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## October Newsletter

### Libraries Change Lives



**How the Library has had an influence  
in my life**

Ruth Ann Horning retired this past spring after working 20 years for the Rochester Public Library.

### Memories of the Bookmobile



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### Visiting Author Series

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### Celtic Evening fundraiser

October 15 is the early bird deadline!

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# Libraries Change Lives



When our children were young, we came often to the library, especially in the summer. Not only would we enjoy the coolness of the air conditioning; we would spend the afternoons reading and choosing books to take home. Those hours in the library cultivated a love for reading that continues today as both of our children are now avid readers as adults.

When our daughter was in High School, she was hired as a page at the library. Outside of baby-sitting, this was her first job and she enjoyed it. When I spoke to her of my interest in working at the library, she encouraged me, brought me an application and directed me to the person who would receive it.

Beginning in June of 1991, as a part-time employee and later in January of 1996, as a full-time employee, I enjoyed working at the library. In addition to the obvious financial benefits of working for the City, my work was fulfilling and challenging. As a page supervisor, I enjoyed getting to know the high school and college students and adult shelvees as they came to work at the library. I also supervised the volunteers who worked on the second floor. Over the years, I gained in knowledge and experience in working with various computer programs. I also learned of the many things the library offers to the community such as requesting an item from another library through the interlibrary loan department. My own reading interest have been enlarged to include not only historical fiction but also non-fiction. I am hoping to introduce our granddaughter to the children's programs available at the library as she becomes old enough to participate.

In addition to satisfying work, there were friends to make and a congenial staff to work with. Many of us encouraged and supported one another as we shared a bit of our lives with each other. As I retire, I leave with many warm memories of my almost nineteen years of working at the library. Wherever you work, I would encourage you to enjoy your job and your co-workers. The years go by very quickly and retirement can come sooner than you expect.

Ruth Ann Horning

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Ruth Ann Horning retired this past spring after working 20 years for the Rochester Public Library. Her primary job for most of those years was as supervisor and mentor of youth working as pages in the adult non-fiction section. 📖

## Memories of the Bookmobile

*The following story is reprinted by permission from an article dated June 8, 2010 from Evie's Tool Emporium blog.*

*<http://eviestooemporium.blogspot.com>*

I recently was back in my hometown of Rochester, Minnesota. I was driving down Broadway and saw the Rochester bookmobile. A wave of memories crashed over me! The bookmobile would come to my neighborhood every week and I would look forward to it with great anticipation.

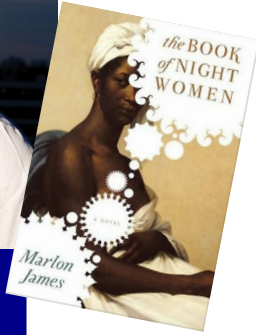
I was just a little girl when my mom would walk me to the bookmobile. I remember the stairs being really high and I had to lift my knees up so that I could make it up on my own. Once I was inside there were so many possibilities for the week. There was a limit to how many books we could check out so I was very careful to pick and choose the right ones. Then we would walk down the aisle to check out the books. The librarian would always be sure to comment on the importance of returning the books in good condition and on time! That was no problem for me! I knew that when I returned them I could always get more books!

The years went by and I could walk to the bookmobile by myself. I continued to go to the bookmobile every week. The stairs no longer seemed so high, but the books continued to hold my interest. I remember all of a sudden being tall enough to reach the top shelves and look at all the books up there. The book selection was endless. If there was a book I was looking for wasn't on the bookmobile I could put in a request and they would bring it the next week! What great service!

I was a very lucky little girl growing up in Rochester. Looking back now I realize just how lucky I was. The joy and happiness of being a little girl and going to the bookmobile was a privilege! Seeing the bookmobile reminded me of that!

~ Michelle 📖





## Marlon James

October 10 • 2:00 pm

### *The Book of Night Women*

Marlon James was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1970. He graduated from The University of the West Indies in 1991 with a B.A. in Literature, and Wilkes University in 2006 with an M.A. in Creative Writing.

Find Marlon James online:

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## Eric Dregni

November 14

### *In Cod We Trust*

Eric Dregni teaches creative writing at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Italian at Hamline University and at the University of Minnesota. He is the author of several books, including *Minnesota Marvels*, and *Midwest Marvels*, and *In Cod We Trust*.

Find Eric Dregni online:

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## Gayla Marty

March 6

### *Memory of Trees*

Gayla Marty grew up on a farm in east central Minnesota and studied journalism at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, including a year at the Université de Tunis in Tunisia, North Africa. Her first book, *Memory of Trees: A Daughter's Story of a Family Farm*, was published by University of Minnesota Press in April 2010.

Find Gayla Marty online:

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## Cary Griffith

April 10

### *Opening Goliath*

Cary J. Griffith, a freelance writer who specializes in writing about the outdoors, is the author of *Lost in the Wild: Danger and Survival in the North Woods* and the Minnesota Book Award-winning nonfiction adventure *Opening Goliath: Danger and Discover in Caving*.

Find Cary Griffith online:

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# A Celtic Evening

at the Doubletree Hotel

**Tuesday  
30th November**

Welcome 6:00 pm

Small plates served 7:00 pm

Whisky tasting

Pipes

Limericks

Men in Kilts contest 8:00 pm

Raffle/silent auction



Hosted by: Laird and Lady of Lochaber  
(Mrs. Bryan and Helen McIver)

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Earlybird registration \$50 per person.

After 15th October \$60 per person.

Please consider making a donation if you cannot attend.

Help promote your business while supporting the library by donating items or services of value for the silent auction.

Register online [www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/celtic.html](http://www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/celtic.html) or by calling: 507-328-2343.



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