



Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives

The following is an email that we received from one of our loyal patrons.

“When we’re in Texas we miss the Rochester Public Library like we miss our other good friends. If I find an interesting sounding book in a review on the Internet I check to see if you have it, then look to see if it is checked out. If it isn’t I send an e-mail to one of our reading friends, forward the review and tell them if it sounds like a good book to them, it’s on the shelf at the library. Twice recently I’ve found books you didn’t have and recommended them for purchase, the latest on Saturday, *Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day* by Minnesota author, Jeff Hertzberg, MD (and later that day I got an e-mail that it would be ordered and I sent an e-mail to a couple of bread-baking friends there to reserve it!) It is fun.

Many years ago I read *The Read Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease, and met him at Century High when he gave a talk there sometime ago. I’ve given the book to many new parents including my step-daughter when she and her husband adopted their first child. They took the suggestions to heart and have read to Isaiah (now 13) and Marcus (now 7) and both boys are enthusiastic readers. They live in New Mexico and when they visit Rochester, guess where they want to go? The library!!

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season, Lois Hruska.”



Coming February 2008!

Greg Mortenson
Humanitarian & Author

“Fighting terrorism
with books - not bombs”

www.RochesterReads.org

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 at John Marshall High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 11.

Winter Survival Tips

Winter is upon us, whether we like it or not. Snow and ice are here to stay for the season so we all had better be prepared for the long winter ahead. Here are a few winter survival tips to get you through yet another Minnesota winter.

1. Pack survival gear in your cars including extra blankets, sand bags, candles, granola bars, bottled water, and flashlights and don’t forget always to bring a book. You might be stuck in your car for a while and need something to read.
2. Wear layers of clothing. This helps keep you warm. It also provides a place to carry your books with you - the thicker the book, the more insulation it provides.
3. Don’t overdo it when shoveling snow. Always take plenty of rest breaks - you don’t have to go out until you finish the next chapter.
4. Keep your cupboards stocked with food in case you can’t get to the grocery store. Always have a couple of extra books around in case you can’t get to the library.
5. Make sure you have plenty of candles in case the electricity goes out. Be careful when reading by candlelight: don’t burn the pages! Better yet, make sure to have extra batteries for your MP3 player so you can listen to your downloaded audio books while you wait for the lights to come back on.

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January Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

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Saturday, January 5

10:30 am

Family Film Program: Three Tales for A Winter Day Auditorium

Our winter film program features three seasonal tales by favorite picture book authors: *Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie DePaola, *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, and *Good Morning, Granny Rose* by Warren Ludwig.



Tuesday, January 8

6:30 pm

Writing Group Meeting Room A

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

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 pm

Cinemagic Film Contest Awards

Cinemagic Hollywood Theatre on West Circle Drive

Join us at the Cinemagic Hollywood Theatre (on West Circle Drive) for a viewing of the youth short film and Magic Rules Trailer finalists. After viewing, the audience will vote for their favorite film. Votes will be tabulated and the winners will be announced at the end of the program.



Wednesday, January 9

6:00 pm

iFilms: International and Independent Films Auditorium

Her Name Is Sabine (Documentary / France) An intelligent, moving and beautiful portrait of Sabine, a 38-year-old autistic woman, filmed by her sister, the famous French actress Sandrine Bonnaire. Through personal footage filmed over a period of 25 years, it is revealed that Sabine's growth and many talents were crushed by improper diagnosis and an inadequate care structure. After a tragic five-year stay in a psychiatric hospital, Sabine finally finds a new lease on life in a home together with other young people living with similar mental and emotional illnesses. This very intimate film also sends an urgent message to a society that still does not know how to take care of its citizens with physical and psychological disabilities properly.



Short Film: *The Visitor* by Dan Lee West

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

Saturday, January 12

10:30 am

Family Film: *Ben and Me* Auditorium

Amos, a poor church mouse, becomes the worthy mentor of famous American, Benjamin Franklin, in this humorous and delightfully animated tale.

