



# Rochester Public Library News and Events

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## Libraries Change Lives - Children's Illustrations

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David and Jean Byer have an unusual hobby. They like to come to the library to browse through the children's picture book section to look at the illustrations. It all started just outside of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the Murray Library, which sits on the campus of Messiah College. In September of 2003, The Friends of the Murray Library held a 10th anniversary dinner. David and Jean Byer and son Glenn just happened to be in the area at the time, and being members of that Friends group, they attended the dinner. They were seated at a table with the widower of Ruth Engle and his secretary. Ruth had passed away the previous spring and had been very interested in children's literature and the illustrations that were part of the books. Because of this fondness, the Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection of Children's Book Illustration was formed with a gift of ten original illustrations that formed the inaugural collection. Seven of the inaugural illustrations were gifts from the family and friends of Ruth E Engle; one was a gift from an illustrator and his wife; and one was sponsored by the Friends of Murray Library. Inspired by the idea, the Byer family sponsored the tenth illustration.

E. B. Lewis is an illustrator who had caught the eye of Jean and David in the book *Fire on the Mountain* by Jane Kurtz. Unfortunately, no illustrations from that book were available; but David and Jean found a copy of the book *Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes in the Rochester Public Library Children's area. They suggested illustrations from that book to the selection com-

mittee of the then-forming Engle Collection.

An illustration of Bessie looking out of a window, with the Eiffel Tower reflected in the background, was available and agreed to by the committee. David, Jean and family agreed to sponsor the purchase. The book, by the way, is a delightful story about Bessie, a young woman who wanted to train as a pilot. She was barred in the States as she was a woman and

Black so she traveled to France to learn to fly. In April 2004, the inaugural collection was opened with David and Jean in attendance.

The collection now contains twenty-six original illustrations, of which the Byer family has sponsored ten. Through the years, David and Jean suggest books and illustrations that they are interested in sponsoring and the selection committee decides which to add to the collection.

Another book that David and Jean sponsored is *Sense Pass King: A*



Bessie looking out of a window, illustrated by E. B. White



David Byer reads *Sense Pass King* to children at Bulebo Village, Chief Macha area, Choma District, Zambia January 2004.

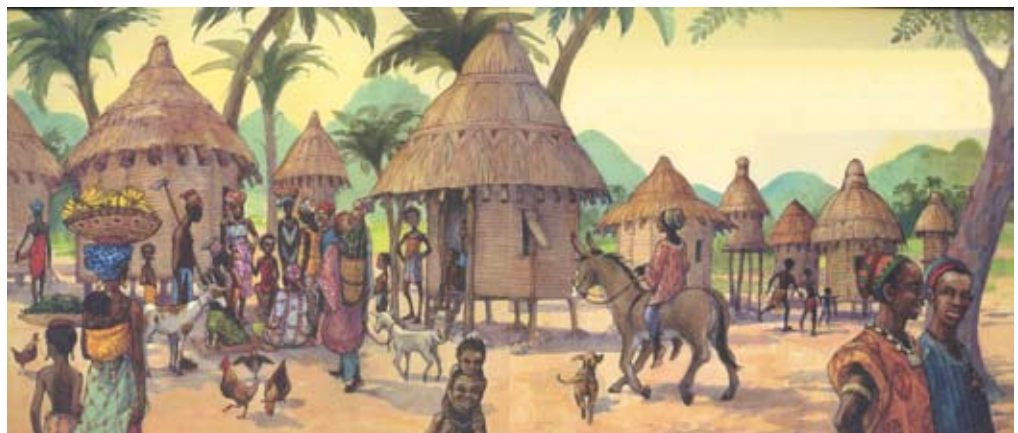


Illustration from *Sense Pass King* by Trina Schart Hyman

# Rochester Reads

## CANDY FREAK

NET WT. 266 pages

### 2009 Title Announcement

The votes are in. The community's choice for the 2009 Rochester Reads title has been chosen and announced at a press conference at City Hall on Monday, October 27. Footage of the press conference can be found on [www.rochesterreads.org](http://www.rochesterreads.org).

This year we will be exploring the world of candy, candy and still more candy. The main selection is *Candy Freak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America* by Steve Almond. The Junior selection is *The Candy Shop War* by Brandon Mull. The picture book selection is *Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Jen Corace.

