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Rochester MN 55904

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April was a very busy month for the library. The first week of April we celebrated National Library Week. Along with the many events that were going on, Snow White made a guest appearance on the bookmobile and the winners of the Young Adult Logo Contest were announced.



Snow White and the Bookmobile



The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is "Fiction into Film" and will feature this winning logo.

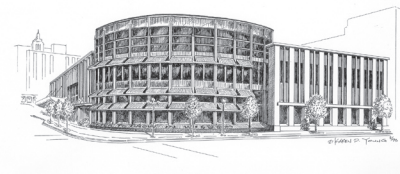


Logo Contest winners from left to right: Chris Edwards, runner up; Tom Erickson, First Place; Nicole Miller, runner up; Polly Blanshan, runner up; Danielle Rhodes, Second Place and runner up.



Andrew Stehr and Deanna Hahn at the award ceremony.

Deanna Hahn, Rochester Public Library Circulation Services, recently won the Outstanding Women in Leadership Award. Andrew Stehr, head of Circulation Services, presented "A day in the life of Deanna," a humorous look at why she deserves the award. CONGRATULATIONS Deanna!



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Libraries Change Lives



Rebekah and her blue ribbon.

Rebekah Crowley, a first grader at St Pius X grade school, decided that she would like to participate in the science fair this year for the first time. The Crowleys are regular library users, and while visiting the Children's area one day they noticed a display of science fair books next to the fish tank. A book entitled I Get Wet appealed to Rebekah, so she decided to do a project about wetness. The name of her science fair project was "Does Everything that Touches Water Stay Wet?" In her experiment,

Rebekah compared wetness properties of wax paper and cloth. After being submerged in dyed water, wax paper does not stay wet. Dyed water droplets roll off of it leaving it dry and unchanged. Cloth on the other hand absorbs the dyed water, gets wet and even changes color. So in answer to her question...No, not everything that touches water stays wet! All science fair participants were awarded a red ribbon, but Rebekah was given a blue ribbon for "Best Effort"!

Following is Rebekah's library story in her own words.

The library helped me
with my science project.
I found a book that used
water in an experiment.
I used the information and
got a blue ribbon.

Rebekah Crowley

Rochester Tour at the Capitol



Kathy Olson and Virginia Erbe ready to greet visitors.

Associated Bank recently sponsored Rochester Public Library's booth in the St. Paul Armory building as part of "Rochester on Tour at the Capitol." The theme of the event was "The Magic of Rochester."

Our booth was visited by many people who stopped to look at the display and play the fun game entitled "What is it?" The object of the game was to identify close-up photos of items found around the library. These items highlighted some of the services the library offers ranging from books on CD, Large Type books, Children's Services, the Young Adult area, and the adaptive work station for the blind. People had fun with the game and were really scratching their heads. More than 40 people played the game, and we had a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Michaels. The winner of the gift certificate was Betty Monroe.

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May Events @ Rochester Public Library

All library events are free and open to the public

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Tuesday, May 2

Armchair Traveler Book Group

Meeting Room A

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed: The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Library staff will assist participants in obtaining books for the discussion groups. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 285-8006.

Thursday, May 4

Mother - Daughter Book Group

Meeting Room A

This group for mothers and daughters age 11-14 will be reading awarding winning fiction and non-fiction juvenile titles. Book to be discussed: North to Freedom by Ann Holm.

Friday, May 5

Library Tours With Audrey

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Saturday, May 6

Free Comic Book Day

JimmyJams Comic Book Store; 1611 Broadway N, Rochester, MN

Meet regional comic book artists, receive free comic books and help support the library's graphic novel collection.



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Family Funfest Film

Auditorium

Winnie The Pooh And A Day For Eeyore. When Pooh discovers that they've all forgotten Eeyore's birthday, he and his friends try to patch things up in their delightfully innocent way.



10:30 am

Tuesday, May 9

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Wednesday, May 10

Films: International and Independent Films

Auditorium

AALTRA (Belgium / comedy) (French with English subtitles) In this irreverent road movie, writers, directors, and co-stars Benolt Delpine and Gustave Kervern show a distinct flair for understated physical comedy and defiantly non-PC humor. After bouts of petty bickering, two feuding Belgians come to blows and are run over by a tractor -- leaving them paralyzed, wheelchair-bound, and simmering with spite. But rather than feel sorry for themselves, they take to the road, redirecting their frustration at the folks they meet on the way to Helsinki. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.*

Saturday, May 13

Family Funfest Film

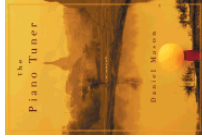
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11:00 am



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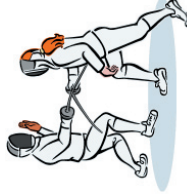


Saturday, May 13

Sword Play Fencing Program

Auditorium

Fencing is an exciting aerobic work out unlike any other! Come, learn more and participate in an Olympic Foil fencing demonstration. Fencing is fun for the whole family. Our demonstration will be presented by Gerald Benford of Minnesota Sword Play.



2:00 pm

Monday, May 15

Goat Meeting - Group Of Advising Teen's

Meeting Room A

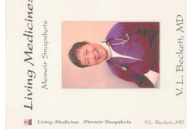
Join other Rochester area youth (age 12-18) and take a leadership role to discuss ideas and make plans for youth library programs, teen web page, and other ideas. Any questions, contact Lynette at 285-8008.

Monday, May 15

Author Program: Dr. V.L. Beckett

Auditorium

Dr. Becket will present on her recently published book, Living Medicine: Memoir Snapshots. At age seventeen, Victoria L. Beckett fled war-torn China by boat to America, without parents or a support network -- just \$50 and a trunk of clothes. Join us to hear her inspiring life story, from her childhood in China, college and medical school in the United States, and the seventeen years she spent at Mayo Clinic.



7:00 pm

Thursday, May 18

Internet

Meeting Room B

For the beginner Internet user, the class will explain internet addresses, navigation and terminology. Practice time is provided. To register call 285-8002, stop at the Reference Services Desk on the 2nd floor of the library, or register online at the library's website under events: events calendar.

Saturday, May 20

Spanglish Storytime!

Auditorium

Musical Stories/Cuentos Musicales. Enjoy stories in English and Spanish with storyteller Laura Randolph!



10:30 am

Monday, May 22

P-B Dialogues

Auditorium

Join local outdoors columnists and experts for a session on current fishing regulations. Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with P-B Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

6:30 pm

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Thursday, May 25

Classic Novel Book Group

Meeting Room A

Expand your mind and dive into some great classics of literature. Book to be discussed: The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Library staff will assist participants in obtaining books for the discussion groups. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 285-8006.



7:00 pm

Saturday, May 27

Family Funfest Films

Auditorium

Film: **Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle**
A runaway tricycle careens around town in a series of wild and humorous hijinks until it returns, at last, to its downcast owner.
Film: **Curious George Rides a Bike**
Curious George borrows the paperboy's bicycle and is off on another series of adventures.



10:30 am



The Library will be closed Sunday & Monday, May 28 & 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Have a fun and safe holiday!