

Libraries Change Lives - Fund raising



A Fund Raiser for the
Rochester Public Library Foundation
www.amazingrace.org

If you were given a combination padlock and a list of three United States Presidents, would you know how to open the padlock? This was the first task to kick off the Rochester Public Library Foundation's Second Annual Amazing Race fundraiser. The first team opened their lock in under a minute. Out of the thirty-five teams participating in the race this year, only eight teams succeeded in opening the lock before the teams were allowed to use library resources to help them. For 15 minutes teams wracked their brains and spun the dials on their locks until the announcement came that they could use any library resource to help them figure out the clue. There was a mad dash to the catalog computers to look up books about presidents and in no time at all, the rest of the teams opened their locks and were on their way to the next destination. For those who are curious, the team that won first place was not one of the eight teams that solved the task within the first 15 minutes.



Above: Clue #1 - Trying to figure out the combination lock.

Below: Clue # 4 - Create a geodesic dome out of newspapers.



During the course of the race, teams were sent all over Rochester to find their clues and perform tasks. Some tasks included building a geodesic dome out of newspapers, stacking paper cups into a pyramid without actually touching the cups with their hands, finding a certain employee at Target North, finding two cards with their team number on them out of a mountain of old library catalog cards, an electrical wiring project to turn on a light bulb, etc.... The race ended at the Sports Center Fieldhouse at Rochester Community and Technical College with an awards ceremony and a picnic lunch sponsored by John Hardy's Bar-B-Q.

The winning team, Footloose and Childfree finished the race in just over three and a half hours. The grand prize was four vouchers good for two tickets each to a 2008 Twins game, a Kent Hrbek figurine and a Kirby Puckett figurine all donated by Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. Other

Clue # 16 - Wire up a light socket and switch.



prizes included: more Twins' tickets donated by the Minnesota Twins, tickets to the Rochester Greek Festival donated by Steve and Judy Kereakos, rounds of golf donated by the Rochester Park and Rec Department, family sessions and free 8x10 photos donated by Hart Photography, and many more great prizes.

August Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public
101 2nd Street SE www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org 507-328-2300

Sit-Stay-Read

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25 6:30 pm
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 registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.



Writing Group

Tuesday, August 12

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



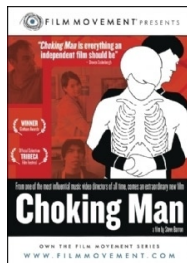
iFilms: International and Independent Films

Wednesday, August 13

Auditorium

CHOKING MAN Drama | United States | English Language. The social anxiety of a morbidly shy Ecuadorian dishwasher working in a Queens diner provides the psychological engine that powers this intense blend of drama and magical realism from famed music video director Steve Barron. Newcomer Octavio Gomez Berrios gives a quietly effective performance in the "title" role. Also starring Mandy Patinkin.

6:00 pm



The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.

Movie @ your Library Wednesday, August 6

7:00 pm

Auditorium

Alex Rider is a normal teenager living with his uncle and yearning for a more exciting life. When he is recruited to be a teenage agent for MI6, he gets more than he bargained for and goes on a kung fu fighting, mountain biking, scuba diving adventure. Rated PG.



Summer Family FunFest

10:00 am & 1:00 pm

Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Wednesday, August 6

Marionettes and Magic with Jim Jayes
Auditorium

Jim Jayes and his colorful marionettes present a magical show of summer fun!

Wednesday, August 13

Magical Fun with Norm the Happy Pirate!
Auditorium

Auditorium

Set sail for adventure! Magician Norm Barnhart will amaze you with his clever and colorful illusions.

Wednesday, August 20

Oscar the Clown in Becca's Big Break!
Auditorium

There are giggles galore when Oscar the Clown and Becca visit the library with crazy antics and musical surprises!

Minnaqua Fishing Program

Thursday, August 7

2:00 pm

Auditorium

Staff from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will present an interactive program about the sport of fishing for youth ages 12-18. The program will include information about fish life, how to fish, fishing trips, and why you should fish in the great outdoors.