In February, Steve Almond will make an author visit, and a play based on the book *Candy Freak*, written and directed by Robert Sanborn from Rochester Community and Technical College will be performed. Events including a cake decorating with candy class, a double dipping of *Willie Wonka/Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* films, the feature film *Chocolat*, a photography contest and many other candy-related activities are planned in January and February of 2009. Keep watching the library events calendar for more details.

Rochester Reads would not be possible without the help of these

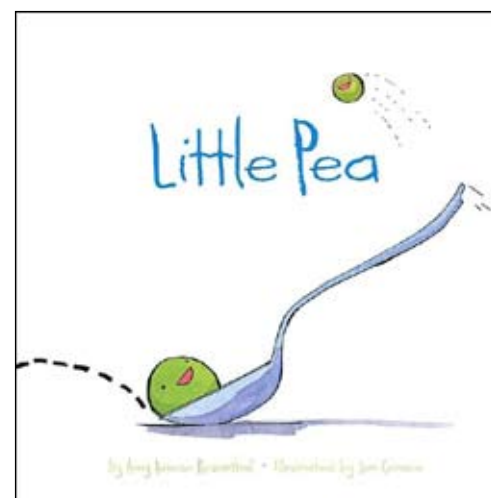
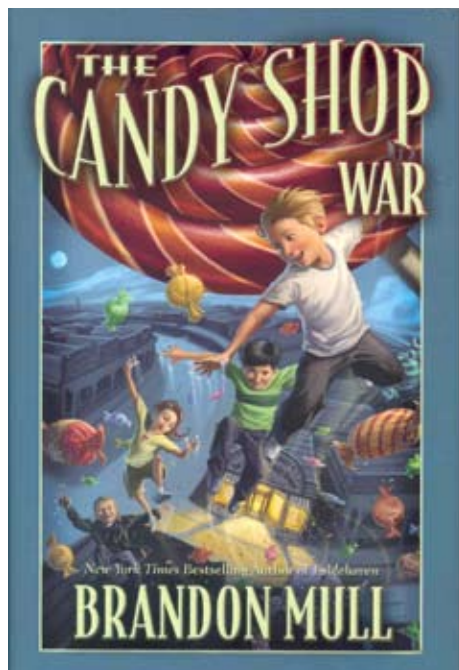
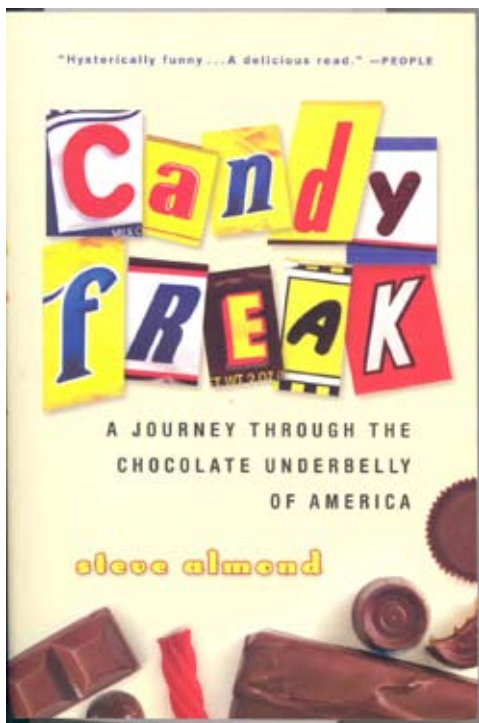
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For more information about the 2009 Rochester Reads titles or events, visit: [www.rochesterreads.org](http://www.rochesterreads.org). 📖





## 2008 That Writing Contest Winners



Front row l-r: Talia Kaliszewski, Alexander Phillips, Kanani Asuncion & Peter Beach

Back row l-r: Stephanie Sedarski, Haonan Du, Allison Young, Snigdha Roy & Nancy (Siyang) Yang.

Winners not pictured are: Daniel Van Havermaet & Carley Karsten

On Sunday, October 19, an awards ceremony was held in honor of the winners of the 2008 That Writing Contest. The winning poems and short stories are available online at [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens).

And the winners are...

