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Libraries Change Lives

3rd Annual Amazing Race - June 13, 2009



A Fund Raiser for the
Rochester Public Library Foundation
www.amazingrace.org

For those who didn't know what was going on, it would have been a strange sight. It may have looked like a marathon getting ready to start with people wearing numbers on their T-shirts. That is until you noticed that there were some people wearing capes and swim goggles (yes, at the same time). Others wore old-tyme newspaper kid outfits and we can't forget about the group that looked as if they came fresh from the emergency room wrapped in bandages and neck braces. No, this wasn't the start of a marathon, but it was a race. The 3rd Annual Amazing Race fundraiser for the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

To explain the strange dress code of this year's race, there was a costume contest that was judged by a panel of members from the three boards at the library: the Friends Board, the Library Board and the Foundation Board. And the winning team of the costume contest... The Speed Readers.

This year's race took the 38 teams all over Rochester and even

into Byron. In order to earn their clues, teams had to sing campfire songs, make s'mores, get a hole-in-one, canoe, build a 3' structure using raw spaghetti noodles and gumdrops, find the bookmobile, and find an ad in the Post-Bulletin.

At the end, team members and volunteers met up at the Olmsted County History Center and enjoyed a picnic lunch sponsored by John Hardy's Bar-B-Q.

Over \$9,500 was raised with the help of the sponsors and team registration fees. This money will go towards the vision and mission of the Rochester Public Library Foundation. The library uses Foundation funds to augment collections, expand programs and launch pilot projects that enrich the lives of Olmsted County citizens.

We would like to thank all the team members for participating in this event, all the people who volunteered to help out in any way before, during and after the race, and to all the sponsors who donated money, services, prizes, and hosted legs of the race.



The Speed Readers



Team OMC registering for the Race.

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July 2009

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

Wednesday, July 1

Summer Family FilmFest

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Frog, Where are you? and *Frog on his own*. Based on the humorous books by Mercer Mayer, Frog sets off on a series of unforgettable adventures in two hilarious films.

Tuesday, July 7

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, July 8

Summer Family FunFest

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Be creative, be amazing, believe in the magic of books! Magician Star Michaelina presents an interactive magic show that will delight and amaze the entire family. *Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.*

iFIlms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6:00 pm
Munyurangabo (Drama | Rwanda | English Subtitles) After stealing a machete from a market in Kigali, Munyurangabo and his friend, Sangwa, leave the city on a journey tied to their pasts. Munyurangabo wants justice for his parents who were killed in the genocide, and Sangwa wants to visit the home he deserted years ago. From two separate tribes, their friendship is tested when Sangwa's wary parents disapprove of Munyurangabo, warning that "Hutus and Tutsis are supposed to be enemies."

Short Film: *Alptraum* (Germany)
Imagine Switzerland's national soccer team playing the finals of the EURO 2008, and the TV channel turns black! *Alptraum* is a comical fairytale about soccer, dreams and the belief that the impossible can come true.

The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.

Thursday, July 9

PB Dialogues

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Southern Rail Corridor – Find out more about the rail proposal. PB Dialogues are free public events at the library with PB Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

Tuesday, July 14

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.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, July 15

Summer Family FunFest

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Safety experts McGruff and Scruff visit the library and share helpful hints for having a safe and happy summer! Enjoy the film *Officer Buckle and Gloria* as an added bonus!

Saturday, July 18

Get Smart Training For Parents, Parts I & II

Meeting Room B 10:00 am
Come to Efficacy Institute Parent Training and join other parents to:
- Explore what leads to development and the obstacles to learning
- Explore ways to help your child not to just work hard but to "work smart"
- Learn how to motivate your child to get better, strong, and smarter
This training is coordinated by the Diversity Council (www.diversitycouncil.org) Register online, at the Fiction, Movies & Music desk or by calling 328-2305.

Tuesday, July 21

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, July 22

Summer Family FunFest

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Feeling silly? Popular children's recording artist Hans Mayer will have you laughing and singing along to his original ear-tickling music.

Tuesday, July 28

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets, stories and films to give you sweet dreams.

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 meetings.

Wednesday, July 29

Summer Family FunFest

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Clarence the Duck and his best friend Gary Wick will tickle your funnybone with jokes, songs, and amazing ventriloquism!

Movie @ Your Library

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Join us for *Iron Man*. Billionaire industrialist Tony Stark creates a suit that sustains his life. When he heals, he decides to use his technology to fight crime and leads a double life. Rated PG-13.

Thursday, July 30

String Art Class

Auditorium 1:00 pm
Join us as we create art using colorful string that forms abstract geometric patterns by winding it around a grid of pins. Register online, at the Fiction, Movies & Music desk or by calling 328-2305.



A dramatic finish

Event sponsors: Post-Bulletin, John Hardy's Bar-B-Q

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In-kind sponsors: KIMT Channel 3, Friends of Rochester Public Library, Girl Scouts of MN and WI River Valleys, History Center of Olmsted County, HyVee - Crossroads, Judy & Steve Kereakos, Kwik Trip, Links of Byron, Minnesota Twins, Kathy & Dave Olson, Party City, Rochester Fire Department, Rochester Honkers, Rochester Indoor Tennis Center, Rochester Park & Recreation Dept., Sam's Club, Silver Lake Boat & Bike Rentals, Walmart Supercenter North.



First Place Winners: The Fatties and the Daddies



Second Place Winners: 2 Guys, 2 Girls and one brain



Third Place Winners: The Wippersnappers



Winners of the best spaghetti noodle and gumdrop structure: The Grand Whoo-Hooers



Making and eating s'mores at the Girl Scout camp.

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What's @ the Library?

The Digital Zone

"You are traveling through another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind." Those are the famous words heard on the TV series, *The Twilight Zone*. Sorry kids, this isn't a love story about Edward and Bella. I'm talking about "a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity,": the Digital Zone.

Like *The Twilight Zone*, our Digital Zone contains mind-bending stories of the supernatural, white-knuckle suspense, science fiction and horror. Good show, Rod Sterling, but, we don't stop there! Our Digital Zone also contains heart-warming dramas, classic literature, self-improvement titles, biographies, history, and yes,

even vampire love stories (All 4 of the *Twilight Saga*, to be exact).

The Digital Zone doesn't have only books; you can also find head-banging rock and roll, toe-tapping jazz, soothing ambient music and sing-a-long campfire songs. And videos! Classic films, children's films and documentaries are also available.

You're probably wondering, where is the Digital Zone and how do I get there?

Here's the thing, if you have a computer and a library card, you have access to the Digital Zone. Even if you don't have a computer, you can come to the library and use our download station located next to the Fiction, Movies & Music desk on

first floor. You still need a library card in order to check out items. The way to Rochester Public Library's Digital Zone is: <http://digital.rochesterpubliclibrary.org>.

From there you can browse the collection and check out items. There is a piece of software that you will need to download to your computer before you can download any of the audiobooks, music or videos. If you need help, you can click on the "guided tour" or you can call us and we'll try to help you over the phone: 328-2305.

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