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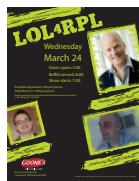
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Channel 1

Community Food Response

Channel 1 Books by Pat Stephenson

Do you know the difference between kids who like to read and kids who don't? BOOKS! Statistics show that exposing children to their age level books as early as possible increases the chances that their love of reading will last for a lifetime. Two ongoing local projects that help to provide needy children and adults with free books involve Channel One and Community Food Response.

Channel One is a local food shelf and regional food bank that serves Southeast Minnesota and Western Wisconsin with a mission to help feed people in need. Channel One has given us floor space for book shelves, which I fill with 100-175 books each week. I don't often see the clients selecting the books but today two young women were there while I was filling the shelves and they were very excited to be able to choose books for their children. Seeing these moms, eager to get books for their children, was very gratifying. Channel One's Jennifer Woodford said there is an elderly couple that takes books with each visit to the food shelf. The husband has early onset Alzheimer's and remembers the authors, which books he has read, and which ones he still needs to read. Reading has helped with his therapy and memory. Channel One serves an average of 3400 households each month; 40% of those individuals are children.

Community Food Response is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1993 to meet the growing need of families to have a supplemental source of food. This program focuses on "rescuing" food from 19 different hospitals, hotels, restaurants, schools, and grocery stores that would normally be discarded at the end of the day and getting the food into the hands of individuals and families who need it. Community Food Response is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Over 800 adults and children go to the basement of Bethel Church each week to pick up food. Books are delivered every other week or when I get a phone call saying books are running low.

The books for Channel One and Community Food Response come from various sources. Primary among them are:

- overstock of donated books to the Rochester Public Library
- former library books from the Rochester Public Library
- former library books from the Rochester Public Schools
- books that have been purchased through the Rochester Area Foundation by a private donor

I have been a member of the Friends of the Library for over 30 years and encourage you to belong, too. There are a large number of volunteer opportunities to support your library and your community. Another way to support the Friends of the Library is to donate your gently used books. These books are a valuable resource to us and they are a tax deduction for you.



New kid's stuff - endcap games

The Children's section of the library has recently seen some changes. Two generous donors, who wish to remain anonymous, have given us some money specifically to spiff up the Children's area. Children's staff had almost as much fun shopping for the new toys and games as do the children who play with them, now. These new games are attached to the ends of the shelves in the Picture Book area - each end is a different game. There are also some free-standing toys to play with. The photos below show only a small sample of what's there.

Here's a tip on the table in the photograph below: use the magnets on the underside of the table. This way you can control the cars better. If you use the magnets on top, they repel each other and go any which direction.



More photos of our new games can be found on [Flickr](#).

Rochester Public Library Foundation hosts fundraiser at Goonies Comedy Club on March 24, 2010.

LOL 4 RPL (Laugh Out Loud for Rochester Public Library) a fundraiser, will be held at [Goonies Comedy Club](#) on the evening of Wednesday, March 24.

Early bird registration: \$40.00 • After March 17, registration: \$50.00

Register online at: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/lol4rpl or by calling John Hunziker, 328-2343.

Our newest fundraising event will start with a buffet dinner and a bucket raffle, and will end with a comedy show that will have you ROTFL. (Rolling On The Floor Laughing). A cash bar will also be available.

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

The evening's entertainment will headline John Bush: John's rock-solid comedy show covers it all. From his childhood relocation from Hawaii to Minnesota to his UFO sighting in New York City, this thrill ride is filled with rich characters, spot-on impressions and even a disgruntled squirrel; also Michael Callahan: Michael delivers up-tempo humor mined from his very typical life. He finds veins of comedy hidden in plain sight and shares a world populated with the young, the old, the single and the married.

All proceeds will support the mission and vision of the Rochester Public Library Foundation.



Nate Hall



John Bush



Michael Callahan

A fundraiser for the Rochester Public Library Foundation

LOL4RPL

Wednesday
March 24

Doors open: 5:30
Buffet served: 6:00
Show starts: 7:00

Earlybird registration: \$40 per person
After March 17: \$50 per person

Register online: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/lol4rpl
or by calling 507-328-2343

Headliner: John Bush

Host: Nathan Hall

Featuring Michael Callahan

GOONIE'S
THIS PLACE IS A JOKE!
Goonies Comedy Club
7 Second St. SW, Rochester, MN

Proceeds will be used to support the mission and vision of the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

Friends donate \$50,000 to Library

The year 2009 wasn't a very good one for most people, economically speaking. However, it was a great year for the Friends of the Library.

