

Director's Note

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed some recent changes around our building, so let me start with the "elephant in the library"—the meeting room. In February, a leak was discovered coming up through the basement floor. Thankfully, no library materials were damaged as the room is mostly empty and ready to be used for programs. However, water intrusion in the basement of our 113-year-old building is a concern.



Air-quality testing has been completed, and I'm happy to report that there's no cause for concern, either in the meeting room or elsewhere in the library. While I wish I could provide a definitive timeline for when the meeting room will be available again, we are still exploring solutions. At this stage, all potential fixes will require us to keep the meeting room closed for several months. We'll keep you updated as we move forward.

If you've seen the north side of the library (facing the Chehalem Cultural Center), you've probably noticed that the steps have been removed. As I write this, the ramp is being poured. We're thrilled about this change as there has never been a safe way for people with mobility issues to exit the upstairs in case of an emergency. This was identified as a priority during our 2024 accessibility audit, and we're excited to see it happening!

You may also have noticed on the south side of the library that we've removed the concrete wall, creating a much nicer open space in front of the original Carnegie doors. The concrete wall separating the library from the road has also been trimmed down to improve visibility. These changes are part of our ongoing efforts to improve safety around the library. This new design also offers a better view of our historic building, and with the restoration of the original doors and windows last year, we've reduced road noise inside.

As we continue to update the library and create better spaces for everyone, we'll keep you posted. Thank you for your continued support of the Newberg Public Library!


With gratitude,
Korie Jones Buerkle
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Library Board Meeting


Thursday, March 20th; 6:00pm


To register comments for the next scheduled meeting of our supportive Library Advisory Board, please contact Korie Buerkle at korie.buerkle@newbergoregon.gov.


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Library Matters

Newberg Public Library

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The library will be closed on Friday, March 21st, 2025, for a staff in-service day.

New Library Hours

Our new library hours begin Saturday, March 1st, 2025:

	Sunday/Monday	Closed
	Tuesday	10-8 pm
	Wednesday	10-6 pm
	Thursday	10-8 pm
	Friday	12-6 pm
	Saturday	10-6 pm

Spring Break Activities at the Library

March 22nd-29th, 2024

We are planning many activities for families to enjoy during Spring Break.

- **Children's Passive Program:** During the month of March, stop by the Children's library to explore our frog-themed passive program.
- **Children's: LEGO At-Home Challenge (while supplies last)**
Beginning Wednesday, March 19th. Stop by the Children's Desk to get your LEGO Challenge bag. Complete the challenge (using only the LEGOs provided) then email a picture of your build to library@newbergoregon.gov.
- **Children's Grab & Go (while supplies last)**
Available beginning Saturday, March 22nd. Learn about frogs and have a hopping good time with this spring-themed grab and go!
- **Teens: Genre Bingo**
Choose your favorite genre and complete a bingo. Bingos can be found in the Teen area. Turn your completed Bingo in at the upstairs information desk to earn a small prize.
- **Teens: Take & Make (while supplies last)**
Available at the upstairs information desk, teens--come by and get your Take & Make kit. Create your very own origami jumping frog.
- **All Ages: Frog Activity Booklet (while supplies last)**
Do you like frogs and are looking to de-stress? Stop by the Children's desk to pick up your activity booklet beginning Saturday, March 22nd.
- **All Ages: Spice Kit (while supplies last)**
Starting Saturday, March 22nd, pick up your pickling spice kit downstairs at the Circulation desk. Learn more about picking spices and the amazing things you can do with it.
- **Spring Storytime Break:** Storytimes are on break starting March 24th-31st. Storytimes will return on Tuesday, April 1st.

Children's Programming

Children's Information Desk
(503) 537-0304

Early Literacy Storytimes

Spring Storytime Break: Storytimes are on break starting March 24th-31st. Storytimes will return on Tuesday, April 1st.

Baby Tot Storytime (Birth-24 months)

Tuesdays at 10:15am, March 4, 11, 18



A storytime for babies ages birth-24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays at 11:15am, March 4, 11, 18



An all-ages, interactive early literacy storytime full of stories, songs, movement, and rhymes.

Story Play! (ages 2-5)

Wednesdays at 10:15am, March 5, 12, 19



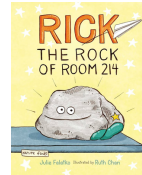
Listen to a story then play together as your child builds early literacy skills. Sensory-friendly storytime experience. Siblings welcome.

Library Word Search

Stop by the children's desk to get your monthly wordsearch. March's theme: St. Patrick's Day

My First Book Club (Grade K-2)

Tuesday, March 4th; 3:30pm



Rick the Rock of Room 214 by Julie Falatko. Sign up at the Children's Information desk for this interactive read aloud book club. Registration is required.

Homeschool Happening

Wednesday, March 12th; 1:00-2:30pm



March: Colors of the Rainbow, join us for a crafty day of color. Meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Graphic Novel Book Club (Grade 3-5)

Tuesday, March 18th; 3:30pm



Super Boba Café by Nidhi Chanani. Registration required. Sign up at the library or online and pick up a copy of the book. Meets monthly.

Unofficial OBOB Challenge (last month!)

October 1st, 2024-April 1st, 2025



Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your challenge form. Read at least four current OBOB titles to be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Teen Programming (Grades 6-12)

Information Desk
(503) 538-7323, opt. 6

Young Teen Thursdays (6th-8th grade)

Thursday, March 20th; 4:00-5:30pm



Join us in the teen area for this monthly service program. Learn how the library works, prep materials for programs, and help clean and organize. Register online.

Crafts & Conversation

Thursday, March 20th; 7:00pm



Come craft & chat! Bring your own crafts or use ours. Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. No registration necessary.

Teen Books--Coming Soon!

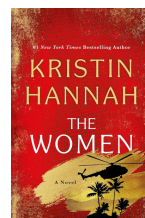


Adult Programming

Information Desk
(503) 538-7323, opt. 6

Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, March 11th; 7:00pm



The Woman by Kristin Hannah.

Senior Book Club @ Chehalem Senior Center

Wednesday, March 19th; 1:00pm



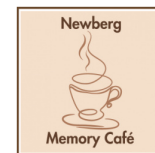
My Murder by Katie Williams.

Technology Classes

@ the Chehalem Senior Center

Wednesday, March 26th; 1:00pm

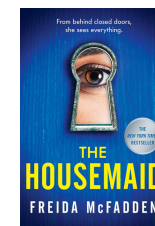
Basic tech help @ the Chehalem Senior Center. For more information, contact the senior center at (503) 537-9404.



Newberg Memory Café

Thursday, March 13th; 10:30am

A social gathering for adults living with memory loss and their care partners to connect and socialize where activities are not dependent on flawless memories. Care partners are required to attend.



Mystery/Thriller Book Club

Thursday, March 20th; 7:00pm

The Housemaid by Freida McFadden.

Upstairs Display Case

The upstairs display case will feature books celebrating women authors in celebration of National Women's History month.

New Books--Coming in March

