

## Rochester Public Library News and Events

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### Libraries Change Lives



G. L. (Jerry) Hatch, a local artist, who works as DJ Art, left my office a short time ago. Our reference librarians had referred him to me as a possible candidate for our newsletter article on “How Library Changes Lives.”

Jerry is retired, in his 60's, although he doesn't look it, and comes into the library two to three times a week for books that give him ideas, inspiration and background for his paintings. He told me he has over twenty books at home on subjects as diverse as homelessness, sawmills and animals. He says that he has worn out one card and had to come in to get a replacement as his was in tatters.



One of his favorite artwork themes revolves around Native American legends. He found a copy of the book *American Indian Myths and Legends* by Erdoes and Ortiz, three years ago and reading that book has given him the inspiration for numerous pieces. His contacts with the Native American communities have told him that the information in the book is accurate.

He brought along two paintings with him that he has done with patriotic themes. The child with a flag speaks to the death of a parent in war. The eagle is painted on the back of a fleet of trucks on the west coast.

Jerry told me that the library alone is worth the tax dollars that he pays. He wonders if the community realizes all of the possibilities that exist in the library.

**The library will be closed on Sunday,  
March 23 in observance of Easter Sunday.**

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# March Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

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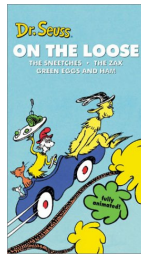
**Saturday, March 1**

**Family Film: Dr. Seuss on the Loose**

**Auditorium**

Join us for three musical films based on the humorous and whimsical stories by Dr. Seuss: *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Sneetches*, and *The Zax*.

**10:30 am**



**Sunday, March 9**

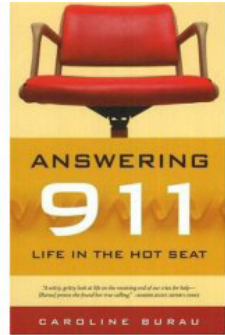
**Coffeehouse Author Program: Caroline Burau**

**Auditorium**

Caroline Burau, a former newspaper reporter and nursing student who couldn't stand the sight of blood, took a job as an emergency dispatcher in White Bear Lake because she liked helping people. Her nonfiction book *Answering 911* chronicles her years trying to adjust to a daily life of catastrophe and comedy, domestics and drunks, cops and robbers, junk food and sarcasm, lost cats and suicides.

*This Coffee House Author program is sponsored by the Minnesota Book Awards and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.*

**2:00 pm**



**Monday, March 3**

**Registration for 3 to 5 Year-Old Story Time at Rochester Public Library will begin March 3, 2008.**

**Auditorium**

SIX WEEK SESSION: MARCH 19-APRIL 30 \*No Story Time on April 2nd. Story Time, for children who will be a least 3 years old by March 19, is approximately 30 minutes in length and includes a variety of books, flannel board stories, finger plays, 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.

**Tuesday, March 11**

**Google and More Meeting Room B**

Spending a lot of time on the Internet and not finding what you need? A reference librarian will provide search tips and cover various Internet search engines. Previous Internet and computer mouse experience is helpful. Practice time is included. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

**4:00 pm**

**Wednesday, March 5**

**Senior Techies - Digital Cameras**

**Meeting Room B**

Participants will be able to use a digital camera to shoot photos and view them on a computer. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

**10:00 am**

**Tuesday, March 11**

**Chi-Shu Writing Award Presentation & Writing Group Auditorium**

Helen Chen will announce the winner of the 2008 Chi-Shu Writing Contest. Afterwards, the writing group will meet for a regular writing group session.



**6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 5**

**Digital Microfilm Scanner**

**Meeting Room B**

Use this computer to look at old newspapers, scan and e-mail the articles. Although genealogists find this technology helpful, anyone is welcome. Choose one of the classes. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

**2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, March 12**

**Senior Techies - E-mail &/Or Scan Digital Photos**

**Meeting Room B**

This class will cover how to e-mail a photo as an attachment in a Yahoo e-mail account. Participants must be comfortable using computers and have set-up an e-mail account before the class (if don't have a Yahoo e-mail account already). Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 285-8002.

