

# Rochester Public Library News and Events

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## Libraries Change Lives - Interlibrary Loans

Laura Lenz is taking online classes to complete parts of her master's; her thesis involves original research that requires a literature review of many, many books. This is where the interlibrary loan service works so well. She is able to find the books she needs in the numerous Twin Cities college libraries, request them, reserve them if needed and have them delivered to Rochester. Between the telephone and computers she saves a lot of time. She states that the reference desk staff is very helpful with extending renewal times, when the responsibilities of a husband and two elementary aged children cut into available reading time.

She and some friends formed a book club and have found the library's Book-Group-in-a-Bag to be a fun resource; they have read and discussed *Memoirs' of a Geisha* and *Pride and Prejudice* recently.

Laura's family also enjoys the Hooray for Saturday programs. She notes that the library was one of the family's first locations to visit in Rochester after leaving Minneapolis. They stopped during their first week in town, leaving impressed with the services offered and finding the people they interacted with to be experts in their areas.



**This photo of Laura, her husband Todd Rowekamp, her son Sam, and her daughter, Abby, was taken on a family canoe trip in the Boundary Waters this past summer.**

Laura sent this very complimentary e-mail to the Reference Desk staff.

*"This is just a compliment. The Rochester Public Library has really been a lifeline since my family moved here two years ago. We came from Minneapolis, but I am so impressed with the services and programs you offer at the library. The "Community Read" programs were just amazing this past winter!*

*Also, I am currently working on my thesis for my master's degree in English as a Second Language through Hamline University in St. Paul. If it were not for the interli-*

*brary loan system, doing research would be next to impossible. So many of the books I need come from the U of MN and other colleges up in the Twin Cities area.*

*And, finally, your staff is so incredibly knowledgeable, professional, friendly, and helpful. Thanks so much for all your hard work and I hope more than just one of your staff gets to read this."*

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# January 2009

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

Friday, January 2

## Family Films:

### Picture Book Classics

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

Three classic picture book tales come to life in film adaptations of *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, *Curious George Rides a Bike*, and *Caps for Sale*.

Saturday, January 3

## Hooray for Saturday! Family Films: *Corduroy* and *A Pocket For Corduroy*

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

A likeable stuffed bear named Corduroy embarks on a series of humorous adventures in a department store and the local Laundromat.

Saturday, January 10

## Hooray for Saturday! Family Film: *Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too*

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

When Rabbit plots a "calming sort of lesson" for bouncy Tigger, he discovers that the earthbound tiger is not the friend he knows and loves.

## Wit, Wisdom & Wine

### Annual Fund-raiser • 6:30 pm

This entertaining and intellectual annual fundraising event features a variety of speakers. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served throughout the evening. Proceeds are used to support the mission and vision of the Rochester Public Library Foundation. To register, please visit the website [www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/witwine.html](http://www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/witwine.html) or call 328-2343.

Tuesday, January 13

## Writing Group

**Meeting Room A 6:30 pm**

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.

Wednesday, January 14

## iFilms: International and Independent Films

**Auditorium 6:00 pm**

*Under The Bombs* (Drama | France, Lebanon, UK) During a cease-fire in the Lebanon-Israel conflict of 2006, a Christian taxi driver brings an untraditional Shiite woman from Beirut to the heart of the conflict in the country's south. While they scour the rubble of local towns for her son, who was sent to live with her traditional family while she was staying with her husband in Dubai, they discover that despite their very different backgrounds they have much in common. And during their trip through the desolate countryside, the two travelers develop a deep bond as a response to the death striking all around them.

Thursday, January 15

## Internet

**Meeting Room B 11:30 am**

Geared to 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 328-2309.

Saturday, January 17

## Hooray for Saturday! Family

### Film: *Ben and Me*

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

Amos, a poor church mouse, becomes the worthy mentor of famous American Benjamin Franklin in this humorous and delightfully animated tale. January 17th is Ben Franklin's birthday!

Tuesday, January 20

## Bedtime Stories

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Thursday, January 22

## 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, January 24

## Hooray for Saturday! Family

### Film: *Cricket in Times Square*

**Auditorium 10:30 am**

Chester Cricket and his friends try to drum up business for the kind owners of a New York City newsstand in this animated film based on the novel by George Selden.

Sunday, January 25

## 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, January 26

**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, January 27

**Candy Freak Book Discussion**  
**Meeting Room A 12:00 pm**

Join us for a lively conversation about the Rochester Reads 2009 selection, *Candy Freak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America*.

**Bedtime Stories**

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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 young adults 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 to our first meeting. For more information call 328-2305.