Saturday, January 12

6:30 pm

Wit, Wisdom & Wine Rochester Public Library

Wit, Wisdom & Wine

The Rochester Public Library Foundation's annual gala fund-raising event consists of nine educational and informative speakers,

followed by a silent auction and refreshments. The cost is \$50 per person if registered by January 4th, 2008; and \$60 per person after that date. Attendees may select two class choices to attend at 7:00 and 8:00 pm. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served throughout the evening. Proceeds support the mission and vision of the Rochester Public Library Foundation. For registration information, please visit the web site: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/witwine.html or call 287-2626.

Saturday, January 19

10:30 am

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program Auditorium

Martin's Big Words - Using quotes from some of his well-known speeches, the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is celebrated in this inspiring film about following one's dreams.

Snowflake Bentley - As a young boy, Willie Bentley was fascinated with snowflakes. He studied their icy crystals under a microscope, drew pictures, and discovered that no two snowflakes were exactly alike. This film is based on the Caldecott Award-winning book.

Tuesday, January 22

6:30 pm

Bedtime Stories Auditorium

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.



Register for the 3-5 year old six-week story time program.

Story time program starts Wednesday, January 23

Story time programs include books, finger rhymes, songs, puppets, and films. This fun and active program is geared for the child who is ready for a story time experience independent of his/her parent or care provider. Register on-line, at the Children's Desk. or by calling 328-2303.

Wednesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 23

Introduction to Funding Resources

Meeting Room B

Rochester Public Library is an affiliate of the Foundation Center Cooperating Collections network. Though we can't write proposals for you, we can provide information to start you on the way to researching and applying for funds via appropriate print and online resources. This class will include a review of such electronic sources as the Foundation Center directory and the Minnesota Grantmaker Online; plus an examination of still-useful hard-copy sources. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

7:00 pm

Thursday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 26

Hooray for Saturday: Special Family Program: The Magic of Bob Miller

Auditorium

Laughter abounds when magician Bob Miller visits the library with his amazing magical illusions.

10:30 am

Sunday, January 27

Yaggy Colby History Lecture

Auditorium

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

1:00 pm

Tuesday, January 29

Internet

Meeting Room B

Geared to the beginner, a reference librarian will cover the basics: Internet addresses, navigation and terminology. Practice time is included. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.



12:00 pm

Tuesday, January 29

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium

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6:30 pm

Thursday, January 31

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



The 2008 Chi-Shu Award Writing Contest

The theme: Lost and Found.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2008.

Prizes are: \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place; and \$50 for third place.

Winners will be notified at the beginning of March, with awards presented at the Rochester Public Library Writing Group meeting, March 11, 2008, at 6:30 pm. Winning stories will be published on Helen's web site: www.helenchen.ws.

The Rochester Public Library and Helen Chen are co-sponsoring a writing contest for rochester area writers: The 2008 Chi-Shu Award. The purpose of this contest, named in honor of Helen Chen's mother, Chi-Shu Mao, is to encourage writers to write. "My mom encouraged me, so I want to encourage others," says Helen. This contest is for new and emerging writers 18 years or older. Entries must be original, unpublished works and can be either fiction or non-fiction, in story form, no more than 1200 words. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, one side only, on 8.5 x 11 paper. Three copies, individually stapled, must be included. Writer's name must not appear on the manuscripts. Write your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, the title of your story and total word count (not including title) on a separate cover sheet. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Mail entries to:

The Chi-Shu Award Writing Contest
c/o Katherine Stecher
Rochester Public Library
101 Second St. SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Wit, Wisdom, and Wine at the Rochester Public Library

101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, Minnesota

6:30 p.m. • Saturday, January 12



Silent Auction

Tim Penny

Campaigner-in-Chief

Christian Milaster

*Modern Residential Green
Building*

Mike Cords

Wine 101

Topical Speakers

Dr. Edward Laskowski

*How to Take a Hit and
Stay Fit*

John Hunziker

*Stories of Minnesota's
Greatest Generation*

Scott Stulen

Contemporary Art 101

Raffle Drawing

Dr. Celestin Musekura

Hope for Sudan

Chef Justin Schoville

*Meats and Cheeses of
Spain*

Stephen Lehmkuhle

*How to Build a New
University Today*

Wine and Hors d'oeuvres

*Cost is \$50 per person if registered by January 4, 2008;
\$60 per person after this date*

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