



# Rochester Public Library News and Events

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## Libraries Change Lives - Mitch Anthony, Author & Greg Wimmer, Illustrator

When I was 10 years old and growing up in Mason City, Iowa, we moved two doors down from the Mason City Public Library. This library has a storied past, being adjacent to the famous Meredith Wilson footbridge (of *Music Man* fame) and the reading room looked out on the verdant library gardens.

Like most 10 year olds I was magnetized to the television and did little reading. One day my father came home from work (he was a television personality) turned off the power on the TV and said, "Get your \*^\*#\$ rear end down to the library before you fry your \$&%\* brain."

I wandered into the sports biography section and started with the Bob Pettit story. I was greatly inspired by it. I moved on to the Satchel Paige autobiography and just kept going all summer. I hid for hours in that reading room absorbing stories of legendary athletes. I then moved on to the Dick Gregory story and how he kept his sense of humor through the violence and hatred of the civil rights struggle, and realized that there were heroes outside the realm of sports.

I absorbed story, humor, justice, leadership and purpose from those books. I also began to think that I wanted to be a writer myself. My original goal was to write for *Mad* magazine. Although I have never managed to make their pages, I have been lucky enough to build a career as a speaker and consultant around the 12 books I have written.

Recently, I was able to publish in the cartoon genre with my book, *The Cash in the Hat*, which was illustrated by the inimitable Greg Wimmer, a extremely talented local artist.

I'm a believer in the written word and have told millions of young people in my talks over the past 25 years

that, "leaders are readers" and that a million worlds are at the disposal of the person who is curious enough to turn the page.



**Mitch Anthony - a million worlds are at the disposal of the person who is curious enough to turn the page**



*A smaller house  
will feel just fine  
With friends and love  
and peace of mind.*



*Debt pretends to be  
your friend  
It gives you things  
again and again.  
Debt buys you toys  
and buys you snacks  
But it's not your friend  
til you pay it back.*



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# April 2009

*All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public*

## Wednesday, April 1

### Family Film Program: April Showers

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

Film: *The Dingles* A family of cats is taken by surprise when a wild rainstorm blows in.

Film: *Rain Babies* When the moon gives twelve tiny babies to a childless couple, the new parents take great care of their charges and receive an unexpected reward.

## Thursday, April 2

### Family Film: The Lorax

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

This classic tale written by Dr. Seuss tells the humorous story of the Lorax and his efforts to "save the trees" from extinction.

### Smart Investing @ Your Library - Becoming a More Confident Investor

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Get versed in what investing is all about. This is an overview of investing and will include getting ready and knowing when to invest. Different kinds of investments such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds will also be covered.

## Friday, April 3

### Family Film: Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

A very hungry Pooh Bear is determined to help himself to a sweet treat at the top of the honey tree.

## Saturday, April 4

### Family Film: Velveteen Rabbit

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

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

## Monday, April 6

### 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 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 registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

## Tuesday, April 7

### Bedtime Stories

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

## Wednesday, April 8

### iFilms: International and Independent Films

**Auditorium 6:00 pm**

Eldorado (Drama | Belgium | English Subtitles) One day Yvan, a quick-tempered car dealer catches Elie, a burglar and ex-junkie trying to rob him. Yvan becomes strangely attached to Elie and agrees to drive him to his parents. Yvan and Elie, both nostalgic about lost relationships, undertake a bizarre journey through a region that is as spectacular as it is crazy. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.*

## Saturday, April 11

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Auditorium 9:30 am - 5:30 pm**

Friends of the library may enter at 9:00. For more information about becoming a Friend, call 328-2341.

## Monday, April 13

### Introduction to Funding Sources Meeting Room B 2:00 pm

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

### Climb Aboard the Bookmobile 101 Second Street SE • 9:30 am

If you've never been inside the Bookmobile, here's your chance!

## Tuesday, April 14

### Enter to Grow in Wisdom: Rochester Public Library's Homepage Meeting Room B 4:00 pm

Discover the fun and information that is at your finger tips at the public library's website. You can learn a language, repair a car, practice for a test and much more - at no cost to you. A librarian will "show and tell" and then you may explore what interests you on a laptop computer. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

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### 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, April 15**

**Movie @ Your Library**

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

*Twilight*, based on the novel of the same name by Stephanie Meyer stars Kristen Stewart as Bella Swan, a teenage girl who falls in love with vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). Rated PG-13

**Downloadable Books**

**Meeting Room B 7:00 pm**

Discover digital books at: digital.rochesterpubliclibrary.org. Learn about books you can save to your computer, a CD or MP3 player. If you don't own a computer, learn how to do this at the library. Don't have an MP3 player? No problem, the library has them available for checkout. Register online, at the first-floor Fiction, Movies & Music desk or by calling 328-2305.

