

**Rochester Public Library** 101 2nd Street SE Rochester MN 55904

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## **NEW at the Library - DVD Lock-A-Shelf**

The library has installed two new Lock-A-Shelf systems for patrons to check out DVDs. One machine is loaded with feature films and is located in the Fiction, Movies and Music area of the library. The other machine is loaded with children's favorites and is located in the Children's section of the library. The systems are very easy to use. First, browse through the collection of over 300 DVDs and decide which ones to check out. When you decide on one, take note of the numbers that are assigned to the location of the DVDs. Hold your library card under the scanner and follow the instructions on the screen. The system will then unlock that sleeve, enabling you to take the DVD case out of the machine.



With the new Lock-A-Shelf, patrons are able to browse the DVD collection and check them out right away.



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### Libraries Change Lives



Ann Bancroft, co-author of the 2006 Rochester Reads title No Horizon is so Far, and Jose Rivas.

Yaggy Colby Associates is a committed financial supporter of the Rochester Public Library and the Rochester Public Library Foundation. The firm sponsors several library programs including the Yaggy Colby History Lecture Series, the Rochester Public Library Foundation's gala fund raising event, Wit, Wisdom and Wine, and Rochester Reads author visits.

The Yaggy Colby History Lecture Series is a monthly program presented by the History Center of Olmsted County and hosted on Sunday afternoons by

the library. Yaggy Colby Associates contributes to Wit, Wisdom and Wine by underwriting the cost of the third "W", the Wine!

Yaggy Colby Associates is an ongoing sponsor of the Rochester Reads author visits. Jose Rivas, one the partners, introduces the authors at the public events In 2003 he introduced the famous Newbury Award winning children's author, Avi, and later met his new paperboy, Tory. Tory, who happens to be friends with Jose's son, was impressed to meet Jose. "Wow, you are friends with Avi!" he exclaimed, because he had seen Jose on the stage with Avi on the evening of the author visit.

"We financially support the library, because we know that the library needs support from the business sector to continue to be excellent," explains Jose. "The library is important to this community and our employees are members of this community, so they directly benefit from our support." The library's mission is compatible with the Yaggy Colby mission because both are knowledge based. Clients come to Yaggy Colby because of the firm's expertise and the library is likewise all about educating people. "Enter to Grow in Wisdom' are not just letters on the side of the library building, it's what the library is all about," says Jose.

Jose enjoys his involvement with Rochester Reads. Jose likes having a direct connection with something very tangible, and similar to work projects, Rochester Reads has a beginning and an end. The program begins with the community's reading the book, and ends with everyone's hearing the author. Jose is happy to be a part of it.



## Sword Play Fencing Program @ the Library

June 2006



On Saturday, May 13, Gerald Benford of Minnesota Sword Play came to the Rochester Public Library to demonstrate the basics of Olympic foil fencing. The program was well-attended with 67 participants of all ages. Everyone was able to try out the foils while wearing protective vests and headgear.



Everyone lines up to learn the proper fencing stances.

#### **Summer Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 pm Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sunday Closed

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