

Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives

As soon as the Rochester Public Library closed on Saturday, January 10, 2009, staff and volunteers began setting the stage set for the 8th annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine gala event. A mere hour later, the main lobby was transformed into a dance hall, the wine was chilled and ready to pour, and attendees were browsing the 90+ silent auction items.

Over 250 people attended their choices of ten different presentations. Tim Penny talked about the historic relevance of the presidential election. Ed Fischer had his audience laughing and posing for quick caricatures. Denny Stotz discussed the plan to transform the gravel mining areas along Cascade Creek into a park area. Yuko Taniguchi demonstrated the Argentine Tango and had her audience up on the dance floor practicing some tango moves. Olive oils were the topic of discussion by Justin Schoville, executive chef from Sontes. Proprietor/winemaker Dustin Ebert introduced cold-hardy grapes and the Minnesota wine industry. Victor Vieth enlightened his audience with his proposal to end child abuse within three generations. Balancing attendance area student populations by race and socioeconomic status was discussed by Phil Wheeler. Economist Paul Anton offered some insight about today's economy. Mascuud Xaaji shared some highlights of his Somali culture including language, geography, religious beliefs gender roles, etc....

After the second speaker session, hors d'oeuvres including such delicacies as smoked goose, salmon, cranberry chicken skewers, cheeses, white asparagus with prosciutto, opera cakes, and lemon tarts, catered by Jaspers Alsatian Bistro, were served. Andy's Liquor provided many varieties of wine for tasting. At 10:00 pm the silent auction closed and the winning raffle ticket was drawn. Congratulations to John Brockman, the winner of the Romantic Evening package. The package included a two nights' stay at the Kahler Grand Hotel, a \$50.00 gift certificate for Flowers by Jerry, two Waterford Crystal champagne flutes, a bottle of champagne, a Waterford Crystal vase, and some chocolates. With the raffle, silent auction, sponsors and attendees, this elegant evening raised almost \$22,000 for the Rochester Public Library Foundation. The proceeds will be used to support the

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

Monday, February 2

Rochester Reads Author Visit: Steve Almond
Library Auditorium 3:00 pm
(Limited Seating at the Library)
Mayo High School Auditorium 7:00 pm (1420 11th Ave SE)
Steve Almond, author of the 2009 Rochester Reads title, *Candy Freak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America*, will be speaking.

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 e-mail 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, February 3

Enter to Grow in Wisdom: Rochester Public Library's Homepage Meeting Room B 12:00 pm
Discover the fun and information that is at your finger tips on the library's Web site. You can learn a language, repair a car, practice for a test and much more - at no cost to you. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Bedtime Stories Auditorium 6:30 pm

Let's Move! Stories and Songs - *If You're Happy and You Know it, Hokey Pokey, Wiggle, and Shake the Sillies Out.*

Wednesday, February 4

Introduction to Blogging Meeting Room B 5:30 pm
Would you like to put your thoughts, opinions and pictures on the Internet for your friends, family (and the world) to see? One of the quickest and easiest ways to do that is to create your own "blog." During this class a librarian will talk about blogging and help you set up your own free blog. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Dental Health Program Auditorium 7:00 pm

Local dentist, Dr. Janet Calcagno DDS, will present a program about general family dental health. Learn how to fight the effects of eating too much candy by adopting some good oral hygiene practices.

Thursday, February 5

Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10:00 am

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Black History Month: Film and Discussion - *The House We Live In*

Auditorium 7:00 pm
The Rochester Public Library in partnership with the Mayo Clinic African Descendants Support Network presents the film: *Race: the power of an illusion, episode 3 The House We Live In*. This documentary focuses on how our institutions shape and create race, giving different groups vastly unequal life chances. The film will be followed by a panel discussion.

Saturday, February 7

Family Film Program Auditorium 10:30 am
Film: *One Zillion Valentines*
Two enterprising friends prove that Valentine's Day is for everyone by making, giving away, and selling one zillion valentines.
Film: *Boxes for Katje*
A young Dutch girl receives an unexpected package from America filled with much needed supplies. This happy surprise sets off a wonderful chain of events for the people in her village. This film is based on the heartwarming picture book by Candace Fleming.

Rochester Reads Double-Feature Films: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*

Auditorium 12:00 pm
Join us in the viewing of both versions of the movie where Charlie Bucket, his grandfather, and four lucky contest winners on a tour through the factory of the mysterious candy mogul Willy Wonka.

