

Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Libraries Change Lives Pauline Walle

The *New York Times* touts the growing role of libraries in this period of recession. In Rochester, friends are doing job searches and checking out books for “comfort food.” They flock to programs like Cathy Wurzer’s on Highway 61 and the Titanic exhibit at our downtown library.

My father introduced me to the joys of reading at the classic Carnegie Library in North Hibbing. There I checked out as many children’s books as I could find on Native Americans and presidents’ wives. A recent Hibbing Tribune story reveals that a sailor heading West lived in Hibbing long enough to serve as a railroad crossing guard and spearhead a \$25,000 campaign to build that 1907 library. Grateful children collected money to buy Capt. William McCormick a gold watch before he traveled on.

In a few years the Hull Rust Mahoning Mine -- called the “Grand Canyon of Minnesota” -- encroached on the library and my dad’s Minnesota Division of Lands & Minerals office. They were demolished and North Hibbing moved South. Paintings from the library walls now hang in three downtown buildings.

My next special library was at Villa Maria Academy in Old Frontenac. Stained glass windows and tables made from square grand pianos furnished this former chapel in the old tower building. When tornadic winds took out the tower glass and electricity, we “Villains” got to eat ice cream bars from the freezer. A more devastating blow came in 1969 when lightning struck and the building was lost. Villa Maria now serves as a retreat and conference center in other buildings.

Small radios sometimes pressed to the ear claimed the attention of teens before sending us back to libraries in high school and college. I recall the formidable stacks at the University of Minnesota’s Minneapolis campus.

When I came to work at the Post-Bulletin Rochester in 1962, I knew only one couple and a pastor. On Sunday afternoons I’d gravitate to the cozy nooks and window seats of the Harold Crawford Library, now a Mayo student center. The lovely Plummer Building libraries also held fascination.

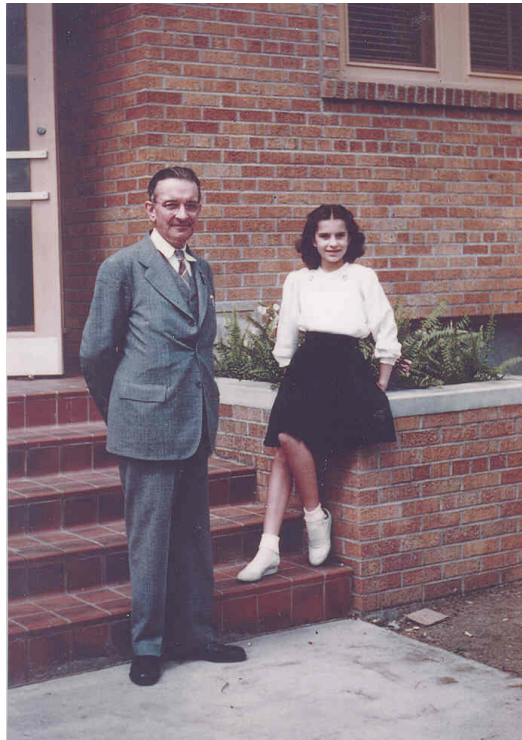
As a retiree I’ve gotten hung up on news and nature magazines and my morning fix of C-Span. But friends intervene and get me back to books. Bob Birch, former

Rochester Civic Theatre director, suggested “The Balkan Trilogy.” Tony Sertich, executive director of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale, turned me on to “The Shadow of the Wind,” a wonderful translation from Spanish. It’s a book about books with wonderful characters.

I “met” Chicago Tribune columnists while visiting Rochester transplants Pat and Joe Davis. I enjoy these writers again at Rochester’s light-filled, river-view library downtown.

Meanwhile RPL’s Director Audrey Betcher and staff provide book clubs, computer lessons, children’s activities and Sunday afternoon programs with the History Center of Olmsted County. Communications Director John Hunziker makes them well known. We citizens can express our thanks at the annual library benefit with its tango lessons and community issues, buffets and prizes.

In my dreams I walk the cork floors of that North Hibbing library again, adding yet one more book to an armful. And the fascination has come full circle. My dad would be pleased.



1949. Research Engineer, Michael P. Walle and daughter Pauline at the Lands & Minerals office in Hibbing, Minnesota.

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

Saturday, May 2

Family Sing-Along with Special Guest Missy Nerland!

Auditorium 10:30 am

Join us for a Family Sing-Along, the most fun you can possibly have on a Saturday morning! Missy Nerland, a registered Music Together teacher and director of Morning Star Studios, is bringing her musical toolbox filled with traditional songs from around the world, new favorites, rhythmic chants, easy dances, and instruments.

