

## Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box at Olathe Public Library FAQ

**Question:** What is a Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** A Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box is a monthly service provided by the library to teens in the community. The service is completely free. After a teen registers for a box and picks it up, they will find in their box a book relating to the monthly theme and 3-5 additional swag items that relate to the book and its contents.

**Question:** Who can register for a Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** Any teen currently in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade can register. There are two boxes each month: one for middle school students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and one for high school students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The books selected for each category are aimed at audiences of a particular age. For other similar opportunities for non-teenagers, children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger have the Bookworms Book Club and adults have the Paperback Book Club.

**Question:** Where can I register for a Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** You can register each month on our [Events Calendar](#). The event will appear on the first Monday of the month. From there, you select the middle school or high school option, fill out the designated fields, and then you are registered. You should receive a confirmation email after you sign up confirming your status as “Complete” or “Waitlisted” as the case may be.

**Question:** When can I register for a Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** Registration opens the last Monday of each month at 9 a.m. for the next month’s box. You can register for a box at any time throughout the month, but if registration is full, you will be put on the waitlist.

**Question:** After I register, when can I pick up my Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** Book Dragon Teen Subscription Boxes are available to be picked up the first Monday of each month. As long as your confirmation screen and email confirm your status as “Complete,” you can pick up your box at your designated location as soon as the library opens that first Monday of the month.

**Question:** Where can I pick up my Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** When you register for a box, one of the fields you have to complete is the pickup location. You can select to pick up at our Indian Creek location or our Temporary Downtown location. For each location, you can pick up your subscription box inside the library. For the Indian Creek location, you will want to go to the teen services desk. For the Temporary Downtown location, you can pick up your box at the customer services desk. If you wish to pick up your subscription box through our curbside service at Indian Creek, please make note of that in this registration field by writing “ICC” or “Indian Creek Curbside” so that your box will be available there. For curbside pickup at our Temporary Downtown location, you need not designate curbside vs. inside.

**Question:** Can I change my pickup location after I register?

**Answer:** Yes! If you wish to change your location between the two libraries or to pick up your subscription box through our curbside service, email Teen Assistant Whitney Horn at [whorn@olathelibrary.org](mailto:whorn@olathelibrary.org) to coordinate that effort.

**Question:** What is the timeline for picking up my Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** The first day you can pick up your subscription box is the first Monday of the month and the deadline to pick up your subscription box is the last Sunday of the month. If you do not claim your box by the last Sunday of the month, you will forfeit your claim to the box. If there are outstanding circumstances that lead to you being unable to pick up your box during this window, please contact Teen Assistant Whitney Horn at [whorn@olathelibrary.org](mailto:whorn@olathelibrary.org) to coordinate holding your box longer.

**Question:** If I sign up for this month's subscription box, will I automatically be signed up for next month's subscription box too?

**Answer:** No. You will have to register each month for the new subscription box. There is no rollover process.

**Question:** If I am on the waitlist for the subscription box this month, does that sign me up for next month's box automatically?

**Answer:** No. Each month starts fresh, so if you are waitlisted for this month, you will still need to register for next month's box on your own.

**Question:** If I received a Book Dragon Subscription Box this month, can I get next month's box too?

**Answer:** Yes. Each month's box is independent from the other months' boxes. We ask that you only sign up for boxes and books that you are interested in to allow more teens access to books they will enjoy, but you are welcome to sign up for consecutive boxes as your interest wishes.

**Question:** How does the waitlist work? Is it worth it to sign up if registration is full for the month?

**Answer:** After the deadline has passed for complete registrants to pick up their boxes and if there are still unclaimed subscription boxes at the library, we move to the waitlist. The next person on the waitlist will be contacted via email outlining their promotion to the "Complete" list and provided instructions and a timetable to pick up their subscription box.

**Question:** What is in a Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** For both the middle and high school options, each box will include a book as well as 3-5 additional items related to the book. This could include swag items promoting the library, items that relate to a reading habit in general, or themed items relating to the specific content of the book or the theme of the month. Sometimes the items will include activities to help you interact with the text.

**Question:** How are the books selected?

**Answer:** Teen staff at the library pick each month's book for the middle school and high school levels. Each month, we choose a theme relating to yearly events or reader trends. The theme for the middle school and high school books are the same, but the books chosen will be different due to target audience and content.

**Question:** How do I know that the book in the subscription box is suitable for my teen?

**Answer:** On the events calendar where you register for the subscription box, the description will contain the name of the book selected for the month and a link to our online catalog. From there you can do your own research to determine if your teen will enjoy the book and if you deem the book's content acceptable for your teen. In addition to the library catalogue and your own googling, [Common Sense Media](#) is a great source of information on book content and suitability.

**Question:** What is the difference between the middle school and high school boxes?

**Answer:** Each month, the book will be different for each level. The middle school book will be classified for and targeted to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders while the high school book will be classified for and targeted to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders by publishers and literary reviewers. All books selected are owned and included in the Olathe Public Library teen collection (see [Collection Development Policy](#) for details). The additional items in the boxes will sometimes be identical in the middle school and high school boxes, but some months may diverge on these items depending on availability and book similarities.

**Question:** Why are you offering the Book Dragon Teen Subscription Box?

**Answer:** Great question! There are many positive outcomes we hope teens gain from this service. One of the most important is getting teens to read for fun. Literacy and pleasure reading are an important part of adolescent development and our hope is that giving books to teens gives them ownership over the book and will encourage them to read it, perhaps multiple times. Another goal is to build teens' personal libraries and foster a reading habit. Additionally, the extra items in the box will help develop reading comprehension skills and expand worldviews as teens delve into the content, themes, and cultures of the books through the additional items.