The good fortune all starts with the community. Generous community members donate items (books, videos, computer software, etc.) to the library. Those items are then sorted by volunteers from the community. They sort the items into four different areas.

1. Items for library staff to review and maybe add to the library's collection. Last year the Friends gave the library \$196,575 worth of materials for the collection.
2. Items for the Friends' Bookstore. From sales, the Bookstore was able to donate a check in the amount of \$50,000.
3. The Unusual/Special and online sales collection. These books are put in special sales during the year and are offered online.
4. The rest of the books go on the book sales that are held five times per year. These sales along with the Unusual/Special sales and the Online sales amount to an impressive \$22,000.

Let's do the math:

Community Donation: \$196,575

Friends Bookstore: \$50,000

Friends of the Library: \$22,000

Grand Total: \$268,575

A huge thank you to the community for all the donated items and to the Friends for managing them.

Friends' Bookstore Blog

The Friends' Bookstore is always looking for more ways to find customers and patrons. We are beginning to join the technology age, with faster computers, bookscanners, and now our very own BLOG. The site is being maintained by one of our volunteers who is a voracious reader of the Library as well as a loyal patron of the Friends Bookstore. She intends, over the course of this year, to blog books that she has read, is reading, or hopes to read. Many of the books are from the library; others were great buys found in the Bookstore.

People are welcome to comment, add their own book opinions, author reports, books that they have found, or perhaps even questions or suggestions.

The site will be linked to the Library, and the Friends' of the Library Web pages.

Please join us soon, both in the store and on the Internet!



Friends Bookstore, Rochester, MN

The Book Whisperer is a Friend of the Library and frequently makes book recommendations to patrons of the Friends Bookstore. She is a prolific reader of the Rochester Library, and strongly recommends buying books in our Bookstore!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Friends Bookstore, Library New Arrivals.

We have had some great new and used books donated to the Friends Bookstore!

and the new arrivals section in the Library are filled with excellent choices as we patiently wait for spring to arrive. I was walking past when I spotted Quentin Jardier's latest thriller novel, a mystery set in Edinburgh. It was in my hands before I knew it, and then, in the bookstore, I found several absolutely wonderful new-to-me books! Come to the Bookstore often for the best selection! I also know that we have had a large donation of science fiction too (just off the presses!)

Posted by Friends Bookstore, Rochester MN at 8:48 PM 0 comments

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

FRIENDS BOOKSALE DATES

About Me

Friends Bookstore
The Bookstore is operated by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library on a non-profit organization with all proceeds going to the Rochester Public Library.

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE HOURS
Monday 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday (school year) 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(school summer) CLOSED

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Tax Forms, We have Tax Forms

The Rochester Public Library provides these basic tax forms:

- 1040
- 1040A
- 1040EZ
- 1040 Schedule A
- 1040 Schedule B
- 1040 School EIC
- Publication 17
- Minnesota Income Tax
- Minnesota Property Tax
- Notice 1396 (Haiti Relief form)

You may also access additional forms from the [IRS](#) and the [Minnesota Department of Revenue](#) from any library computer. They may be printed at the library (in black & white) for \$0.10 / page. Reference Desk staff on the 2nd floor can assist you in locating specific forms and printing them out.

Free Tax Help from the United Way

For more information, to find out if you are eligible, or to schedule a FREE appointment, please call United Way at 507-287-1958.

If you have gotten your taxes prepared through this program in the past, please call that same location:

Hawthorne Education Center: 507-287-1958

Salvation Army: 507-288-3663 (Mon mornings & evenings, Wed afternoons, Thurs evenings, Sat mornings)

Senior Center: 507-287-1404 (Tues & Thurs afternoons - Seniors only)

Home visits for homebound; translators for non-English speaking available with advance notice. For sites outside of Rochester, call 507-289-2668 (Olmsted County) or 507-634-4899 (Dodge County).

For other Minnesota free tax sites call 2-1-1 (landline) or 1-800-543-7709 (cell phone).

Race: Are We So Different?

People are different. Throughout history, these differences have been a source of community strength and personal identity. They have also been the basis for discrimination and oppression.

The idea of “race” has been used historically to describe these differences and justify mistreatment of people and even genocide. Today, contemporary scientific understanding of human variation is beginning to challenge “racial” differences, and even question the very concept of race.