### Age 10-12

*Poetry* 1st Place: Talia Kaliszewski, 2nd Place: Alexander Phillips

*Short Stories* 1st Place: Kanani Asuncion, 2nd Place: Peter Beach

### Age 13-15

*Poetry* 1st Place: Snigdha Roy, 2nd Place: Stephanie Sedarski  
*Short Stories* 1st Place: Nancy (Siyang) Yang, 2nd Place: Haonan Du

### Age 16-18

*Poetry* 1st Place: Carley Karsten, 2nd Place: Allison Young

*Short Stories* 1st Place: Carley Karsten, 2nd Place: Daniel Van Havermaet

Each 1st place winner received a \$75 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble; 2nd place winners received a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

This contest was sponsored by the Optimist Club and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. 📖

## Volunteer Opportunity

### Homework Assistance



Volunteer to provide homework help to students with specific questions regarding their daily homework assignments.

The Homework Assistance Study Table  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights • 6:00 - 8:40 p.m.  
Rochester Public Library • Meeting Room B (second floor)

If you are interested in volunteering for this library program, please contact Marilyn Campbell or Gail Harris at 507-287-2627 (after November 14, call 328-2341).

### Fact or Fluff?

Don't you just hate it when you ask a librarian for a certain book and the first question he or she asks you is "Is it fiction or non-fiction?" Instead of giving the librarian a blank stare as you wrack your brains trying to remember which is which, you can give them a very quick answer if you exchange the word Fiction with the word Fluff...

Ok, bear with me, I'm not saying that fiction works are "Fluff" - personally, I love fiction; this is just a method to help keep the two terms apart.

Fiction is a make-believe story, fluff. While non-fiction is based on true facts, non-fluff. You can also use the words fantasy, fable, or fib with the same results. 📖

# November Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

101 2nd Street SE

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**Saturday, November 1**

**10:30 am**

**Hooray for Saturday! Special Family Program:**

**Pop Wagner - Singing Cowboy and Lariat Spinner**

**Auditorium**

Rope tricks, cowboy songs, humorous stories, and toe-tapping fiddle music are presented by recording artist and lariat spinner Pop Wagner. *Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.*



**Monday, November 3**

**7:00 pm**

**YA Game Night**

**Auditorium**

Want to try your hand at Wii Sports? Need to challenge your Guitar Hero skills against others? Do you like to Dance, Dance Revolution or play other computer games? Then come to our game night and have some fun playing games with other local teens.

**Wednesday, November 5**

**3:00 pm**

**Magazines, Newspapers and other Online Resources**

**Meeting Room B**

Save yourself a trip to the library! From any computer and with your library card, you can search for the full-text of magazines and newspapers, hunt for genealogy and car repair information, find a practice test, and do homework, plus a lot more. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

**Thursday, November 6**

**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, November 8**

**10:30 am**

**Hooray for Saturday! Family Film Program:**

**Three Tales for Fall**

**Auditorium**

Get ready for winter weather with three seasonal tales by favorite picture book authors including: *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, *Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie De Paola, *Good Morning, Granny Rose* by Warren Ludwig.

**Tuesday, November 10**

**2:30 pm**

**Introduction to digital photos**

**Meeting Room B**

Learn how to use a free online service for basic editing of your digital photographs. Bring a digital photo you want to play with on a flash drive, CD-ROM, or other storage device.

**Wednesday, November 12**

**12:00 pm**

**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. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

**Wednesday, November 12**

**6:00 pm**

**iFIlms: International and Independent Films**

**Auditorium**

*BEN X* Drama | Belgium | English Subtitles - Ben is different. His life is a universe all to itself, where he avidly plays his favorite on-line computer game in an attempt to train for and block out the reality of his daily experiences. Ben has Asperger's Syndrome, a mild form of autism that prevents normal communication and makes him an ideal target for all the school bullies. As the bullies' relentless attacks push him over the edge and out of control, his on-line dream girl, Scarlite, appears to him and helps him devise a perfect plan to confront the bullies and make them pay for their torment. Director Nic Balthazar's dazzling debut blends fantasy and harsh social realism, based on a true story, to bring us an utterly original and important film. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.*

**Saturday, November 15**

**10:30 am**

**Hooray for Saturday! Family Film: *The Incredible Journey***

**Auditorium**

This classic adventure tells the story of three unlikely companions-a Labrador retriever, a Bull terrier, and a Siamese cat-who battle their way across 200 miles of Canadian wilderness.

