

# Rochester Public Library News and Events

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## Libraries Change Lives

Bob Havens, 80 year old retired pastor, stopped by my office recently. I had called him to see if he would share his love of libraries with me and all of you readers. His name was passed on to me by Louise



Moe our reference librarian...Bob has a variety of interests. He brought along four library items: a DVD of *Bridge over the River Kwai*; a tape of an original version of the story *Bridge over the River Kwai*; these two for the library's Literature into Film book club, a copy of *The Qur'an* and a copy of the book *Parenting Beyond Belief*.

Bob, a retired United Methodist pastor, goes to the local mosque downtown on the last Saturday of each month to partake in a discussion group that includes himself, seven Sisters' of St. Francis, the new pastor of the Unitarian Church and others. The discussions are led by two Muslim presenters from India and Turkey. The discussions, questions and answers revolve around all of the participants' faith journeys. He is always impressed by the 100 or so children and teenagers that are also at the mosque studying the Qur'an when he arrives.

The Rochester Faith Seekers - he describes the two dozen or so and himself as Free Thinkers - meet at the Library once a month and are discussing the book *Parenting Beyond Belief*, he had wanted to read the book and as we did not have a copy avail-

able he used the library service of interlibrary loan. A copy was found for him in Duluth.

He says that he hasn't purchased a magazine in years; he just comes down to the box outside the Friends of the Library Bookstore and picks up what ever he likes. He has resisted owning a cell phone and does not own a computer; instead he comes to the library to use our computers and the e-mail available to him as a library card holder.

The newsletter you are reading has become his monthly calendar of events to attend and it allows him to schedule parts of his life around his love of the library.

Bob said that he has the same feeling entering a library as he does entering a museum, "It's my place." He has been traveling to Germany doing a study of one cathedral in each of the 13 states and three city-states that comprise Germany. As a youth pastor for years, he became interested in the symbolism that was built into churches as part of the architecture and the art that was used to teach the people before they were able to read and before books were readily available. He uses the library for his research into the symbolism.

Then he told me that when he visits Branson, Orlando, Las Vegas and Sanibel Island, a major stop for him on each visit is their library. Branson's library is in an older building that he thinks may have been a store at one time. It is small, active, up to date, has lots of novels and computers and e-mail which he uses. Orlando's is brand new and has everything. The library in Las Vegas is way out in the northwest part of town and is co-located with the Science Museum, an interesting partnering.

Betty Lou, his wife, and Bob discovered Sanibel Island 36 years ago when they were looking for a place to go tenting. They asked about the island

## Minnesota Poet Laureate

By Sue McMillian, *Friend of the Library*

Minnesota is proud to announce its first official state Poet Laureate, and few poets can rival the accomplishments of Robert Bly! I hope you all had an opportunity to read or hear about this amazing writer in recent news. You may also have heard him reading some of his work on Minnesota Public Radio's *A Prairie Home Companion* the weekend of March 1st.

Having a poet laureate will help bring to light the quality and abundance of Minnesota's poetry. Though we have had a couple of poets serve in the capacity of Poet Laureate in the past, until now the position was unofficial. Last year, Minnesota lawmakers finally passed legislation to establish this position. (For details, see the Minnesota Humanities Center website at <http://www.minnesotahumanities.org>.)

As a writer and insatiable reader of poetry, I was honored to serve on the statewide committee to select the Poet Laureate. Thank you, Friends, for nominating me for this amazing opportunity! The selection committee, comprised of 11 members, was intended to represent the breadth of the state of Minnesota. Members represented various arts organizations as well as Friends organizations throughout the state.

More than fifty poets were nominated for poet laureate, many of whom had such impressive credentials it was hard to know where to begin. Each poet was evaluated on the quality of their poetry, their contribution to Minnesota's literary community, and their perspective of the role of Poet Laureate. This process involved long hours of reading, analyzing, and agonizing. Nevertheless, it was a labor of love. In the end, each nominee received a score, and each committee member's score was tallied in a database.

The first round reduced the list to eight candidates, which we were then asked to re-evaluate and reduce to only three. This was a heartbreaking task; any of the eight would have been an inspiring choice. In the end, three names were forwarded to governor Pawlenty, who then made the final decision.

