

Rochester Public Library
101 2nd Street SE
Rochester MN 55904

Inside...
December events
@ the library

Plan to attend Wit, Wisdom, and Wine Saturday, January 13, 2007

Silent Auction

James Russell
History

Tim Penny
Politics

Mike Cordes
Wine

John Hunziker
Local History

Topical Speakers

John Wade
New Twins Stadium

Paul Wilson
Flower Arranging

Nish Gunaward
Photo Tour of Sri Lanka

Hors d'oeuvres, Wine & Great Conversation

Vicki Snyder
Lighten Your Heart with Laughter

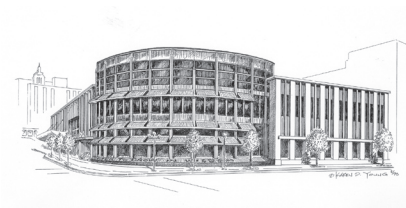
Cindy Della Nave
Italian Cooking

Calvin Guyer
Investing

Dr Henry Schiller
Trauma Surgery in Iraq and Afghanistan

For more information
please call 287-2626

Cost is \$50 per person if registered by January 6, \$60 per person after this date
Proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the Rochester Public Library Foundation



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Libraries Change Lives

Homebound Program



Lillian Olson

"If you have a book, you are never alone." says Lillian Olson. She loves to read and takes a book everywhere she goes, even if she knows she won't have time to read it. She reads to relax and to forget about the pain she sometimes has. "When you read a book you can get into someone else's world letting you forget about your own problems for a while."

The after-effects of a car accident in her past have left Lillian dependent on her motorized scooter; sometimes she just can't get out to go to the library.

Many years ago she was introduced to the Rochester Public Library's Homebound Program. She always looks forward to her monthly delivery "in those nice blue bags." Every month, a volunteer from the Rochester Public Library calls her and asks what book titles she would like. From book reviews on the Coast-to-Coast program on KROC-AM radio and on CSPAN, Lillian gets ideas of interesting topics to request. She finds that her reading interests have changed through the years. She enjoys reading humor, romance and especially history. She states that you have to be careful about history books because "one book is just one man's opinion so you have to read more than one." World history and archeology fascinate her.

She shares her love of far-off places with her 98 year-old sister, a retired school teacher, who traveled all over the world. During her travels her sister took detailed notes about all that she had seen and done. Lillian's son compiled the notes into a nice collection. Sometimes Lillian calls her sister, whose eyesight is now failing, and tells her sister to sit back, relax and close her eyes. Then Lillian will read those notes to her over the phone so her sister can "revisit" all the wonderful places she saw in her youth.

Lillian is so pleased with the Rochester Public Library's Homebound Program. "It's a wonderful service!"

New Year's Resolutions

The new year is just around the corner. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates to the early Babylonians. While the most popular resolutions of today might include the promise to lose weight or to stop smoking, the early Babylonians' most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

Listed below are some ways to help you keep your resolutions this year.

1. Get Organized: Return all borrowed material (including library books and all the left-over containers that belong to family and friends).
2. Learn Something New: Take a free computer class at the library.
3. Read a Classic (plus all the latest best sellers)
4. Spend more time with children: Set aside time to read stories or bring them to children's programs at the library.
5. Save money: Borrow DVDs from the library instead of renting them or attend one of the free Movies @ your Library programs.
6. Lose weight: Read a book while on the stationary bike or listen to an audiobook on your MP3 player while walking/jogging.
7. Quit Smoking: Spend time at the library - it's a smoke-free environment.
8. Start a new hobby: By using library resources, learn anything from how to knit to how to build your own deck.

Happy Holidays!

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