Monday, February 9

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, February 10

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm

Hooray for Valentines Day Stories *Lilly's Chocolate Valentine, Best Valentine in the World, Little Pea,* and *My Mother's Chocolate Valentine*

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, February 11

Google and More

Meeting Room B 4:30 pm

Learn Internet search tips. Previous Internet and computer mouse experience is helpful. Practice time is included. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6:00 pm

The Pope's Toilet - It's 1988, and Melo, awaits the visit of Pope John Paul II. Fifty thousand people are expected to attend, and the most humble locals believe that selling food and drink to the multitude will make them rich. Beto decides he will build a WC in front of his house and charge for its use. His efforts bring about unexpected consequences, and the final results will surprise everyone. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.*

Thursday, February 12

Stories for Toddlers and Twos

Auditorium 10:00 am

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, February 14

Let's move! Story time Yoga with Jamie Schembri!

Auditorium 10:30 am

Special guest storyteller Jamie Schembri invites the children to participate in a fun, active, and imaginative yoga story time!

Monday, February 16

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, February 17

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm

Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, February 18

Senior Techies - Basic Computers

Meeting Room B 10:00 am

These classes are geared to people 50 and over. Participants must register for EACH class they wish to attend. A librarian will cover parts of a computer and participants will have the opportunity to use laptop computers to learn how to use a computer mouse and navigate the screen. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Wednesday, February 18

Does a Chocolate Covered Cherry Count as Fruit?

Auditorium 6:00 pm

Bridget Ideker and Shawn Craig, experts from the Olmsted Medical Center, will present a program focused on calories - how much is in different foods, how much do we need, and where does candy fit?

Thursday, February 19

Stories for Toddlers and Twos

Auditorium 10:00 am

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, February 21

Family Film: *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile--The Musical*

Auditorium 10:30 am

Lyle the Crocodile sings and dances his way into the hearts of the Primm family in a musical version of *The House on East 88th Street* by Bernard Waber.

What's the Big Deal? Film and Discussion

Auditorium 1:00 pm

The Diversity Council invites you to join them for a screening of a film followed by a facilitated discussion regarding sizism in particular and inclusiveness in general. Panel discussion to follow the film. Sponsored by the Diversity Council, the Rochester Public Library, and Rochester Reads.

Sunday, February 22

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.

Monday, February 23

GOAT Meeting - Group Of Advising Teens

Meeting Room A 4:00 pm

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.

Tuesday, February 24

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm

Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, February 25

Senior Techies - Email

Meeting Room B 10:00 am

These classes are geared to people ages 50 and over. Participants must register for EACH class they wish to attend. Participants should have attended the Basic Computers class (offered the previous week) or have the skills necessary to set up a free email account.

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

Thursday, February 26

Stories for Toddlers and Twos

Auditorium 10:00 am

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Ancestry and Heritage Quest Genealogy Databases

Auditorium 4:00 pm

Dig through census records, read family histories, or find immigration records online using these popular tools. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Saturday, February 28

Family Film: *Mouse and the Motorcycle*

Auditorium 10:30 am

Ralph, a daring but rather careless young mouse, borrows a toy motorcycle and embarks on a series of wild and risky adventures.

What's @ the Library?

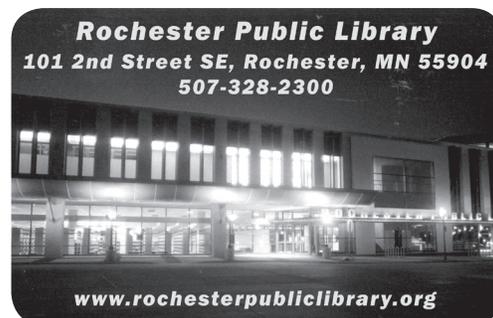
Library Cards

What's @ the Library is a series of articles that will run in the monthly newsletter highlighting different library resources that are here for the public to use. To start the series off, let's talk about library cards, since a card is your key to all library resources.

- You can get a library card by filling out a short form available online at: <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/apps/circ/onlineregistration.cfm> or by applying in person at the Rochester Public Library or Bookmobile.
- You must provide a photo ID and current address verification to pick up the card at the Public Service desk.
- There is no fee for obtaining your library card. A \$2.00 replacement fee is charged if your card is lost or stolen.
- Your library card may be used at any public library in Minnesota.
- You must have your card with you when checking out materials, picking up reserved materials, or using the Internet.
- Your library card is updated every 3 years free of charge at the Library or Bookmobile.

Rochester Reads Events are shaded.

In observance of Presidents' day, Rochester Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 16.



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mission and the vision of the Rochester Public Library Foundation. The mission is to raise private funds for educational and informational resources and projects in a manner that does not diminish the need for strong public funding, and to educate the community about the Library's vital role in meeting our community's needs. The vision is to build strong public-private partnerships with individuals, businesses, foundations, and community organizations that share our mission for creating a stronger library that is meeting the needs of the underserved.

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