RACE: Are We So Different?, developed by the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota, is the first national exhibition to tell the stories of race from the biological, cultural, and historical points of view. Combining these perspectives offers an unprecedented look at race and racism in the United States.

RACE: Are We So Different? Is a traveling exhibition that is being hosted by Mayo Clinic and the Rochester Public Library as part of a cross-country tour of museums, science centers, and community areas. This exhibit will help communities understand what race is and what it is not, and will offer individual visitors critical tools to recognize race and racism in their own lives. The exhibit will be on display at the Rochester Public Library May 17 - Sept. 4.



National Presenting Sponsor:

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Hosted by:



RACE: Are we so Different? is produced by the American Anthropological Association, with assistance from the Science Museum of Minnesota. The exhibit was made possible by generous funding from the National Science Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

Second-floor arrangement before/during RACE exhibit

The RACE exhibit is, in a word, HUGE. It is a great undertaking getting everything in. Construction for this project begins on April 5. Walls will be constructed, some doors will be widened, and since the RACE exhibit will take the entire rotunda area on second-floor, there will be massive rearranging.

Meeting Room B on second floor will house the foreign language collection. The Non-fiction collection 101 - 301 will move to the stacks in front of the Administration Office. The VHS tapes that are currently there will be moving into staff areas. These items will still be available for check-out but you will not have the ability to browse them. You can still reserve these items and also ask at the Reference Desk for them. The oversized books will move to the top of the vertical file cabinets behind the internet stations. Current magazines and newspapers will move to the reading area to the left of the stairs. Circulating magazines and cassette tapes will move to the magazine room. You can still check them out, but you will need to ask at the window for them. CDs and CDRoms will move to where the holiday books are currently displayed and the holiday books will be in the stacks.

The library will not rent out the auditorium or Meeting Room A from May 17 - September 4 owing to the many programs that have been scheduled around the RACE exhibit and the library's need for room for its own meetings. We apologize for any inconvenience caused. We will be able to take room reservations again in July for reservations after September 4.

This arrangement will be temporary but we believe that having the RACE exhibit in the library will greatly compensate for the inconvenience. We are proud to host this exhibit and hope the citizens of Rochester and the surrounding communities enjoy this powerful and educational experience.

[Click here to see map of 2nd Floor.](#)

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to lead facilitated discussions, or to serve as Lead Docents and Docents for the RACE exhibit. Training will be provided for all volunteers. Your help is needed to make the exhibit a success!

If you are interested in applying, or for more information, please visit: <http://diversitycouncil.middlewegroup.com/community/race-exhibit> or call Gail Harris, Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 328-2341

All of our lives are affected by race and racism, in both overt and subtle ways. The RACE exhibit will give you an opportunity to explore yourself and how you see others.

Race: The Colors We Are Logo Contest

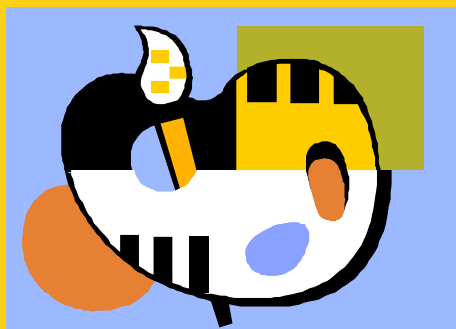
This year's summer reading program theme is "Race: The Colors We Are." Rochester Public Library and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library invite youth ages 12 - 18 years old to participate in a Logo contest.

The logo should reflect that theme and may be created using such media as pen, ink, computer graphics, paint, color crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc. When designing the logo, please keep in mind that the logo will be scanned in and used in a variety of sizes. The winning logo will be used on this year's promotional materials in relation to the summer programs. The person who creates the winning logo will win a \$100 gift certificate to Target. Second place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

For complete contest rules visit: www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/teens or pick up an instruction sheet at the Fiction Movies and Music desk on the first floor.

This project was funded in part or in whole with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008 which dedicated funding to preserve Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage.

2010 Summer Reading Program Logo Art Contest



The Rochester Public Library and Friends of the Library invite you to participate in its Logo Art Contest for the 2010 Summer Reading Program.

Eligible Entrants:

Any young adult currently living in Olmsted County, who is 12-18 years old.

Contest Deadline:

All entries must be received no later than 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, April 11th.

