



Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives



The 7th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine Gala fund raiser was held at the Rochester Public Library on Saturday, January 12th. For such an event to happen at the library, there must be a lot of preparation. With only one hour between library closing and the opening of registration for the event, there was a great hustle to get everything ready. As soon as the library closed, volunteers from Mayo and Century High School key clubs, a Boy Scout and other interested individuals began moving furniture and setting up tables for the evening's festivities. Some volunteers were busy helping the presenters set up in their areas and helping with the AV equipment. Others were busy hanging the sponsor banners and setting up the silent auction tables. Andy's Liquor representatives hauled in their boxes of wine while Jasper's caterers set up their hors d'oeuvre tables. At 6:30 we were ready and the doors opened for registration.



After attendees were registered, they journeyed up to second floor for socializing, munching on bread sticks, sipping wine and bidding on silent auction items. Nine speakers presented during the evening. A wide variety of topics included: Tim Penny, politics; Christian Milaster, green building; Chef Justin Schoville, meats & cheeses of Spain; and the ever popular Mike Cords, wine. Hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, and generous bidding at the silent auction rounded off an entertaining



and intellectually stimulating evening.

New to the event this year was a Tower of Wine raffle with 24 bottles of wine. The winning ticket was purchased by Terri Thomas, who was thrilled to win.

We are grateful for the generous support of our event co-sponsors: Home Federal Savings Bank and BridgeStreet Worldwide. We also want to thank Davies Printing, Jaspers, The Kahler Grand Hotel and KTTC for in-kind donations. The speaker sponsors were: Andy's Liquor, Associated Bank, Callaway Galleries, Edina Realty-Dave and Lois Marris,

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Youth Short Film Contest Winners Announced

The winners of the young adult film contest and the Magic Rules Trailer contest were announced at the Cinemagic Theatres on Tuesday, January 8. And the winners are...

1st Place Winner - These Modern Times

Entrants - Alex Puent and James Denzer

A take on Charlie Chaplin's great silent film, Modern Times, but in these modern times (the 21st century) things are even harder to cope with, including friends.

2nd Place Winner - Toys

Entrants Ernesto Llano & Tony Adkins

A neglected toy decided to mail himself away to a better place. Then, his friends follow suit, leaving the owner sad and lonely. The owner, Luis is repentant and the toys return - Lesson learned.

3rd Place Winner - Beautiful Oddities

Entrant: Adja Gildersleve

Beautiful Oddities is a music video with no words about two people that keep bumping into each other around town. These brief encounters develop into something much deeper.

Magic Rules Trailer Contest

Trailer # 1 - by Mary Glenski

Trailer #2 - by Rudy Miksanek

All winning films can be found on the library's YouTube page - <http://www.youtube.com/rplmnmninfo>.



Young Adult Film Contest and Magic Rules Trailer Contest Winners: Back Row: Ernesto Llano, Mary Glenski, James Denzer, Mitch Stevens (from Cinemagic Theatres), Rudy Miksanek, Alex Puent and Tony Adkins

Front Row: Alyssa Costopoulos, Jermaine Elliott & Adja Gildersleve.

Digital Microfilm Scanner Makes Old News Like New



The ad above is from a May, 1918 Post and Record Daily (the Rochester newspaper before it was known as the Post Bulletin). This ad was viewed from a microfilm roll, digitally scanned, sent to an email address and then saved as a file to be used for this newsletter. Sound complicated? Not really.

Microfilm rolls contain tiny images of newspaper pages. Many days, weeks or even months can be on one roll. When loaded onto a viewer (reader/printer) the newspaper articles become readable. For ten cents per page, articles can be printed from the viewer to the library's printer. The library's microfilm collection contains local newspapers dating to 1859 as well as the New York Times from 1960 - 2002 and the Wall Street Journal from 1987 - 2000.

