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## August Newsletter

### Libraries Change Lives



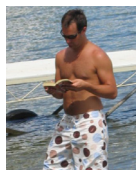
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### Beach Read Contest Winner!



Online Contest winner

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### Writing/Art Contest

### Celebrate Our Colors

# Libraries Change Lives



Facebook has become, this past year, a new and exciting way to reach users of the library and receive feedback on what they think about the library.

The library added more youth-friendly seating, chairs, rugs, rocking seats. It redesigned the computer tables. Games for young children were placed at the ends of the book stacks, and a sand table was added. Lily and her mother, Carrie posted some comments on the library's facebook page after seeing photos of the new items in the Children's area. Lily was very complimentary of the new additions.

Lily comes to the library at least once a week checking out mystery books. She is also into the *American Girl* books. Lily said that she had hoped to get a Samantha, American Girl, doll but they were discontinued before she got one. The library has a number of *American Girl* stories on CDs so they can be listened to as well as read.

Lily's favorite books are mysteries. Her grandmother gave Lily the Nancy Drew books on which she grew up and Lily got hooked. Since then, Lily has picked up a collection of her own Nancy Drew books, as well as the American Girl mystery series.



She and a group of her friends are in Girl Scouts and went to a six-day camp called Singing Hills near Austin. She is looking forward to spending the week in cabins with her friends and getting in at least a little reading time while she was there. She used her points from cookie sales to go to the House of Bounce and enjoyed the new Bungee Jump.

Lily enjoys the library, really likes the redesigned Children's areas, and her favorite books in the whole library are the Nancy Drew books.

## A Cricut in the library

The library is the proud owner of a new Cricut machine thanks to the generosity of Judy and Jim Sloan and the Friends of the Library. This machine cuts letters and shapes out of paper, vinyl, cardstock, etc. The photo below shows just one of the projects the Children's staff accomplished with the machine. They cut out the letters that spell READ in 15 different languages on vinyl and placed the words on the windows facing the children's area of the library. Janna, children's librarian comments, "The machine is amazing, fun to use, with much potential."



## What's your favorite Beach Read?

### Online Contest Winner!

And the winner is... Travis, on the beach of Minnesota's Leech Lake. "The beach is the perfect location to enjoy *Angels and Demons*, a mystery-thriller by Dan Brown which allows the reader to take an exciting vacation from the stress of everyday life."

The next contest is Dog Days of Summer. Submit a photo of your favorite Dog Days of Summer-related reading material. Photo can include your favorite spot to stay cool, your best canine friend, your best human friend, etc.! Include a caption or short commentary on what makes a good Dog Days book to read. The best entry will win a book of your choice from our prize bookshelf. Entries must be submitted by August 16, 2010.

See their blog for official contest rules.  
<http://friendsbookstorerochmn.blogspot.com/2010/05/contest-official-rules.html>

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## Young Adult Art & Writing Contest

Hey kids, sharpen your pencils, prepare your palettes, charge up your laptops and mix your paints. In conjunction with the RACE exhibit, we invite youth ages 10-18 to submit original artwork and writing that conveys their thoughts and feelings after experiencing the exhibit. Please visit the exhibit or view RACE: Are we so different? online at: [www.understandingrace.org/home.html](http://www.understandingrace.org/home.html) before sending submissions.

Writing contest submissions can include short stories or poems. Art contest submissions may include a variety of media such as watercolor, pen, ink, computer graphics, paint, chalk, markers, crayon, etc. Each artist/writer can submit more than one entry in either category. There are three age brackets (10-12, 13-15, and 16-18) and three submission categories (art, poetry, and short stories). As with any of our writing/art contests, there will be prizes!

1st Place winners in each category will receive a \$75 gift certificate.

2nd Place winners in each category will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

Entry Deadline: Sunday, September 12

For official rules visit the Fiction, Movies and Music desk, call 328-2305 or visit: [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens/index.html](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens/index.html)

**Let the Creativity Begin!**

## Celebrate Our Colors

### Mini Kits

Want your preschoolers to get in on the excitement of the RACE exhibit too? We have a fun bag for you!

Our *Celebrate Our Colors Mini Kits* have books, puzzles, puppets and activities to help your little ones understand what it's all about. Mini Kits check out for up to two hours and are for use in the library only. You can bring them in to the RACE exhibit.

Ask at the Children's Desk for more information.