**10:00 am**

**Saturday, March 8**

**Family Film: Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day**

**Auditorium**

A wild wind sweeps through the Hundred Acre Wood, toppling Owl's tree home and making everyone very uneasy.

**10:30 am**



**Wednesday, March 12**

**6:00 pm**

**iFilms: International and Independent Films**

**Auditorium**

Festival Shorts Collection (shorts compilation : various countries) For film descriptions, see the library events calendar [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org). *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.*



**Monday, March 24**

**4:30 pm**

**Internet**

**Meeting Room B**

Geared for 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.

**Wednesday, March 26**

**6:30 pm**

**Writing Group**

**Meeting Room A**

Once a month we will meet to read and critique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment.



**Thursday, March 13**

**5:00 pm**

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**Friday, March 28**

**9:30 am**

**Senior Techies - Computer Practice**

**Meeting Room B**

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 in Meeting Room B to practice your computer skills like 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+.

**Saturday, March 15**

**10:30 am**

**Family Film Program: Favorite Fairy Tales**

**Auditorium**

This humorous film program features three favorite fairy tales based on the picture books by children's author James Marshall. Films include: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Red Riding Hood, and The Three Pigs.

**Saturday, March 29**

**10:30 am**

**Special Children's Program: The Zoo Man!**

**Auditorium**

Meet the Zoo Man and some of his interesting and unusual animal friends. Join us for a fun, educational, and interactive program.

**Sunday, March 16**

**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.

**Monday, March 31**

**1:00 pm**

**Meet The Author : Nancy Pearl**

**Auditorium**



Bring your lunch and hear about some great books to read, old and new, fiction and non-fiction, presented by NPR commentator Nancy Pearl. The New York Times calls her "the talk of librarian circles" and readers can't get enough of her recommendations. Since the release of the best-selling Book Lust in 2003 and the Librarian Action Figure modeled in her likeness, Nancy Pearl has become a rock star among readers and the

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**7:00 pm**

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tastemaker people turn to her when deciding what to read next. Having worked as a librarian and bookseller in Detroit, Tulsa, and Seattle, Pearl's knowledge of and love for books is unmatched.

**Saturday, March 22**

**10:30 am**

**Family Film: Velveteen Rabbit**

**Auditorium**

A favorite toy rabbit searches for the magic called "real" in this clay-animated adaptation of the beloved children's fantasy by Margery Williams.



# New, at the Library!

You've probably noticed the construction going on both inside and outside the library near the book drop areas. We apologize for the inconvenience while the construction is taking place, but once it's done, the final result will be well worth the wait.

The library is installing a new device to check in library materials more efficiently. This new Automated Materials Handling system will scan the barcodes on items being returned and will automatically update the account of the patron who had them checked out. Another time saving feature of the system is that items are sorted into bins by type of material after check-in. The outdoor book drop will have 11 different sorting bins while the indoor book drop will have three sorting bins.

All of the checking in and sorting is currently being done manually! Right now it takes one or two days to get all the books checked in and patrons' accounts updated. Then it takes another day or two to sort the books and get them back on the shelves for other patrons to check out. With this new system, patrons' accounts will be updated automatically and books will be returned to the shelves in less than half the time it took before.

When the devices are ready to go online, volunteers will be ready to help anyone who is a little hesitant to use this new technology.

The Public Service desk also has a new look this spring. The new desk configuration offers a friendly and more inviting first impression as one enters the library and will be more comfortable and efficient than the old desk for both patrons and staff. The desk features defined work stations, lower counter space, and displays for material. Also the new desk literally brings staff and patrons closer as it's 6 inches thinner.



**Top:** The outdoor bookdrop

**Middle:** The indoor bookdrop

**Bottom:** The new Public Service Desk