**Sunday, November 16**

**2:00 pm**

**Coffeehouse Author Program: Catherine Watson**

**Auditorium**

See ad on page 7.

*The Coffee House Author Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.*

**In Observance of Veterans' Day, the library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11.**

**In observance of Thanksgiving Day, the library will be closed on Thursday, November 27.**

**Monday, November 17** 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 @ 328-2305.

**Wednesday, November 19** 2:00 pm  
**Value Line & Morningstar**  
**Auditorium**

Find out how the Morningstar and Value Line databases at the library can help you make wise investment decisions about stocks or mutual funds. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

**Thursday, November 20** 4:00 pm  
**Internet**  
**Meeting Room B**

Learn Internet basics: Internet addresses, navigation and terminology. Practice time is included. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

**Saturday, November 22** 10:30 am  
**Hooray for Saturday! Family Films: *Molly's Pilgrim* and *Giving Thanks***  
**Auditorium**

Film: *Molly's Pilgrim* In this warm, thought-provoking film, a young Russian immigrant must prove to her classmates that "it takes all kinds of Pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving."  
Film: *Giving Thanks* Known as the Thanksgiving Address, this Native American good morning message is portrayed in beautiful animation.

**Sunday, November 23** 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, November 24** 3:00 pm  
**Introduction to Funding Sources**  
**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 328-2309.

**Saturday, November 29** 10:30 am  
**Hooray for Saturday! Family Films: *Snowflake Bentley* and *Snow***  
**Auditorium**

Film: *Snowflake Bentley* As a young boy, Willie Bentley was fascinated with snowflakes. He studied their crystals under a microscope, drew pictures, and discovered that no two snowflakes were alike.

Film: *Snow* Snow begins to fall-first a flake here, then a flake there. A young boy and his dog find delight in the winter weather as snow begins to blanket the entire town in white.



# Holiday Concert

Holiday music presented by the Choral Arts Ensemble

**Saturday, December 6 • 10:30 a.m. • Library Auditorium**

*Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people*



## New @ the Library

The Friends of the Rochester Public Library recently funded the purchase of various furniture items and slat wall material to help enhance the quality and appearance of the library. Five new wooden magazine spinner racks



New magazine racks in children's area

are in the Children's area. These new racks greatly improve the way our magazines display and make it much easier for kids (and adults) to browse the collection.

A new registration table installed by the end of the Public Service Desk gives room for filling out the form to get a library card. You may have noticed a line of computers along the wall between the Public Service desk and the Fiction Movies and Music desk. These desks were also provided by funds from the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. Early next year, we plan on getting some new slat wall to go behind those desks.

On the second floor we gave our gray square tower a face lift with blue slatwall that enables more books to be displayed in a more eye-catching manner.

A big Thank-You goes to the Friends of the Rochester Public Library for all their help and support. Without them the library wouldn't

be as great as it is. To acknowledge these gifts, we have placed plaques on these items. 📖



Ugly gray thing, before...



New registration table near the circulation desk



Nice blue thing, after...

Rochester  
Public  
Library  
Presents:



2008 - 2009  
Coffeehouse Series

Catherine Watson



Sunday, November 16  
2:00 p.m.  
Library Auditorium

Catherine Watson is an award-winning writer, photographer and teacher. She is the former travel editor of the Minneapolis Star Tribune and author of two collections of travel essays, *Roads Less Traveled -- Dispatches from the Ends of the Earth* and *Home on the Road -- Further Dispatches from the Ends of the Earth*. Both were Minnesota Book Awards finalists.

This program is sponsored by



## Where can I direct your call?

The library, along with the entire City of Rochester and the Rochester school district recently made a total change in their phone systems. As a result, all of our phone numbers have changed. As of November 14, our old phone numbers will not be working. Yes, this means memorizing all new numbers and we feel your pain, but there is a bright side: all of our numbers will have the same prefix which will make it a little easier to remember them.