One type of reader/printer available at the library is a digital microfilm scanner purchased with funds from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation. A digital scanner can have film reels mounted in any direction, zoom in closer on articles than older readers and save film from damage by not using glass guides or hot bulbs. The equipment also works like a regular flatbed scanner, putting the articles in software where images can be cropped, enhanced, or cleaned up by removing lines from scratched film. Once an image/article is selected it can be printed, saved to a flash drive or emailed.

Still sound complicated? The library is offering a session on using the scanner several times during March. Registration is required for these classes. Register online through the library events calendar at <http://evanced.info/rochester/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> or by calling 285-8002.

GovDelivery

Never miss a booksale or author program again! The library is now using GovDelivery, an e-mail notification system used by the City of Rochester, to alert you to coming events and current news. Whenever you see a red envelope on a library webpage, you can click on it and subscribe to receive a notice when we update that page. If you want to visit a one-stop shopping place for all of the library's GovDelivery options, click on the red envelope at the top of the upper right column on our home page to see all the options available (including other City departments). If you have any questions about this great new service call 285-8002 and we'll be glad to help you get started.



Foreign Language Collection @ the Library

Rochester Public Library has thousands of materials (such as books, magazines, and videos) in foreign languages. The adult foreign language section is located on the 2nd floor and includes materials in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Russian, Serbo-Croatian/Bosnian, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages. In addition to the materials upstairs, the Children's section on 1st floor has books in languages including Spanish, Vietnamese, French, Somali, and more for younger readers.



Rochester Reads Kick-Off Program

A Portrait of Pakistan program was held at the library on Monday, January 28 to kick off the Rochester Reads 2008 events. Faraz A. Shaukat, a graduate student at the U of MN, talked about his life experiences in Pakistan and the US. He described the four major regions of the country and their differences and talked about general Pakistani statistics, history and current politics.

Kabab Restaurant catered the event with traditional Pakistani foods such as Biryani Chicken, Lamb Curry, Shami Kabobs, Vegetable Samosas, Naan, Vegetable Salad, Rice Pudding and Chai Tea.



A Pakistani wedding dress, an embroidered shawl, a carved wooden bowl, a marble box, a variety of bangle bracelets, a prayer rug, children's Urdu language learning materials, a fur hat and picture books were on display.



Wit, Wisdom & Wine continued from front page and Phil Hensch, Nigon Woodworks, Inc., Think, US Bank, and Yaggy Colby Associates. A big thank you also goes to all the wonderful speakers who presented, making it an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Not only are we grateful for our financial supporters, but we are also very grateful to all of our volunteers who helped set up for the event, those that stayed to help out during the event and cleaned up afterwards in order for the library to be ready for patrons on Sunday. This event wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help. We would also like to thank everyone who donated items for our silent auction and to all the attendees of the event as well.

With everyone's help, the evening was our most successful ever, raising almost \$22,000 that will allow the Foundation to help create a stronger library to meet the needs of everyone in the community.

More photos of the event can be found online at: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org.



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February Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

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*Special Rochester Reads Events

Saturday, February 2

Family Film Program: Folk Hero Legends Auditorium

John Henry - Legendary steel-driving man John Henry decides to race a modern steam drill to prove man's superiority over machine.

Paul Bunyan - Minnesota's favorite folk hero, Paul Bunyan, comes to life in this Disney-animated adventure.



10:30 am

***Monday, February 4**

Film & Discussion: *What's Race Got To Do With It?* Auditorium

In celebration of Black History Month, we will be featuring the film *What's Race Got to Do With It? Social Disparities and Student Success*. Despite 15 years of diversity programs and initiatives, many discussions about race remain mired in confusion. Even a casual observer will notice how structural racism is ignored, how multiculturalism is confused with equality, and how many campuses remain hamstrung in their efforts to become more inclusive and welcoming to everyone. Ironically, when responding to surveys, many students claim they already know all they need to know about diversity and they shy away from opportunities to engage in interracial dialogue and understanding. This 49-minute documentary goes beyond identity politics, celebratory history and interpersonal relations to consider social disparities and their effect on student success in today's post-Civil Rights world. *Co-sponsored by the Mayo Clinic African Descendants Support Network*

6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 5

Bedtime Stories Auditorium

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams. Theme: Let's Make Noise!