The best part of being involved was reading the poetry, some of which was unpublished work by some fairly famous people. Of one thing I am certain: poetry is in good hands in Minnesota. Since April is poetry month, why not discover some Minnesota poets? Read their work and be inspired!



## What are you going to read next?

Look for the NextReads logo on the Library webpage to sign up for your own reading recommendations delivered to your computer! NextReads is a newsletter service that e-mails to subscribers a list of recommended titles once or twice a month, depending on the newsletter(s) chosen.

Each title is accompanied by a short description and a link to our catalog for placing a hold. Subscribing to our NextReads newsletters is easy! Click on the NextReads link on the library webpage. Fill in your name, e-mail address and password and put a check next to the newsletters you would like to receive. Hover your mouse over the newsletter titles to see a short description. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail. To subscribe, just click on the link in the confirmation e-mail and that's it! *It's that simple!* Manage your newsletter subscriptions from the "Manage Your Subscription" link on the NextReads Subscription page by entering your e-mail address and password to change which newsletters you receive. Choose from any of these great lists...

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- Horror
- Mystery
- Romance
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- Do-it-yourself
- Mind and Body Fitness
- History and Current Events
- Nature and Science
- Popular Culture
- Spirituality and Religion
- Teen Scene
- Audiobooks

# Night Owl Book Club

Rochester Public Library is starting a Night Owl Book Club on evenings of the third Tuesdays of each month. This book club will focus on books that keep you up all night because of their page-turning addictiveness, the need to know "who dunnit," and the thrilling "just one more chapter - what's going to happen" plot twisting dramas.

If you would like to join this book club, please stop by the Fiction, Movies & Music desk, call 285-8006, or e-mail [lperry@rochester.lib.mn.us](mailto:lperry@rochester.lib.mn.us)

## Volunteers Wanted:

The Friends of the Rochester Public Library would like to have strong, able-bodied volunteers who can lift and move boxes of books for the 4 - 5 sales held each year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators Gail Harris or Marilyn Campbell by calling 287-2627.

## Outstanding Women in Leadership Roles Awards



The 10th annual "Outstanding Women in Leadership Roles" award reception was held on Tuesday, March 18th, 2008, at the Mayo Civic Center - Grand Ballroom.

Congratulations to the deserving women who have been selected. (Left to right) Katherine Stecher, Public Library - Adult Programming; Shari Kottke, Child & Family Services; Vicki Ernster, Public Library-Children's Services; Michele Valletta, Child & Family Services; Helen Monsees, Olmsted County Facilities; Kathy Wilson, Public Utilities.



# GOAT

Group Of Advising Teens

### What is a GOAT?

It is a Group Of Advising Teens that discuss and plan young adult library programs.

### Who can be a GOAT?

Any youth age 12-18.

### Why should I become a GOAT?

To work with other youth and create an impressive YA area and cool things to do while you're at the library.

### Where do the GOATs meet?

At the Rochester Public Library in Meeting Room A on the 3rd Monday of every month.

**Rochester Public Library**  
101 2nd ST SE

For more information please call Lynette @ 285-8006.

# April Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

101 2nd Street SE

[www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org)

507-285-8000

**Tuesday, April 1**

**Family Film Program: More Springtime Fun!**

**Auditorium**

Our program features three springtime films based on stories written by favorite children's authors: *Lambert the Sheepish Lion*, *Charlie Needs a Cloak*, and *Bear Wants More*.

**Tuesday, April 1**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium**

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.



**10:30 am**

**Sunday, April 6**

**Author Program: Catherine Friend**

**Auditorium**

Catherine Friend, author of *Hit By a Farm: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Barn*, lives in rural Minnesota with her partner of twenty-three years. She is author of six children's books, one nonfiction book for adults, and two romantic adventure novels for adults. Her second nonfiction book, *The Compassionate Carnivore*, is due to be released in 2008. *The Coffee House Author Series* is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

**2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, April 2**

**Family Film: The Lorax**

**Auditorium**

This classic tale written by Dr. Seuss tells the humorous story of the Lorax and his efforts to "save the trees" from extinction.

