private approach to their reading habits, we keep an extra copy of most titles in our regular Y Fiction and Y Nonfiction sections.

Y Spanish

Spanish-language versions of our most popular books for readers in Grades 7-12. This is one of our smallest collections and still growing!

Y Graphic Novels

Also known as the comics or comic book section, graphic novels are one of our most popular collections! We keep our teen-friendly superhero comics in this section, as well as fiction and nonfiction novel-length books just for readers in Grades 7-12.

Y Manga

Pronounced MAWN-ga, these Japanese comics are read from right-to-left (the reverse of English-language books) and feature a distinctive art style made famous in the US by anime (ANN-ih-may, or Japanese cartoons) like Sailor Moon. Y Manga books are organized by the name of the series instead of the author's last name and are just right for readers in Grades 7-12.

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Award Books

For our award collections, we typically have at least 2 copies of each title in the Children's or Teen collection, at least 1 copy of each title in the Lucky Day collection, and at least 1 copy of the audiobook if the title is available in an audio format. The ORCA & OBOB books for Grades 9-12 are located in Y Fiction and Teen Lucky Day; all other items will be shelved in the Children's Room or Children's Lucky Day areas.

Patricia Gallagher Children's Choice Picture Book Award

Young Oregonians (about Grades K-2) can read or listen to these 5 picture books, then vote for their favorite by turning in a ballot at their local library or in their classroom. The Gallagher Award is administered by the [Oregon Reading Association](#). A printer-friendly version of this year's **Gallagher Award** list is available online.

Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award (BCCCA)

Early elementary school students (about Grades 2-4) can read these 7 Bridging Fiction books, then vote for their favorite by turning in a ballot at their local library or online. The BCCCA program is administered by the [Oregon Association of School Libraries](#). A printer-friendly version of this year's **BCCCA** list is available online.

Oregon Reader's Choice Award (ORCA)

Upper elementary, middle, and high school students can read at least 2 books on the list for their grade level, then vote for their favorite by turning in a ballot at their local library or online. There are three age ranges: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. The ORCA program is administered by the [Oregon Library Association](#). Printer friendly versions of this year's **Grades 3-5**, **Grades 6-8**, and **Grades 9-12** ORCA lists are available online.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Upper elementary, middle, and high school students form teams at school and compete at the school, local, regional, and state level by answering questions about the books on the reading list. There are three age ranges: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. The OBOB program is administered by the [Oregon Association of School Libraries](#). Printer friendly versions of this year's **Grades 3-5**, **Grades 6-8**, and **Grades 9-12** OBOB lists are available online.