



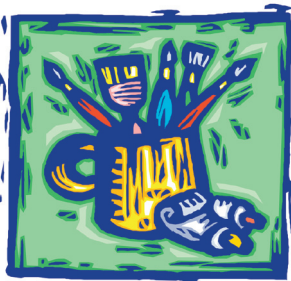
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2006 Teen Summer Reading Program Logo Art Contest

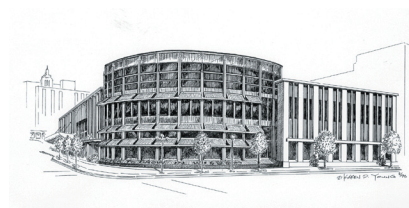


In preparation for this year's Teen Summer Reading Program, the library is having a Logo Art Contest. The winning logo for the theme, "Fiction into Film," will become the 2006 Summer Reading Program Logo used on posters, brochures, ads and other promotional pieces aimed at getting more teens involved in the library's summer reading program. This program encourages reading more books and staying connected to the library during the summer months through special teen programs and events. In line with this year's theme, planned summer events include showing films at the library that are based on books, and hosting classes on acting, playwriting and film making. The "Fiction into Film" theme will be carried forward to December with a

Teen Film making contest. Again, teens will be encouraged to explore and express their creativity by producing and showing short films. The films will be shown in the library auditorium and the audience will determine the winning entry.

The deadline for submitting an entry into the Logo Contest is 5:30 p.m. March 19th. Four to six judges will judge the entries based on artistic talent, originality, graphic design skills, and usefulness as a promotional logo for the theme. The winning logo will be announced on Sunday, April 9th at a special awards program in the library auditorium. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place with five honorable-mention winners.

This contest is sponsored by the Friends of Rochester Public Library.



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Libraries Change Lives

Corie Casper is five years old going on ...12. She is a striking child, cute as can be, and very precocious. Corie was the youngest actor in the Rochester Reads 2006 "No Horizon is so Far" play, written and directed by Corie's dad, Jerry Casper. Corie's mom, Ruth Casper, portrayed the famous author and explorer, Ann Bancroft in the RCTC Hill Theatre production which kicked off Rochester Reads events in early February. The cast included a diverse choir of children of which Corie was the smallest. At one point Corie nearly stole the show. When the actress portraying Liv Arneson fell in frustration, during her Antarctic expedition, little Corie tapped her on the shoulder and asked with jarring simplicity, "Why do you do this?" This set up a poignant soliloquy, and one of the most inspirational moments of the play.



Ann Bancroft and Corie Casper

Ann Bancroft spoke at John Marshall Auditorium on February 6. The afternoon student attendance was 650 and the evening public attendance was 1,250.




Ruth mentioned that Corie has always been an actress at heart so being in the Rochester Reads production helped her realize what it takes to put a play together. The cast included kids of many different ages, and by interacting with them, Corie was challenged to try new things. For example, she had to say harder words and broaden her vocabulary. Corie participated in Rochester Reads in other ways, too. Her aunts took turns reading the picture book, Something to Tell the Grandcows to her. She really liked it, and she could appreciate how it all related to the Rochester Reads program. Corie was very excited about meeting Ann Bancroft. The concepts of her expedition in extreme cold and the Antarctica were a bit over her head, but Corie knew that Ann Bancroft was an important person, and that she was the person that her mom had portrayed in the play!

Corie entered kindergarten this fall and Ruth partially credits the library for preparing Corie to begin school by providing fun and stimulating activities and resources that make learning and reading fun. "She has always been interested in words and how to pronounce and spell them...before she started school we would bring her to the library on Saturdays and during the week. She particularly loved the Saturday programs like the puppet shows. We would also use the library-provided suggested reading lists for *two year olds*, *three year olds* and *four year olds*." Scientific research suggests that at least 75% of brain development occurs during the first five years of life. The more pre-school age children are stimulated to learn and interact verbally, the more they will be prepared, like Corie, to start learning right away when they enter kindergarten.

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