**10:30 am**



**6:00 pm**

**Monday, April 7**

**Sit-Stay-Read**

**Auditorium**

Read aloud for 20 minutes to a friendly therapy dog. Reading times are 6:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. When registering online, please enter your preferred dog and time in the e-mail address box (ex: dog@time.com). Dogs and times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Only a registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

**6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 2**

**Spring Break Movie @ Your Library**

**Auditorium**

Based on the successful cartoon from the 80s, this action adventure pits the Autobots against the evil Deceptions. When the two intergalactic races wage war, they choose Earth as their battleground. A show is on the way as the machines change shape between cars, trucks, planes and other technological creations. Rated PG-13.



**10:30 am**

**Tuesday, April 8**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium**

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**6:30 pm**

**Thursday, April 3**

**Family Film: Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree**

**Auditorium**

A very hungry Pooh Bear is determined to help himself to a sweet treat at the top of the honey tree.

**10:30 am**

**Tuesday, April 8**

**Writing Group**

**Meeting Room A**

Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out.

**6:30 pm**

**Friday, April 4**

**Family Films: Curious George**

**Auditorium**

Curious George and Curious George Goes to the Hospital. Curious George, the mischievous monkey, is up to his usual tricks in two films based on the classic picture books by H. A. Rey.

**10:30 am**

**Wednesday, April 9**

**iFilms: International and Independent Films**

**Auditorium**

*The Violin Drama* | Mexico - Don Plutarco, his son Genaro and his grandson Lucio live a double life: on one hand they are musicians and humble farmers, on the other they support the campesina peasant guerilla movement's armed efforts against the oppressive government. Arms and music play a tenuous game of cat-and-mouse which ultimately results in painful betrayal. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.*



**6:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 5**

**Hooray for Saturday! Family Film: The Cat in the Hat**

**Auditorium**

The impulsive Cat in the Hat romps through the house one rainy day while Mother is away. This animated film is based on the classic tale by Dr. Seuss.

**10:00 am**

**Saturday, April 12**  
**Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program: Wild About Books and other Library Tales**

**10:30**

**Auditorium**

Kick off National Library Week with three family films based on popular children's picture books including: *Wild About Books*, *Beverly Billingsly Borrows a Book*, and *Wolf!*

**Sunday, April 13**

**1:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

**Auditorium**

Kick-off National Library week with a Friends of the Library Spring Cleaning Book Sale in the Auditorium



**Monday, April 14**

**9:00 - 11:00 am**

**Climb On Board the Bookmobile  
Parked in front of the Library**

If you've never seen the inside of the bookmobile, here's an opportunity to do so.



**Tuesday, April 15**

**4:00 pm**

**Introduction to Blogging  
Meeting Room B**

Would you like to put your thoughts, opinions and pictures on the Internet for your friends, family (and the world) to see? One of the quickest and easiest ways to do that is to create your own "blog." During this class a librarian will talk about blogging and help you set up your own free blog. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.



**Monday, April 14**

**6:30 pm**

**Sit-Stay-Read  
Auditorium**

Read aloud for 20 minutes to a friendly therapy dog. Reading times are 6:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. When registering online, please enter your preferred dog and time in the e-mail address box (ex: dog@time.com). Dogs and times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Only a registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.



**Tuesday, April 15**

**6:30 pm**

**Bedtime Stories  
Auditorium**

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**Wednesday, April 16**

**Earth Day Movie @ Your Library: Arctic Tale  
Auditorium**

This film follows a walrus and a polar bear from birth to maturity and parenthood in the frozen wilderness of the Great North. These magnificent creatures' world was once a perpetual winter wonderland of snow and ice but now they face extinction as their icebound world melts from underneath them. Rated G.