**Thursday, April 16**

**Power Surfing the Internet: RSS Meeting Room B 2:30 pm**

Ever wonder what those little orange "RSS" and "XML" rectangles on web pages are? They're called RSS feeds and they allow you to subscribe to the latest content from your favorite web sites and have it delivered directly to you. You can search the content of many web sites without having to visit each site individually. Learn the power of RSS to sort through information using Google Reader. Class participants should set up a free Google account prior to class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

**Saturday, April 18**

**Hooray for Saturday! The Zoo Man!**

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

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

**Sunday, April 19**

**Coffeehouse Author Program:**

**Loretta Ellsworth**

**Auditorium 2:00 pm**

Loretta Ellsworth is the author of the acclaimed middle-grade novels *The Shrouding Woman* and *In Search of Mockingbird*. A former schoolteacher and mother of four grown children, Loretta lives in Lakeville, Minnesota. *The Coffee House Author Series* is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

**Monday, April 20**

**GOAT Meeting - Group Of Advising Teens**

**Meeting Room A 4:00 pm**

Join other Rochester area youth (ages 12-18) and take a leadership role to discuss ideas and make plans for youth library programs, teen web page, and other ideas.

**Sit-Stay-Read**

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

**Tuesday, April 21**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

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**Saturday, April 25**

**Hooray for Saturday! Family**

**Film: *That Cat in the Hat***

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

The impulsive Cat in the Hat romps through the house one rainy day while mother is away. This animated film is based on the classic tale by Dr. Seuss.

**Monday, April 27**

**Sit-Stay-Read**

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Register online, at the children's desk or by calling 328-2303.

**Thursday, April 23**

**Value Line & Morningstar**

**Meeting Room B 4:00 pm**

Find out how the Morningstar and Value Line databases at the Rochester Public 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.

**Sunday, April 26**

**Yaggy Colby History Lecture**

**Auditorium 2:30 pm**

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

**Tuesday, April 28**

**Bedtime Stories**

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

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**Young Adult Writer's Group**

**Meeting Room A 7:00 pm**

Do you like to write? Would you like to meet other tweens/teens who like to write? Would you like to share your work, and get advice on how to improve? If the answer is yes, then come join our first meeting. We meet the last Tuesday of the month in Meeting Room A at 7 P.M.

April 13 – 19 is National Library Week, a time when libraries and the people who use them come together to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in our nation's schools, campuses and communities. So please join us in celebrating the Rochester Public Library which is **for, by,** and about **YOU**.

National Library Events are shaded.

## What's @ the Library - Books

The library has books. Well, that's a no-brainer; of course we have books.

The first floor of the library is where you can lose yourself in fiction. It's where you can take a little vacation from reality and time-travel to the past or the future, explore different countries and other worlds, meet the most fascinating people and see the strangest creatures.

The Children's section has books for ages zero to about 13 or so, but even adults can enjoy the beautiful illustrations and stories that are found in these books. Some non-fiction books are also found in the children's section to help with elementary school research projects, science fair ideas, and who doesn't like dinosaurs?

The Young Adult (YA) area, 'way at the other end of the library has graphic novels, mangas, popular series titles, and a lot more that appeal to teenagers. Even I, as an adult, can find some good reading material in the YA area.

Between the Children's area and the YA area is our general fiction collection where a person can find

books from every genre: mysteries, romance, horror, suspense, science fiction, fantasy, Christian, comedy, drama, westerns, historical, and the list goes on. Also in this area is a collection of large print books for those whose arms aren't long enough anymore. You know who you are.

The New Fiction can be found in our display areas. One is located just behind the self-check machines. The other display area is in the lobby right in front of the doors. Rental Books are available on of these displays for those of you who just can't wait to get your hands on your favorite author's latest book.

The non-fiction books, located upstairs, are where you'll find books about every conceivable subject from Auto repair to Zoology, or if you know Dewey, we have everything from 000 - 999. With these books you can learn what makes people tick by reading their autobiographies, identify that mysterious plant that started growing up the side of your house last summer, and even get suggestions for naming your baby. We also have

foreign language books, representing 23 different languages, for those that don't or can't read English. (If you know of someone who matches this description, let them know that we have books for them, too!) These are also helpful for English readers learning to read a different language.

If you don't like to borrow books because you just can't bear to part with them, you can purchase books from the Friends of the Library Bookstore. There are new books that get put out every day so come often to find your favorites. All of the books in the bookstore are donated from generous community members who probably don't know how much we really do appreciate their support. The bookstore is managed and staffed completely by volunteers. Since April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, this is a great time to say THANK YOU to all of our bookstore volunteers. All your help is gratefully appreciated!

# Stop the Downward Spiral!

Rochester Public Library and United Way are offering space, computers, and volunteers to help people write résumés and apply for jobs online.

### Get help with:

- setting up e-mail accounts
- applying for jobs online
- writing résumés

***These drop-in sessions are free and open to the public.***

### **Rochester Public Library • Meeting Room B**

Saturday, April 4 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29 • 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