Thursday, January 29

**Online Catalog**

**Meeting Room B 10:00 am**

Have you used the library's online catalog lately? Did you know you may view library material due dates and reserve library items online? In this class you will be taught to do these things as well as how to search for your favorite titles, authors and subjects. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Thursday, January 29

**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.

**Rochester Reads Film:**

***Chocolat***

**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

When a single mother and her six-year-old daughter move to rural France and open a chocolate shop - with Sunday hours - across the street from the local church, they are met with some skepticism. As the townspeople begin enjoying their delicious products, the two become part of the community. Based on the novel by Joanne Harris. 122 minutes. Rated PG-13

Friday, January 30

**Senior Techies -**  
**Computer Practice**

**Meeting Room B 9:30 am**

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 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+.

Saturday, January 31

**Hooray for Saturday! Family**  
**Films: *Danny and the Dinosaur***  
**and *Stanley and the Dinosaur***  
**Auditorium 10:30 am**

Two dinosaur tales come to life in the imaginative film versions of popular picture books written by Syd Hoff.

Saturday, January 31

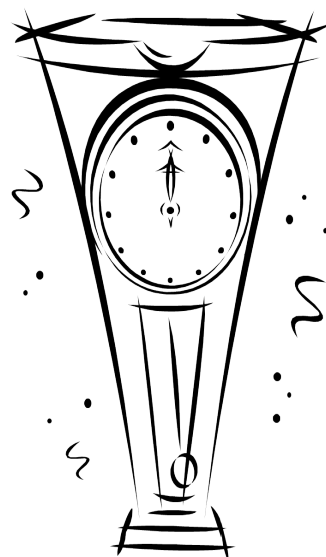
**Cookie decorating...with**  
**Candy**

**Library Auditorium 2:00 pm**

Join Daube's cake decorator Nancy Crowe for a class on making and decorating a gingerbread Valentine's Heart Box. Participant must be 15 years or older. Register online, at the Fiction, Movies & Music Desk, or by calling 328-2305.

**Rochester Reads Events**  
**are shaded.**

**In observance of New Year's**  
**day, Rochester Public Library**  
**will be closed on Thursday,**  
**January 1.**



**In observance of Martin Luther**  
**King Jr. day, Rochester Public**  
**Library will be closed on**  
**Monday, January 19.**

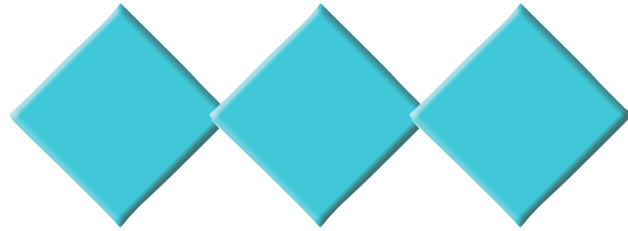




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## 8th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine fund-raiser on January 10, 2009.

Rochester Public Library Foundation will be hosting the 8th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine gala fund raising event on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. This year there will be ten speakers featured with a range of topics to interest everyone. A silent auction will be held during the evening with lots of items to bid on. There will also be a raffle for a romantic evening packing, including an evening at the Kahler Grand Hotel, champagne flutes, perfume, chocolates, and more. Donations are being accepted, and greatly appreciated, for the silent auction and can be dropped off at the library. For more information about this event, visit [www.rochesterpubliclibrary-foundation.org/witwine](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary-foundation.org/witwine) or call 328-2343.



Rochester Reads events are scheduled and we're ready to have some fun.

Monday, February 2, Steve Almond, author of *Candy Freak* will be speaking both at the library and at Mayo High School Auditorium. Other events that are scheduled are: movies, including *Chocolate*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, health and wellness programs: Dental Health, Does a chocolate covered cherry count as a fruit?, and a special story time yoga for children. For all event details visit the library's website.

## Wanted: Libraries Change Lives Stories

Has your library changed your life in any way? Would you like to share your story with us and have it featured as a Libraries Changes Lives story in our monthly newsletter?

Contact John Hunziker, Communications Manager at 328-2343.

## Rochester Reads Photography Contest

The Rochester Reads committee invites adults (18 years of age or older) to participate in the Rochester Reads Photography Contest.

To enter, submit a digital photo of candy. Be as creative as you wish, but please remember to make sure the photo is appropriate for viewing by the public of all ages. Winning photos will be posted on the Rochester Reads website and featured in the monthly library newsletter.

For official rules and submission guidelines, visit [www.rochesterreads.org](http://www.rochesterreads.org).

Deadline to submit an entry is January 25th, 2009.

Prizes will be awarded! Grand prize will receive a framed print of the winning photo and a \$100 gift certificate\*. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate\* and 3rd place is a \$25 gift certificate\*.

\*Gift certificates are for Ritz Camera at Apache Mall.

## New Young Adult Program @ the Library

The Young Adult Writer's Group is starting up at the library and will be held at 7:00 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month starting January 27th. For more information call 328-2305.

# Happy New Year!