**6:30 pm**

**Thursday, April 17**

**Libraries Share  
Meeting Room B**

Every day Rochester Public Library requests and receives library materials from other libraries for Rochester library patrons. This library service is provided at no cost to the requester. It's useful when Rochester Public Library does not own the material you desire. Learn about MNLINK (Minnesota's statewide virtual library), SELCO (SouthEast Libraries Cooperating), WorldCat (a worldwide library database) and MEDD (an electronic delivery of journal articles directly to your e-mail). See how easy it is to request materials from other libraries. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

**3:30 pm**

**Thursday, April 17**

**Rochester Reads Author Visit:  
Deborah Ellis**

Deborah Ellis, author of the 2007 Rochester Reads junior title, *The Breadwinner*, will be speaking at Mayo High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. (1420 11th Av. SE, Rochester)

**7:00 pm**



**Saturday, April 19**

**Hooray for Saturday! Special Program: Schiffelly Puppets!  
Auditorium**

Laughter abounds when the Schiffelly Puppets enact the wacky tale of *Harry and the Beanstalk*.

**10:30 am**

**Monday, April 21**

**GOAT Meeting - Group of Advising Teens  
Meeting Room A**

Join other Rochester Area youth (ages 12-18) and take a leadership role to discuss ideas and make plans for youth library programs, teen web page, and other ideas. Any questions, contact Lynette @ 285-8008.

**4:00 pm**



**Monday, April 21**

**6:30 pm**

**Sit-Stay-Read**

**Auditorium**

Read aloud for 20 minutes to a friendly therapy dog. Reading times are 6:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. When registering online, please enter your preferred dog and time in the e-mail address box (ex: dog@time.com). Dogs and times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Only a registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

**Tuesday, April 22**

**6:30 pm**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium**

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**Wednesday, April 23**

**6:30 pm**

**Writing Group**

**Meeting Room A**

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**Thursday, April 24**

**7:00 pm**

**Lecture: Tenets of Peaceful Coexistence and Conscious Living**

**Auditorium**

Swami Vidyadhisnanda Giri, a Hindu monk, will be offering his guidance on easing the pressures of contemporary life.

**Saturday, April 26**

**10:30 am**

**Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program: April Showers!**

**Auditorium**

*The Dingles* - A family of cats is taken by surprise when a wild rain storm blows in.

*Rain Babies* - When the moon gives twelve tiny babies to a childless couple, the new parents take great care of their charges and receive an unexpected reward.



**Sunday, April 27**

**2:30 pm**

**Yaggy Colby History Lecture**

**Auditorium**

Presented by Olmsted County Historical Society in cooperation with Rochester Public Library. Costs underwritten by Yaggy Colby Associates.

**Tuesday, April 29**

**6:30 pm**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium**

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.



**IMLS** (Institute of Museum and Library Services)

**Announces Results of Study on the Internet's Impact on Museums and Libraries**

MIAMI, FL Institute of Museum and Library Services Director Anne-Imelda Radice released results of InterConnections: A National Study of Users and Potential Users of Online Information, March 6, at the 9th annual WebWise Conference on Libraries and Museums in the Digital World in Miami.

Museums and libraries are alive and well in the digital world, Radice said. The InterConnections report shows how people currently search for information and makes the case that libraries and museums must provide service both online and in person.

The study found that:

Libraries and museums are the most trusted sources of online information among adults of all ages, education levels, races, and ethnicities. Libraries and museums rank higher in trustworthiness than all other information sources including government, commercial, and private Web sites. The study shows that the public trust of museums and libraries migrates to the online environment.

The explosive growth of information available in the Information Age actually whets Americans appetite for more information.

The Internet is not replacing in-person visits to libraries and museums; it may actually increase onsite use of libraries and museums. There is a positive relationship between Internet use and in-person visits to museums and public libraries.

The InterConnections report provides evidence that public libraries and museums are thriving in the Internet Age as trusted providers of information to people of all ages.