Friday, May 8

Just for Kids Concert Presented by SEMYO

Auditorium 10:00 am

Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras proudly present the Just for Kids concert at Rochester Public Library! Children and their families will be entertained with musical selections presented by Symphonic Winds and Chamber Strings. SEMYO will also demonstrate the sounds of various instruments in the band and orchestras.

Saturday, May 9

Family Film Program: Favorite Fairy Tales

Auditorium 10:30 am

This humorous program features three favorite fairy tales based on picture books by children's author James Marshall: *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Red Riding Hood*, and *The Three Little Pigs*.

Tuesday, May 12

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, May 13

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6:00 pm

Lake Tahoe (Drama | Mexico | English Subtitles) Teenager Juan crashes his family's car into a telegraph pole on the outskirts of town, and then scours the streets searching for someone to help him fix it. His quest will bring him into absurd and bewildering worlds of as people he meets drag him into a one-day journey in which he will come to accept what he was escaping from in the first place.

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

Saturday, May 16

Family Films: *Curious George/Curious George Goes to the Hospital*

Auditorium 10:30 am

Curious George, the mischievous monkey, is up to his usual tricks in two films based on the classic picture books by H.A. Rey.

Sunday, May 17

Youth Film Contest Awards Program

Auditorium 2:00 pm

Please join us as we announce the winners of the youth short film contest.

Monday, May 18

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.

Thursday, May 21

Senior Techies - Introduction to Computers

Meeting Room B 1:00 pm

Do you know how to use a mouse? What's an Enter key? What about the different parts of the computer? If you are unfamiliar with these terms or need a very basic intro to computer use, this class is for you! Learn the basics of a computer, mouse and keyboard to prepare for all of our other computer classes. NOTE: This class is designed for those who have little or no computer experience. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309.

Saturday, May 23

Family Film Program: *Mouse Tales*

Auditorium 10:30 am

Owen - Owen the mouse loves his blanket. But he will not cooperate when his parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before school starts. Can Owen's parents find a happy solution to the problem?

Mouse Around - A small mouse has a wonderful journey all around town when he falls from his nest into a plumber's back pocket.

Tuesday, May 26

Young Adult Writers' 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, join us at our meetings. We meet the last Tuesday of each month in Meeting Room A at 7 P.M.

Thursday, May 28

Senior Techies - email

Meeting Room B 1:00 pm

We will set up free email accounts in this beginner computer class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 328-2309

Rochester Public Library will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25.

What's @ the Library - Computers

The library has 37 EPAC stations.

No, EPACs are not miniature llamas; those are alpacas. Although very cool animals, alpacas cannot help you find the latest John Sanford book or tell you how many copies of *Twilight* we have in our collection.

EPAC is library jargon for Electronic Public Access Catalogs... Yeah, my eyes glazed over for a second there too. These wonderful EPAC stations are located conveniently all over the library, some in plain sight while others are hidden in private nooks.

From these computers you can use the online catalog to find any material that the library currently has - and if it doesn't, you can find out which library does. We'll talk about interlibrary loans in a future newsletter.

Tutor.com, our online homework help works from any of these stations. You can also surf the library webpage, but you can't get on the actual Internet from these.

That brings us to our Internet computers. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 16 stations on the second floor of the library for adults to use, 6 in the Young Adult area for, you guessed it: teens, and 4 in the Children's area. For a complete rundown of our Internet policy, search on our home page for "Internet Policy" and it should be the top one on the list.

Most of the Internet stations are equipped with Microsoft Office Suite

2007 to help with being productive while online. Hey, while you're online, check out our MySpace and Facebook pages (Rochester Public Library) and follow us on Twitter (RochPubLibrary).

We have three computers dedicated for off-line productivity. These computers also have Microsoft Office Suite 2007, which includes Word (word processing, writing resumes or the next best seller), PowerPoint (creating presentations and slide shows), Publisher (newsletters, posters, and flyers) and Excel (spreadsheets). One of these computers has a flatbed scanner and has Photoshop Elements 5.0 (photo editing). These computers are located on the first floor near the windows in the fiction area.

After all of that productivity, you'll need to print your stuff, or at least save it somewhere. You can print black and white for 10¢ per page or color for 25¢ per page. The computers have CD burners so you can burn your own CDs or you can purchase one for \$1 at the public service desk. We also have USB memory devices (a.k.a, jump drives, flash drives, sticks, keys, etc...) available for \$10.

As a huge fan of downloadable audiobooks, let me introduce the download station. This computer, located next to the Fiction, Movies & Music desk, will allow you to download audiobooks from our digital collection onto your MP3 player. By the way, if you don't have an MP3 player, we have

some available for check-out. Some of the audiobooks are even compatible with iPods now!

