



Rochester Public Library
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Minnesota Library Information Network (MnLINK)

The Rochester Public Library (RPL) has joined the Minnesota Library Information Network (MnLINK) which links library catalogs across the state of Minnesota. This will make obtaining almost any title or library item much easier and more convenient than ever. The Rochester Public Library is often celebrated for the depth and breadth of its collection of materials. Currently the library owns over 460,000 items including books, audio books, films, music CDs, eMedia, magazines, and newspapers. Joining MnLINK will open additional library collections to library users. "MnLINK is one-stop

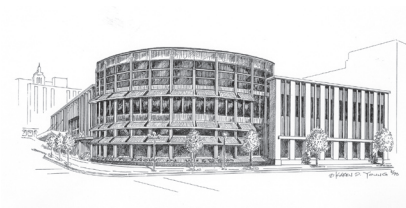
shopping for materials in almost any Minnesota library and it is free of charge to library card holders," said reference librarian, Greg Sauve. "MnLINK is becoming very popular with library users. We have seen a significant increase in our residents requesting materials from other libraries, and conversely members of other libraries requesting more items from us."

Notable libraries that belong to MnLINK include University of Minnesota libraries, state college libraries, private college libraries and most major public library systems around

the state. MnLINK is funded in part by the State of Minnesota, through an appropriation to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

You can use MnLINK on any computer with Internet access. Just go to the library website, www.RochesterPublicLibrary.org, and search our catalog for the desired item. If we don't own it, just click on "Search other Libraries" and you will be led to the MnLINK page.

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Libraries Change Lives



Haonan Du, grand prize winner of the YA Summer Reading Program

Eleven year old Haonan Du is the 2006 winner of the Young Adult Summer Reading Program. Every year the library encourages teens to continue reading throughout the summer months by keeping a reading log of the titles that they read. This summer there were 209 participants and they collectively read over 3400 books! Each teen who read over ten books received a free movie pass, compliments of the Chateau Theatres. Additional prizes included combination book/DVD sets, \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificates and the grand prize was a portable DVD player.

Grand Prize winner, Haonan Du, read 185 books between June and August. Haonan always reads a lot, but not quite as much as she did this summer, and she even picked up the speed of her reading during her 2-3 hours of reading per day to stay on track with the contest. "I love to read!" said Haonan, "It's really fun! I lose track of other stuff, and I get lost in another world!" She prefers realistic fiction and fantasy books, and she listed M or F? and Once Upon A Marigold as titles that she would recommend to friends.

In addition to reading, Haonan participated in an acting workshop and a screen writing workshop. Both were presented as all day seminars at the library. "The acting workshop was fun and I learned a lot in the screen writing workshop," commented Haonan. Like many avid readers, Haonan is also a writer. She is currently working on a middle length story that has yet to be titled. As Haonan looks forward to going back to school, she reflected on her summer and considers her involvement with the Young Adult Summer Reading Program to be a very positive experience.

Hooray for Saturday! Family Films and Programs

Rochester Public Library is ready for another season of Saturday family programs, previously known as Family FunFest. Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. during the school year (September through May) there will be programs that include films and performing artists. Once a month there is a special program by a professional children's performer such as a musician, magician or clown. These programs are perfect for families or childcare providers with children aged from preschool to 4th grade.

On September 16th there will be Old-Time Country Music for Kids! Join recording artists Bob Bovee and Gail Heil for a program of good old-fashioned musical fun! Admission is free; the library auditorium seats only 250 so be sure to come early to ensure seating.

Keep watching the online events calendar for more details on coming Hooray for Saturday! Family Films and Programs.

Beginning after Labor Day, Rochester Public Library will return to the School Year hours schedule.

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9:00 pm

Friday - Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.