

Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives

One of Rochester Public Library's most treasured items is not a book, DVD or computer. It is one of our own staff members! Loren Marquardt has been on staff at Rochester Public Library since 1990—a time when movies were still in VHS format and the library was located where Broadway Plaza now stands.

Loren has been a part of the Circulation Department, helping check out materials to all RPL patrons and handing out smiles and high fives at the same time. However, Loren is also familiar with all the locations that have housed the library since he was a child. His first memory of the library is going to the 1st Avenue and 2nd Street location for Boy Scout meetings on the second floor. He also remembers getting his own library card at the Children's lower level in the building that is now home to the Mayo Medical School. Loren's daughter, Sue, also fondly remembers this library location as it was the place her father took her to get her first library card. She has been a life-long library user ever since.

Loren is a familiar face in Rochester. He was born in Rochester and attended Hawthorne Elementary, Rochester Junior High and was one of the first classes to attend a brand-new Lourdes High School. His father, Ollie, owned Ollie's Food Center at 620 1st St where Loren honed his food expertise to use later as a caterer for the attached Mustard House. That wasn't his first job—he remembers that his very first job was one scooping golf balls for 25¢ a day at the corner of what is now Cub Foods.

However, of all the jobs that Loren has had, we are most thankful that he answered a posting at Fontaine Towers looking for help at the library. Over the years, Loren's fun-loving nature and wonderful people skills were used not only at the circulation desk, but also at the children's desk. During the grand opening of the new library, Loren's musical skills were put to use. He fondly remembers being a part of a group of eight library staff that sang a song created especially for the new library. And we can't forget that Loren put his physical skills to the test as part of the RPL Cartwheelers for the 2002 Rochesterfest parade!



Loren's long association with Rochester Public Library has clearly changed his life. In turn, he has had a remarkable effect on the lives of many of our patrons. Sue McMillan describes Loren as "her hero." Here is her story:

"A few years ago I made a mistake. My daughter, Liz, asked me to bring a music CD back to the library. Without thinking about it, I grabbed the CD case, drove to the library and slipped it in the book return. When Liz came home from school that afternoon, we discovered that I had returned the wrong

disc—one she still needed to help her prepare for a concert. I returned to the library and saw a very kind looking man behind the desk. That man turned out to be Loren. I explained to him what happened. He smiled at me and said, 'Give me a few minutes.' That was all it took. He came out smiling, with the disc I needed. He has been my hero ever since!"

So as you can see, Loren's commitment and dedication to our library has had many avenues and in the process he has touched many hearts during his tenure at the Rochester Public Library.

May Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

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Saturday, May 3

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program: Silly Stories About Bikes

Auditorium

Film: *Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle*

A runaway tricycle careens around town in a series of wild and humorous adventures until it returns, at last, to its downcast owner.

Film: *Curious George Rides a Bike*

Curious George borrows the paperboy's bicycle and is off on another series of adventures.

Friday, May 9

Just For Kids Concert Presented by SEMYO

Auditorium

Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras proudly presents the Just for Kids Concert at Rochester Public Library. Music every child will love featuring an instrumental "petting zoo."

Saturday, May 10

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program

Auditorium

Our film program features three humorous animal tales based on favorite picture books: *Angus Lost*, *Let's Give Kitty a Bath*, and *"Let's Get a Pup" said Kate!*

Tuesday, May 13

Writing Group

Meeting Room A

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



Tuesday, May 13

6:30 pm

PB Dialogues

Auditorium

Learn how to live an eco-friendly lifestyle, with the P-B's new GreenSpace columnist D.A. Loeser Small and other experts on organic gardening, natural foods and more! Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with P-B Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

10:30 am

Wednesday, May 14

iFilms: International and Independent Films Auditorium

Film: *August the First* - USA, Drama:

It is the morning of Tunde's graduation party and things have already begun to unravel. Tunde has managed to alienate his sister, Simisola. His older brother, Ade, persistently plagues him with criticism, and their mother has started drinking again. Unbeknownst to most, Tunde has orchestrated the return of his long estranged father, resurrecting unresolved family anguish against the backdrop of Tunde's celebration. As the day turns to night, old wounds are re-opened and bad habits are revived. Layer by layer, deception and half-truths are peeled away as secrets are uncovered in what will become the most unforgettable day the family has ever experienced. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.*



6:00 pm

Saturday, May 17

Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program Auditorium

Film: *Legend of Johnny Appleseed* The American legend of John Chapman comes to life through the magic and animation of Walt Disney.

