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Library resources are here to help students and adults

Now that school is back in session, students will be busy with homework. Research papers are coming due, the math is getting harder, and those mid-term tests are already looming on the horizon.

Relax! Don't despair! The Rochester Public Library has many resources to help students with their studies.

"Homework Help" meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 - 8:40 p.m. in Meeting Room B on the second floor. Volunteers are available to assist any age student with homework questions.

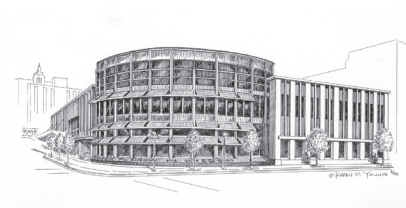
Reference librarians are ready to help also. There are many ways to reach a librarian. During regular library hours, come to the second floor reference desk, call 507-285-8002 or instant message through AOL (RPLmnInfo), Yahoo (RPLmnInfo) or MSN (reference@rochester.lib.mn.us). You can email reference@rochester.lib.mn.us anytime and receive an answer within 24 hours.

Learn-A-Test is an online tool to help students and adults practice important tests and skills. Included are elementary and middle school skills improvement guides, practice tests

for such college entrance exams as the ACT, SAT, MCAT, LSAT. Learn-A-Test also has tests for law enforcement, nursing, real estate, GED, TOEFL, and much more. With real time testing and immediate scoring, Learn-A-Test is a valuable tool to evaluate strengths and weaknesses. A Rochester Public Library card is necessary to use Learn-A-Test from outside the library.

Come visit, call, email, IM--the library is here to help!

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Friends of the Rochester Public Library Change Lives

"Books for Babies"



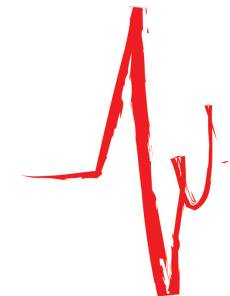
Reetu Gurung

Reetu Gurung was born on January 24th, 2006 at Methodist Hospital. During their stay in the hospital, her mother, Purna Gurung, was very grateful to receive a special gift from the *Friends of the Library*. "Being a new mother, I received several packages of information from the hospital staff about child care, including booklets on immunizations, baby hygiene and health care," recalled Purna. Included in the material was a package from the *Friends of the Rochester*

Public Library, a group of community members who support the library with time and treasure. The package included Reetu's first book entitled "Making Music" about musical instruments. "It is a cute little thing, really small and green in color," smiled Purna. "Reetu is mostly interested in eating it! She chews on it more than she reads it." Brain specialists insist that even mouth oriented interactions with books by babies are important steps toward emergent literacy skills in children. "I have attended 'Every Child Ready to Read' training sessions by the Children's librarians at the library, so I know how important it is to introduce babies to books and to read to them from birth. Kids should have 11,000 words in their vocabulary when they enter kindergarten, and if they don't they will never catch up," added Purna.

Purna believes that *Books for Babies* are perfect gifts for new parents. "I loved to read when I was a little girl. I loved *Nancy Drew*, *Secret Seven* and the *Famous Five*. Books transported me to other worlds. I still love to read and I want to instill that love of reading in my daughter." In addition to the book, the *Friends* package included lists of books to read to children and information about the Rochester Public Library's Children's services. The *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* give *Books for Babies* packages to all babies born in Olmsted County. They recently welcomed a new partnership with the United Way's *Imagination Library*, which gives babies a new book every month from birth to five years old. The *Friends* include an *Imagination Library* brochure and enrollment form in all of their *Books for Babies* packages.

AART attacks will occur during ArtstoberFest



Since 1993 the country has recognized October as National Arts and Humanities month. As part of a new tradition in Rochester, the month of October

has been designated "ARTStoberFest" and is observing its third year. Sponsored by the city of Rochester and assisted by the Arts Administrators Round Table (AART), throughout the month a series of special events is planned in addition to those previously scheduled by local arts groups. Visit www.artstoberfest.com for more information.

Among the special October events planned are brief surprise performances referred to as "AART Attacks." These unexpected art events occur around the city at various times and locations throughout the month. There will be two AART Attacks taking place at the Rochester Public Library.

The Passport to the Arts is a yearly publication listing many of Rochester's arts events and can be found online at www.artstoberfest.com and at participating locations, including the Rochester Art Center and Rochester Public Library.

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