6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 6

Senior Techies - Basic Computers Meeting Room B

A librarian will provide an overview of the computer and its parts. Participants will have an opportunity to use laptops to learn how to use a computer mouse and navigate the screen. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.



10:00 am

Thursday, February 7

Stories For Toddlers and Twos Auditorium

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.



10:00 am

***Thursday, February 7**

Book Discussion Group: *Three Cups of Tea* Meeting Room A

Join us for a lively conversation about the Rochester Reads 2008 selection, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School at a Time*.

12:00 pm

***Thursday, February 7**

Heifer International's Mission to End Hunger Meeting Room A

Founded in 1944, Heifer International is a humanitarian assistance organization that works to end world hunger and protect the earth. Through livestock, training and "passing on the gift," Heifer has helped seven million families in more than 125 countries improve their quality of life and move toward greater self-reliance. Heifer helps build strong communities because each project participant agrees to pass on the gift of animal offspring, training, or skills to another family in need. Come and share your questions and comments and learn more about Heifer International's work around the world. More information is available at www.heifer.org. *This program is a collaboration between Heifer International and the Rochester Public Library as part of Rochester Reads 2008.*

6:00 pm

Thursday, February 7

Friends Winterfest Book Sale Auditorium

Come and supplement your home library at the Friends of the Library Winterfest book sale from noon to 7:00 pm. The sale will be open half-hour early to Friends of the Library.

12:00 pm

Saturday, February 9

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program Auditorium

One Zillion Valentines - Two enterprising friends prove that Valentine's Day is for everyone by making, giving away, and selling one zillion special valentines.

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile--the Musical - Lyle the Crocodile sings and dances his way into the hearts of the Prim family in a musical version of *The House on East 88th Street* by Bernard Waber.

10:30 am



friends

Monday, February 11
Sit, Stay, Read!
Auditorium

6:30 pm



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's name and time in the email address box (ex: dog@time.com). Dogs and times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Only the registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the Children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

***Monday, February 11**

7:00 pm

Rochester Reads Author Visit: Greg Mortenson
John Marshall High School Auditorium (1510 14th Street NW, Rochester)

Greg Mortenson, author of the 2007 Rochester Reads title, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, will be speaking about his experiences in Pakistan and Afghanistan.



Tuesday, February 12

6:30 pm

Bedtime Stories
Auditorium

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams. Theme: Will You Be My Valentine?

Wednesday, February 13

10:00 am

Senior Techies - Email
Meeting Room B

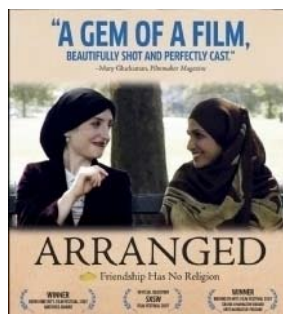
Prerequisite: Basic Computers class (offered on 02/06/2008) or have the skills necessary to set up a free email account. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

Wednesday, February 13

6:00 pm

iFilms: International and Independent Films
Auditorium

Arranged (DRAMA / USA) A young Orthodox woman, a special education teacher at the local public school, is about to embark on what her parents call the "most exciting time of her life" – finding a husband by using a matchmaker. As the school year gets underway, she meets and befriends a Muslim woman of Syrian descent. The two young women stand out in this public school context and the principal, a secular Westchester Jew assumes that they are stunted by their outmoded customs and patriarchal world views. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.*



Thursday, February 14

10:00 am

Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

***Saturday, February 16**

10:30 am

Hooray for Saturday! Special Rochester Reads Program: History Comes Alive in a One-Room Schoolhouse!
Auditorium

Imagine what it might have been like to attend school in a one-room schoolhouse in the year 1899. When the school bell rings, children pull out their slates to do lessons and play old-fashioned games at recess. Sandy Scheevel of Historic Forestville uses costumes and props to make history come alive. Children are encouraged to participate in this creative presentation about schoolrooms of the past. *Presented by the Minnesota State Historical Society. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.*

Tuesday, February 19

6:30 pm

Bedtime Stories
Auditorium

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams. Theme: Things That Go!



