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## July Newsletter

### Libraries Change Lives



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# Libraries Change Lives

Heather, Nick, Tess and Jack Christy visited the library after commenting about the library on face book. The comment referenced the fact that it is easy to find books in the Children's area owing to the way books are displayed rather than having to know, use, and understand the Dewey Decimal System, particularly when you are 4 ½ and 3 years old.

The family moved to Rochester three years ago from downtown New York City, East 33 St. and 2nd Ave. Nick worked at IBM. Jack was a year and a half, Heather was pregnant with Tess and a small one-bedroom was not working.

Nick was able to transfer to IBM in Rochester. One of their priorities was to visit the library and get cards; they actually got library cards before they got a phone. They had been frequent visitors to their neighborhood branch library in New York although had not used the main library. They were regulars at the story times in the branch library that was similar to a house, small in size but three stories. The room that the Storytime was held in had sliding doors that could be closed. They used interlibrary loans quite often and are favorably impressed with ILLs here in Rochester. They also feel that we have great collections overall and particularly like the music available and the graphic novels.

They were very pleased when the library brought Charles Baxter (*The Soul Thief*) to visit as he was a favorite author. They felt bad that only a dozen or so people were in attendance owing to a scheduling conflict with a Viking/Packers game, but were happy they got quality time with the author.

Jack has read everything in the library and the state system about high speed trains and is ready to move to Japan so that he can ride the bullet train. He is also a huge fan of dinosaurs and is beginning to delve into Space; he was checking out our Space Storytime kit.

Tess's favorite at the moment is *Madeline*, especially *Madeline's Rescue* and *Madeline the Bad*. Another favorite is *Leonardo the Terrible Monster* by Mo Willems (*Knuffle Bunny*). She was dressed in her ballerina outfit and doing plie's for the camera.

Overall, they have enjoyed living in Rochester although they are headed back to the East coast for a visit, soon. The entire family enjoys the library.





## A-Mazing Bench

If you haven't already noticed, there is a five-foot-long bench in front of the library. This is another project done by the AARTS Council as street art, as the goose was. This was purchased by the Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation.

The bench will stay outside. It has mazes on the back and seat. Feel free to work them out with your finger, nothing sharp!

It was designed and painted by a man named Mike Snyder who loves puzzles.

The Post Bulletin had an article and photo of the bench in their Thursday, June 24, 2010, issue.

A list of the benches and their locations can be found on the Rochester Arts Council page.



## Online Contest Winner!

And the winner is... Jessica Erbe. She put blue socks on her dog and had a photo of her reading to him. Jessica is reading *Ink Heart* by Cornelia Funke. Zeke likes the parts with Gwin, Dustfinger's pet.

Jessica was able to pick out a book from the prize bookshelf, she chose *Fablehaven* by Brandon Mull (one of her favorite series).

The next contest is Beach Reads. Submit a photo of your favorite beach book. Photo can include your favorite beach location, pals, and/or treats! Include a caption or short commentary on what makes this a good beach read. This is a great opportunity to be creative! The best entry will win a book of your choice from our prize bookshelf. Entries must be submitted by July 14, 2010. Beach reads are for sale in the Friends' Bookstore, during the month of June and July. They will be having a special beach read book sale on July 10!

[See their blog for official contest rules.](#)



**Zeke says, "Keep reading Silvertongue, I want Gwin to come out of the book to play with me."**