Our digital collection also includes music and movies! The best part of checking out a digital selection is that you don't have to worry about their becoming overdue or losing them. They return automatically to the collection after a set period of time. And if you have a book on your MP3 player, you can listen to it over and over again - until you delete it!

There are Little Tyke computers in the children's area, self-check computers near the exit, DVD machines, and automated book returns. We can't forget about the laptops that we use for our computer classes or the adaptive workstation that allows people who are blind or have low vision access to the cyber world. Another computer has a microfilm scanner attached. It allows you to e-mail your scans of those old newspaper articles to yourself so you don't have to print them!

If you're not too sure about using computers, we do hold computer classes that go over setting up your own email account, surfing the Internet, manipulating digital photos, using our library catalog. You can learn how to use our online resources such as Ancestry and Heritage Quest, ValueLine and MorningStar, and many more. Keep checking our events calendars for class dates and times. 📖

YOUTH SHORT FILM CONTEST VOTING • MAY 1-14

Vote for your favorite short film by going to the library's teen page:
www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens.

And the finalists are...

Dangerous Games by Jennifer Zemke

Day at the Library by Michael Nowakowski & Sam Weigel

Rubinescence by Mike Wang

Whoa Whoa by Michael Nowakowski & Sam Weigel

WINNERS ANNOUNCED SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 2:00 PM



Third Annual Amazing Race

Competitors are being sought for the Rochester Public Library Foundation's coming scavenger hunt that is based on the reality show "The Amazing Race." Our Race, to be held on Saturday, June 13, will begin with check-in at the Rochester Public Library at 7:30 am. The Race itself begins promptly at 8:30 am.

Participants in this family-oriented fundraiser will race around Olmsted County, competing in a number of different legs. To advance to the next leg, teams must solve clues to figure out where to go next. To complete some legs, teams must perform a task or work corroboratively with another team.

The first team to complete all legs, wins. Immediately following the race, there will be an award picnic.

Teams may compose any combination of four people, but must include one person who can drive and is over 21 years old.

The Amazing Race is intended to raise funds to support the mission and vision 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.



A Fund Raiser for the
Rochester Public Library Foundation

www.amazingrace.org

May 16, Latino Day at the Rochester Public Library

The Rochester Public Library is hosting Latino Day May 16, 2009, 2:00 PM through 5:00 PM.

A Spanglish story time will be offered beginning at 2:00 PM in the library auditorium. Tours of the library given in Spanish will begin at 2:30 PM, along with a Scavenger Hunt in the Children's area beginning at 2:30 PM. Free prizes will be given for various things.



The movie *The Transformers* dubbed in Spanish will be offered in the auditorium at approximately 3:00 PM along with free, fresh popped, popcorn.

The Friends Bookstore will be open and featuring books in Spanish and books about Hispanic cultures.

The Diversity Council will be offering a talk in Spanish on Efficacy Training for families. Registration is required for this class. Please call 328-2305.

"Get Smart Mindset" Training for Parents in SPANISH!
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Room B

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 just to work hard but "work smart"
- Learn how to motivate your child to get better, stronger, and smarter

This training is coordinated by the Diversity Council on behalf of the Rochester Public School District
(www.diversitycouncil.org)

La Biblioteca Pública de Rochester presenta Latino Day el 16 de mayo, 2009, a las 2:00 pm hasta las 5:00 pm.

La biblioteca va a ofrecer una cuentacuentos de Spanglish que empieza a las 2:00 en la tarde en el auditorio de la biblioteca. Turas de la biblioteca en español van a empezar a las 2:30 en la tarde, incluyendo un Juego de Busca en el parte de la biblioteca para niños. Van a tener premios gratis durante el evento.

La película, *The Transformers*, doblada en español va a ser mostrado en el auditorio a las 3:00 en la tarde, ¡con palomitas frescas y gratis!

La tienda Amigos de la Biblioteca Librería va a estar abierto y tener como atracción principal libros en español y libros sobre la cultura latina.

El Diversity Council va a ofrecer un presentación de eficacia en español para familias. Registro es necesaria por este clase. Por favor llama 328-2305.

Aprendan maneras en que puedan mejorar sus hijos - Presentación para Padres y Madres en Español
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Vengan a Presentación Instituto de Eficacia para Padres y encontrar otros padres para:

- Explorar lo que conducir al desarrollo de los niños y los estorbos en aprender
- Explorar las maneras en que puede ayudar sus hijos a no solamente trabajar mucho pero a trabajar con eficiencia
- Aprender como motivar sus hijos a mejorar, y a ser más fuerte y más inteligente

Esta clase está coordinada por el Diversity Council en representación de la Rochester Public School District