***Wednesday, February 20**

6:30 PM

Rochester Reads Film: Vertical Limit
Auditorium

Confronting both his own limitations and the awesome power of Nature's uncontrollable elements, Peter Garrett (Chris O'Donnell) risks his life to rescue his sister Annie (Robin Tunney) and her summit team (Bill Paxton and Nicholas Lea) from the deadly slopes of K2, the world's second highest peak. *Rated PG-13*



Thursday, February 21

10:00 am

Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.



Saturday, February 23

10:30 am

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program
Auditorium

Mouse Around - A little mouse has a wonderful journey all around town when he falls from his nest into a plumber's back pocket.

Owen - Owen is a little mouse who loves his blanket. But when his parents try to get him to give up the blanket before school starts, Owen will not cooperate! Can Owen's parents find a happy solution to the problem?

Sunday, February 24
Yaggy Colby History Lecture
Auditorium

1:00 pm

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

Monday, February 25
Magazines, Newspapers and Other Online Resources
Meeting Room A

6:00 pm

Save yourself a trip to the library! With your library card, you can search for full-text magazines and newspapers, hunt for genealogy and car repair information, find a practice test, do homework and a whole lot more from any computer. A librarian will demonstrate how to find information using these resources and provide practice time. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

Monday, February 25
Sit, Stay, Read
Auditorium

6:30 pm



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's name and time in the email address box (ex: dog@time.com). Dogs and times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Only the registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the Children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

Tuesday, February 26
Bedtime Stories
Auditorium

6:30 pm

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams. Theme: Blankets and Quilts

Wednesday, February 27
Ancestry [Library Edition] and Heritage Quest Online
Databases
Meeting Room A

2:00 pm

An exploration of the genealogical value of two databases offered at the Rochester Public Library. Dig through census records, read family histories, or find immigration records online using these popular tools. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.



Wednesday, February 27
Writing Group
Meeting Room A

6:30 pm

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



***Wednesday, February 27**
Rochester Reads Film: *Silent Waters (Khamosh Pani)*
Auditorium

7:00 pm

It is 1979 and Pakistan is embracing nationalism through its Islamic identity. General Zia-ul-Haq has imposed martial law and within a few months the country is decreed a Muslim state. Aicha has devoted her life to the education of her dreamy eighteen-year-old son Salim, but she is disturbed to see how the changing political situation has altered Salim. Winner of the Golden Leopard Prize for Best film and endorsed by the Human Rights Watch. In Punjabi and Urdu with English subtitles.



Thursday, February 28
Stories for Toddlers and Twos
Auditorium

10:00 am

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Friday, February 29
Senior Techies - Computer Practice
Meeting Room B

9:30 am

Need a quick refresher on any of our Senior Techies classes? Want some practice using your new e-mail address? Do you need access to a computer, a scanner, a digital camera or the Internet? Join us to practice your computer skills as you've always been meaning to do! Computers are provided and a librarian will be there to answer basic computer questions. No registration is necessary, just "drop in." Recommended for patrons 55+.



Presidents' Day



Rochester Public Library
will be closed
Monday, February 18

Billboards around Rochester

Another set of billboards are up around town. Each one describes a different online resource available to library patrons from the comfort of their own homes by using the Internet. The key to these resources is a Rochester Public Library card.

Don Quixote: Online interactive lessons and exercises in learning the Spanish language.

Death of a Salesman: Several business/financial databases such as MorningStar and Valueline allow one to research stocks and mutual funds, as well as tools for building, monitoring, and improving your portfolios.