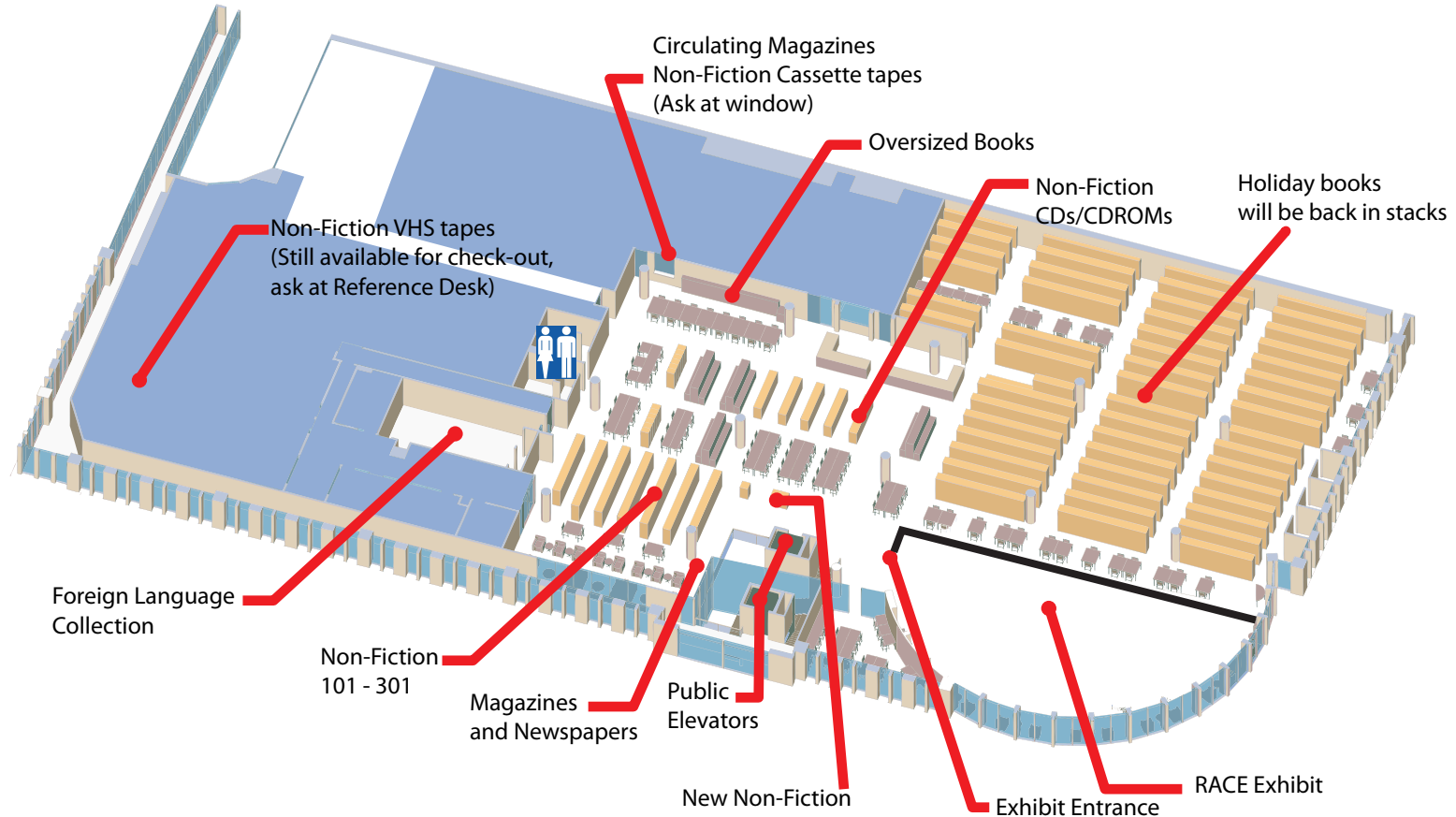
Theme:

Entries should offer an original, bold, colorful, and well designed interpretation of the theme, "RACE: The Colors We Are".

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Non-Fiction VHS tapes
(Still available for check-out,
ask at Reference Desk)

Circulating Magazines
Non-Fiction Cassette tapes
(Ask at window)

Oversized Books

Non-Fiction
CDs/CDROMs

Holiday books
will be back in stacks

Foreign Language
Collection

Non-Fiction
101 - 301

Magazines
and Newspapers

Public
Elevators

New Non-Fiction

Exhibit Entrance

RACE Exhibit