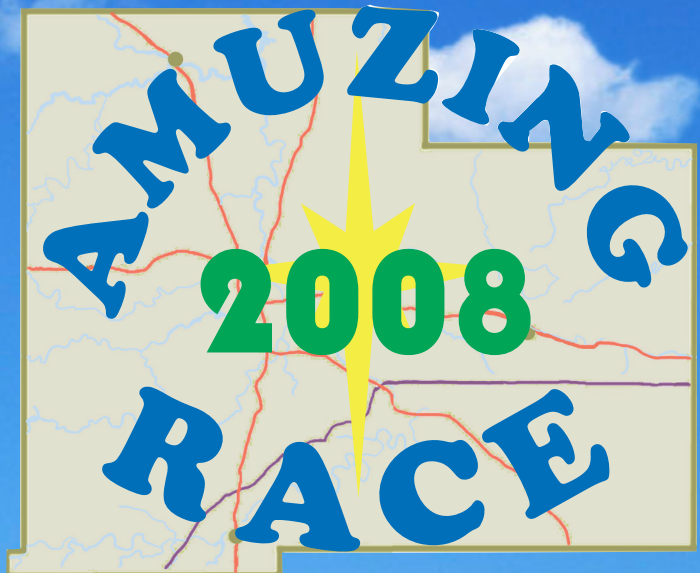
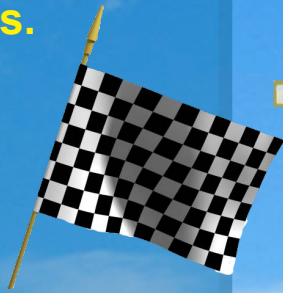
About the Institute of Museum and Library Services:

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.

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engines for  
your own  
Reality Race!**

Teams drive around  
Olmsted County,  
follow clues and  
complete tasks.

- Grand Prize
- Door Prizes
- T-Shirts
- Picnic



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Foundation

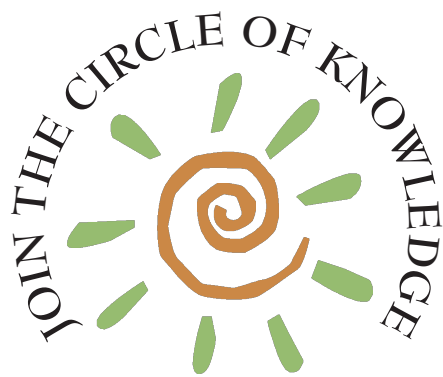
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Watch the website for more information.

**[www.AmazingRace.org](http://www.AmazingRace.org)**

## Join the Circle of Knowledge during National Library Week - April 13 - 19



Rochester Public Library has planned some special events for National Library week. The week kicks off with a Friends of the Library book sale on Sunday, April 13, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

If you've never seen the inside of the bookmobile, take the opportunity to do so on Monday, April 14, from 9 - 11 am. Also on Monday is the ever-popular Sit-Stay-Read program for children to gain confidence in their reading skills by reading stories to gentle therapy dogs. Register online or call 328-2303.

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National Library week wraps up on Saturday, April 19, with the Schiffelly puppets as they present the humorous tale of *Harry and the Beanstalk* from 10:30 - 11 am.

## Did you know?

If you give the library your e-mail address, you automatically get an e-mail reminder notice two days before your library materials are due! E-mail is also the quickest way for you to be notified if a reserve item is available for you. If you would like to change your library notifications to e-mail (rather than phone or postal mail), please stop by the Public Services Desk on the first floor or call us at 285-8005.



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they saw from Fort Meyer and were told that you could camp there. They took a ferry over to the island and found 13 miles of publicly owned white sand beach and plenty of areas to camp. They have been going back ever since. They have grandchildren in the Fort Meyer area and have owned a time share in Fort Meyer for twenty years. They take the grandchildren to Sanibel and when not on the beach they all go to the Sanibel Library which, owing to building codes, is on stilts, 14 feet off the ground. Besides checking out books he also uses their computers and e-mail to stay in touch.

Bob notes that his entire life has revolved around library sciences. He took a degree in pre-med from the University of Kentucky, his Divinity degree from Drew University in New Jersey, attended Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois where he took his masters in education and met his wife Betty Lou while attending Vanderbilt.

Now Bob is waiting for April 1st when he traditionally takes his bike down from the garage rafters and begins riding. The bike goes into the rafters on Thanksgiving Day. In between he does 10 to 20 miles a day on his stationary bike while reading. He does long distance riding with a youth group, doing a seven day trip from Duluth to LaCrosse staying in tents and scheduling talks with park rangers; and a ten day trip from Itasca to Whitewater Park where they meet twice with medicine men on reservations. The overlying theme for both trips is Pro-Earth.

Libraries truly make a difference in Bob's life.

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