Senior Techies - Computer Practice

Friday, August 29

9:30 am

Meeting Room B

Need a quick refresher on any of our Senior Techies classes? Computers are provided and a librarian will be there to answer basic computer questions. No registration is necessary. Recommended for patrons 55+.





Improv Minnaqua Jewelry Acting Fishing Making

Art Contest Game Nights



L to R: Devon O'Hara, Rayna Wang, Emy O'Hara & Mike Wang

This year's young adult summer reading program is all about getting your mind and body in gear. To start the summer off, the library hosted an art contest open to area teens. The pieces were judged and an awards ceremony was held on July 18th. First place winners, Mike Wang, 12-15 age group, and Jake Homestad, 16-18 age group; each won a \$100 gift card to Target. The runners-up, Devon O'Hara, Rayna Wang, Emy O'Hara & Anthony Olson all won \$20 gift cards, also to Target.

Movies @ the Library

10th Annual Rochesterfest Booksale

For 10 years running, the Friends of the Rochester Public Library has held its annual book sale on Wednesday and Thursday, of Rochesterfest. Usually the book sale takes place in the garage but this year it was held in the air-conditioned comfort of the library auditorium. There were tables and tables of books from every genre. Also available were music and movies in multiple formats. The Unusual and Special items sale was held in the library lobby area in front of the auditorium entrance. There were art prints and rare books for sale. If you missed it this year, don't worry, the Friends hold 5 book sales a year with the next one coming up in October.

That Writing Contest



Have a story to tell?
or feel a poem
coming on?

Submit your original work to the library and win prizes!

That Writing Contest is once again being held at the Rochester Public Library. For official rules and submission forms, visit www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/writingcontest, call 328-2305 or come to the Fiction, Movies, and Music desk on the first floor. Deadline to enter is Sunday, September 7, 2008.

First place winners in each category will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble! Second place winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate also to Barnes and Noble.

This contest is sponsored by: Friends of the Rochester Public Library, Rochester Public Library and The Optimist Club.

Rochesterfest 2008

Somewhere, over the rainbow... Books come alive @ the Rochester Public Library during the 2008 Rochesterfest parade. A cast of characters including Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Wicked Witch of the West, Glinda, the Wizard, four munchkins and a flying monkey all from the book *Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum marched in the parade along with banner carriers and the ever-so-popular candy throwers.



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Thanks to race participants, volunteers, and sponsors, the event raised just over \$12,000 for the Rochester Public Library Foundation. The library uses Foundation funds to augment collections, expand programs, and launch pilot projects that enrich the lives of the citizens of Olmsted County. The Foundation also donated 35 rolls of paper towels to the Ronald McDonald House as a result of the race. Along with the first clue, each team was given \$2.10 to be used later in the race. It wasn't until clue #11 that the teams found out that they needed that money to purchase a roll of paper towels and bring them to the Ronald McDonald House to get their next clue.

More photos of the 2nd Annual Amazing Race can be found by visiting: www.amazingrace.org.

Sponsors of the 2008 Amazing Race were:

Event Sponsor: FKI Logistex

Picnic Sponsor: John Hardy's Bar-B-Q

Leg sponsors: Associated Bank, Dunlap & Seeger, Edina Realty/Dave & Lois Marris, FAER (Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research), Barb & Phil Henoeh, John Hardy's Bar-B-Q, Knutson Construction Services, League of Women Voters, Lesmeister Trucking, Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester Public Utilities, Harry & Delores Swedlund, Think Mutual Bank, Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans®, Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Veolia, Winkles Electric.

In-kind and prize donations: Dorothy Bishop, Cold Stone Creamery, Friends of the Library, Hart Photography, HyVee South, Steve & Judy Kereakos, Minnesota Twins, Pace Dairy, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Qualey-Fisher Insurance, Radisson Hotel, Recreation Lanes, Rochester Community & Technical College, Rochester Park & Rec Department, SNG Research.



Left: Clue #13 - Stacking cups without touching them.

Right: The finish line at last!