The Scarlet Letter: Research resources such as full-text magazine and newspaper articles, and reference books for information on current events, the arts, popular culture, health, people, government, history, sports and more.

On the Road: Downloadable Music and Video are available as well as Audio Books and Adobe eBooks! Browse and search hundreds of great titles and download them to your computer and/or MP3 player any time -- this digital library never closes!

There are many more resources available online by using the Rochester Public Library website as a gateway. Log in to www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org to find the wealth of information that is available at your fingertips. Watch the library's event calendar for computer classes that will help you on your way to being an expert at using online resources.

The Rochester Public Library would like to thank Think and Magic Media for creating and sponsoring these billboards.



Want to talk with
Don Quixote?
Learn Spanish **online.**

¿Habla Español?

Rochester Public Library.org

A billboard for the online Spanish learning resource "Don Quixote". It features a blue background with a yellow sunburst at the top right. The text asks "Want to talk with Don Quixote?" and "Learn Spanish online." in white and blue. To the right, there are silhouettes of Don Quixote on his horse and Sancho Panza. The Rochester Public Library logo and website are at the bottom.

Death of a Salesman?
It doesn't have to be.
Research Business Resources **online.**

Rochester Public Library.org

A billboard for the "Death of a Salesman" research resource. It has a blue background with a photograph of a gravestone and a briefcase on the right. The text asks "Death of a Salesman? It doesn't have to be." and "Research Business Resources online." in white. The Rochester Public Library logo and website are at the bottom.

Achieve
The Scarlet Letter
on homework assignments
Research **online.**

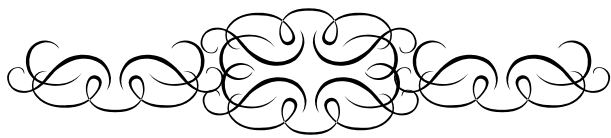
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A billboard for the "The Scarlet Letter" research resource. It has a blue background with a white book cover on the right. The text says "Achieve The Scarlet Letter on homework assignments" and "Research online." in white. The book cover shows the title "FASHION OF THE 50's" by "Clara M. Hall" with a large red "A+" grade. The Rochester Public Library logo and website are at the bottom.

On the road?
Download thousands of audio books to your mp3 player.

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A billboard for the "On the Road" audio book resource. It has a blue background with a photograph of a road stretching into the distance and a pair of headphones on the left. The text asks "On the road?" and "Download thousands of audio books to your mp3 player." in white. The Rochester Public Library logo and website are at the bottom.



Rochester Reads 2008

Rochester Reads Events at a Glance
Full program descriptions can be found at
www.RochesterReads.org

Monday, February 4 6:30 pm
Black History Month: Film & Discussion
Library Auditorium

Thursday, February 7 12:00 pm
Book Discussion Group: *Three Cups of Tea*
Library Meeting Room A

Thursday, February 7 6:00 pm
Heifer International's Mission to End Hunger
Meeting Room A

Saturday, February 9 10:00 - 11:30 am
Great Speakers - Great Teachers
History Center of Olmsted County

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Library Auditorium

Thursday, April 17 7:00 pm
Author Visit: Deborah Ellis
John Marshall High School Auditorium



Friends of the Rochester Public Library Annual Meeting



William Kent Krueger was spotted at the Rochester Public Library during the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Monday, January 28.

Festivities started at noon with a Minnesota-style potluck luncheon and socializing with the great mystery writer himself. After the luncheon Friends' President Theresa Friedhoff recapped Friends 2007 activities. Then, William Kent Krueger stepped up to the podium and recounted his adventures in writing mysteries. Midway through his presentation he donned the black and white striped convict costume to describe his participation in the Minnesota Crime Wave author group. After his presentation he autographed books and posed for photos with his fans.

The library thanks the Friends for all their volunteer efforts and ongoing support in 2007.