Not sure whom you need to speak with? The Automated Phone Line will direct your call to the proper location..... 328-2300

To listen to the library hours..... 328-2301

To reach someone in the Bookmobile, the Homebound or Outreach programs - in other words, accessing library materials outside of the library walls..... 328-2302

For questions regarding children's events, Storytime Kits, or any other Children's services ..... 328-2303

For questions regarding overdues, holds, renewing materials, lost & found, otherwise known as Circulation Services ..... 328-2304

To find fiction books, feature films and music, otherwise known as the Fiction, Movies and Music desk..... 328-2305

For donating books or to buy used books, Friends Bookstore ... 328-2306

To ask a reference question, find non-fiction books, TV-series DVDs, foreign-language materials, magazines/newspapers, online databases, intra-library loans, call the Reference Services Desk ..... 328-2309

To Reserve a Meeting Room..... 328-2310

To renew your library materials, have your library card ready and call the automated renewal line ..... 328-2311

## Direct reservations on the adult internet terminals.

by Brian Lind

The library has set up the adult Internet stations on the second floor so that you can log directly on to a free Internet terminal by walking up to it and signing on with your card and PIN number.

Admittedly this has caused a touch of confusion, at least initially. If someone goes to the sign-on terminal and places a reservation a nanosecond before you start clicking on the screen, that person will get the computer first. So, a tip for you if you're walking up to the

terminal to sign on directly begin typing right away. That should take your computer out of immediate danger of being pulled out from under you. Sorry, "Sign on at the terminal, People." You can type and scan fast, too, if you want.

One reason we made this change is that some patrons didn't care for the fact that they couldn't choose the location of their computer. With direct signing on, you can choose any open terminal.



-- *Children's Illustrations, continued from front page*

*Story from Cameroon*, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. At Rochester Public Library they found a copy of the book to look at the illustrations. It reminded them of the area where they volunteer every year at Macha Hospital in Africa. They decided to bring the book with them to share with the children where the hospital is located in order to see the children's reactions. The children were fascinated with the book so David and Jean offered to sponsor an illustration.

Since that time they take 30 or so books with them whenever they travel to Africa. Some of the books they take with them are donated from the Friends of The Rochester Public Library.

When searching for new illustrations to sponsor, David and Jean are guided by their areas of interest, women, people of color, people overcoming obstacles, and Africa. They also have an interest in making sure the collection represents a global perspective and demonstrates a variety of methods of illustration. A good example of this is the illustration they sponsored from *The Magic Gourd* written and

illustrated by Baba Wague Diakite. It received a Children's Africana Book Award (CABA) Honor 2004.

David and Jean wanted an African-born illustrator included in the Engle Collection. Baba Wague lives in the United States but was born in Timbuktu, Mali. Baba wrote the book and illustrated it not with the usual paper and pen or watercolor illustrations but by the use of ceramics. One of the illustrations is a 21" tall chameleon. Another is a ceramic bowl representing a bowl full of insects. David visited the Rochester Public Library to read and review the book. He decided he would like to sponsor an illustration

from it. David talked with the Engle's selection committee and offered to sponsor the bowl and the chameleon. The committee accepted the offer.

After looking at the children's picture book collection at the Rochester Public Library, David noted that our library is unusually current in its collections. He has either found every book he wishes to see or has noticed that the book is on order. He has high praise for the library staff and says the Rochester Public Library has been important to him and his family for reviewing and finding illustrations to sponsor.



**Ceramic bowl and chameleon serve as illustrations in *The Magic Gourd* by Baba Wague Diakite**

For more information about the Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection of Children's Book Illustration visit: [www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary/resources/Engle\\_Memorial\\_Collection.pdf](http://www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary/resources/Engle_Memorial_Collection.pdf).

For more information about David and Jean Byer's sponsored illustrations visit: [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/info/newsletter/index.html](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/info/newsletter/index.html) then click on *November Supplement*.

## Cash, Check, or... Credit Card?

Yes, Visa, Master Card and Discover credit cards are now accepted at the library!

This is a new service that has been requested for years. Our latest software upgrade, cooperation from the City's Finance department, and much of hard work from library staffers Steve and Susan has finally made it possible.

Fees can be paid by using your

credit card online or in person at the Public Service desk, the Children's desk and even the Bookmobile.

To pay fees with a credit card, just log in to your library account and click the "pay online" button that will show up under the "fees owed" box. From there all you need to do is enter your credit card number and click "pay bill."

Only fees that are over \$2.00 will be available for credit card payment. When paying a fee, the full amount will be taken off the card. This is a safeguard against accidentally entering a wrong amount to be charged to the credit card.

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