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Wit, Wisdom & Wine

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What's @ the Library?



Express Check-out Machines

Great for those who are in a hurry and don't want to stand in line to check out books. They are also great for those who aren't in a hurry and just want to check out their own books. We're taking a [survey](#) on what people think of the check-out process.

LOL4RPL - Fundraiser

LOL4RPL is a fundraiser that is totally different from what we have ever done before. This event will be held at [Goonies Comedy Club](#) on the evening of Wednesday, March 24.

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At 5:30 pm Saturday, January 16, 2010, an announcement came via the overhead speaker system, "The library is now closed..." and then it was a flurry of activity as staff and volunteers prepared for the 9th Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine fund-raising event.

This fund-raiser isn't just a "to see and be seen" event; it's a socially intellectual event. The attendees have a choice of two speakers, socialize over wine (provided by Andy's Liquor) and light refreshments, (provided by Jasper's Alsatian Bistro and wine bar) and outwit/outbid each other in the silent auction.

Speakers

This year the attendees had their choice of dancing in the lobby with April and Gary Dahl, getting informed about health reform by Tim Penny, and listening to Dr. James Levine as he described his experience in India and his book *The Blue Notebook*. Attendees were laughing with Father Nick, finding the perfect ingredient with LeeAnn Zubay, sipping the perfect wine with Michelle Repinski, and understanding the role of the community newspaper with Randy Chapman. Kenny Salwey had his audience enthralled with tales from the river while Gil Gutknecht inspired his group with his talk about political art. Helen and Bryan McIver enlightened

their guests with whisky and wisdom about Scottish traditions for making whisky. Robert Garfinkle talked of the RACE exhibit that will be coming to the library in May. More details about that will be coming as the time nears.

Raffle

There was a raffle, again, this year. This time the prize was a piece of jewelry generously donated by Hight & Randall Ltd. P.G. Arnold was the lucky winner and had the hard task of choosing from three pieces: he chose the ring.



Silent Auction

The silent auction offered something for everyone. There was a basket full of Star Trek items, another full of children's games. Wine, gift certificates, Waterford crystal champagne flutes, gardening supplies, culinary utensils, hand-made jewelry, purses made out of books, tea sets, and of course stacks of books were some of the other items available for bid.

Thank you

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with this event. Whether with physical labor or financially, it was all greatly appreciated.

Attendee registrations, event sponsors, other sponsors, in-kind donations, silent auction donations, and silent auction and raffle ticket sales brought in over \$24,000. Our library is a resource for everyone in our community. By supporting the Rochester Public Library Foundation, you make a profound impact on the lives of those you care about as well as the quality of life in our community.

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It's very user-friendly and the screen on top will show you what to do every step of the way. All you need to do is place your library card - barcode up - on top of the picture of a barcode on the left side of the machine's shelf. You should see a red light shining across the barcode of your card. This means you have it in the right spot. Your card needs to stay there until you have scanned your items. Give the machine a few seconds to read your card and then it will tell you that it's ready to begin scanning the bar codes of your books. Scan the books one at a time and the machine will tell you when it's ready for the next one. After all your items are scanned, just remove your library card and the machine will print a receipt for the items you just checked out.

Please note, these machines work only for books. CD's or movies, need to be checked out from the check-out desk.

We're taking a [survey](#) on what people think of the check-out process. You can participate by filling out the paper survey found next to these machines and turning it in at any public service desk or online from our website.



Another Fundraiser

For those who may not be familiar with textese (the shorthand people use for text messaging) or whatever they are calling it now, LOL 4 RPL = Laugh Out Loud for Rochester Public Library.

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Our own Nathan Hall will be the Master of Ceremonies that evening. Nathan works at the public service desk and leads the Young Adult writer's group that meets every fourth Tuesday at the library. He also hosts Too Much Information Trivia Night every Wednesday evening at McGoons (downstairs from Goonies).

Our newest fundraising event will start with a buffet dinner and will end with ROTFL. (that's Rolling On The Floor Laughing). A cash bar will also be available. The evening's entertainment will feature Michael Callahan with John Bush as the headliner. Both will have you laughing your socks off!

We're still ironing out the details of the event and will have more information posted on our events calendar.

Space is limited at Goonies Comedy Club so we have to limit the attendees to the first 160 people who have paid registration. Early bird registration is \$40.00 per person. After March 17 registration is \$50.00 per person.

If you are interested in attending this event and want to register for it, call 507-328-2343 or bring in a check or cash and we'll sign you up.

There is also an online option: www.rochesterpubliclibrary-foundation.org/lol4rpl/index.cfm. Please fill out the form completely and include the name(s) of those attending in the space provided.