Film: *A Rainbow of My Own* A mother and child plant a rainbow of colors in their flower garden. Lois Ehlert's vibrant artwork brings to life the excitement of planning, planting, and picking flowers in a garden.

10:30 am

Saturday, May 17

Honk, Squeak, Scratch, and Boom! Auditorium

1:00 pm

This program, presented by the Rochester Symphony Orchestra is a "hands on" program aimed at students who are interested in learning how to play various instruments.

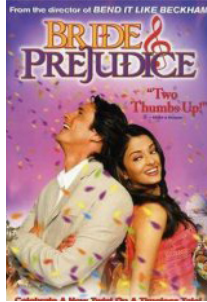


Monday, May 19 4:00 pm
GOAT Meeting - Group Of Advising Teens
Meeting Room A

Join other Rochester Area youth (age 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.

Wednesday, May 21 6:30 pm
Film: *Bride and Prejudice*
Auditorium

This film is a Bollywood version of Jane Austen's classic romance *Pride and Prejudice*. The Indian village of Diaspora replaces Austin's England and Mrs. Bennett is now Mrs. Bakshi but she is still in earnest search of suitable husbands for her daughters. When her headstrong daughter Lalita meets American hotel magnate Will Darcy the sparks fly, but can the two overcome pride and prejudice to let love work its magic? Rated PG-13



Saturday, May 24 10:30 am
Hooray for Saturday! Family Film
Auditorium

Film: *Runaway Ralph* Ralph, the motorcycle mouse, roars off to some new adventures at summer camp.

Wednesday, May 28 6:30 pm
Writing Group
Meeting Room A

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

Friday, May 30 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 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+.



Deadline to Register for Amazing Race
Friday, May 23 5:00 pm

Amazing Race, June 21st at 8 AM - drive around the community in teams of four following clues and completing tasks in the Rochester Public Library Foundation's Amazing Race based on the TV show the "Amazing Race." This family-oriented fund-raiser for the library includes an orientation kick-off, a four-hour scavenger hunt-like race and an award picnic complete with T-shirts, grand prizes and door prizes. For registration forms and official rules call 507-287-2626 or visit the website: www.Amazingrace.org.



A Fund Raiser for the
Rochester Public Library Foundation

www.amazingrace.org

We will be starting our Summer Hours Saturday, May 24.

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday
CLOSED

Rochester Public Library
will be closed on
Memorial Day -
Monday, May 26



Rochester Reads 2008 finished in April with a visit from Deborah Ellis, author of *The Breadwinner*. Over 3800 students and community members attended one of the four presentations given by Ms. Ellis - three during the day for students, and one evening session open to the public.

The Rochester Reads committee is busy getting the ballot ready for the community vote in June. Be sure to vote on which book should be the 2009 Rochester Reads title.

Deborah Ellis, third from the right, poses for a photo with Rochester Public Library Staff and ten-year-old Nora during the evening presentation.

Did You Know?

In addition to the regular copies of current bestsellers in the library's collection, the library offers additional rental copies of select bestsellers. If you need that new James Patterson (or Sue Grafton or Janet Evanovich) book right away, look for a copy with the distinctive green band on our rental book kiosk - located in the first floor entry-way opposite the main desk. Rental books check out for 28 days and cost \$2.00. Rental books are available on a first come, first served basis and cannot be put on hold.



If you need instant storage space when you're downloading email attachments or photos, the library has some good news for you. We now have CD-Rs and flash drives available for purchase at the Public Services Desk on the first floor. The CD-Rs are \$1 and are in individual sleeves. The flash drives are \$10. Call us at 285-8005 if you have any questions.

Art Contest for 2008 Summer Reading Program

The Rochester Public Library and Rochester Bankers Association invite young adults 12 -18 years old to participate in the 2008 Summer Reading Program art contest.

Any young adult currently living in Olmsted County, who is 12-18 years old can enter. The theme of the Summer Reading program this year is "Mind and Body." All entries should offer an original interpretation of that theme.

Any contest wouldn't be complete without great prizes. First-place winner in each age group will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Target! That's a lot of colored pencils! Other prizes will be given to second place winners and five honorable mention winners in each age group. All entries will be displayed in the library during the summer reading program.

For official rules, visit www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens, stop by the Fiction Movies and Music desk or call Lynette at 285-8006.

**Entries must be received no later than 9:00 PM
on Tuesday, May 27th.**



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