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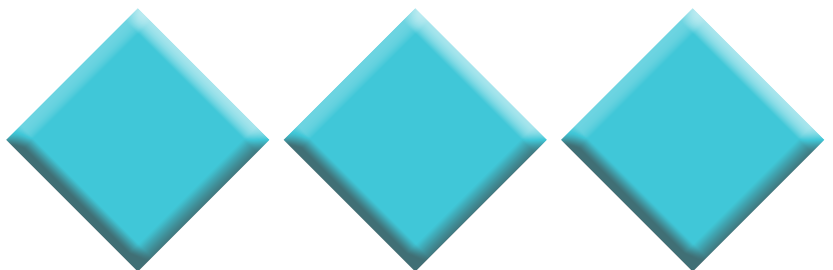
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Save the Date! Wit, Wisdom & Wine



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One hundred and thirty guests enjoyed the bagpipe music while browsing the silent auction and bucket raffle items. The Laird and Lady of Lochaber hosted the evening with an educational presentation about the history of whisky and then paired the spirits with such traditional Scottish fares as poachers prize, roastit gruntie, and campit tatties: that's smoked salmon, roast pork and mashed potatoes.

This wasn't just a sit-down-and-watch-a-presentation type of affair; the reading of limericks, men in kilts contest and the best ladies dress contest encouraged audience participation.

This event raised just under \$6,000.

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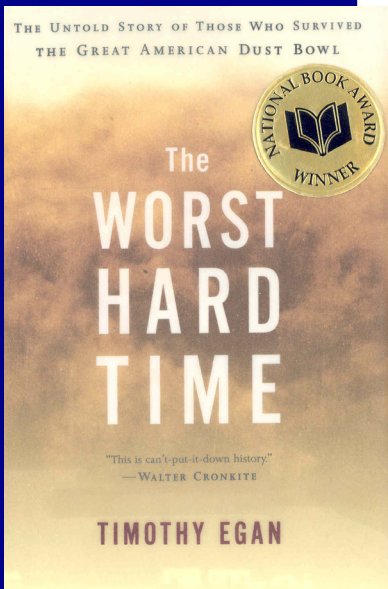
Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction, the bucket raffle, and to those who bought tickets to the event.

A special thank you goes to the Laird and Lady of Lochaber for planning and hosting the evening.

Check out our photo album on [Flickr!](#)



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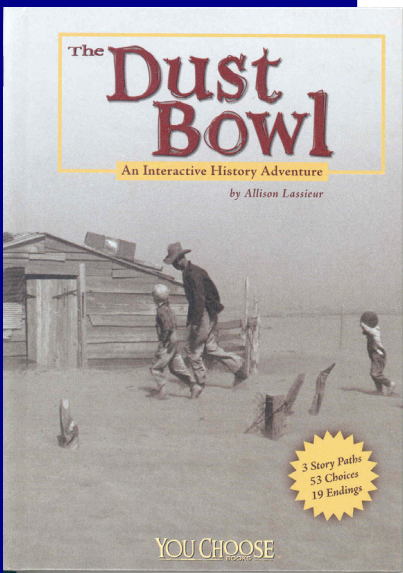
Our main selection, *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan, tells the story of a time when “Dust clouds boiled up, ten thousand feet or more in the sky, and rolled like moving mountains.” This book is also available as a Book Group in a Bag!

The Junior Title is Allison Lassieur's *The Dust Bowl: An Interactive History Adventure*. This “You Choose” book explores many different story paths through the Dust Bowl years.

Leah's Pony by Elizabeth Friedrich and Michael Garland, the picture book selection, tells the story of a farm family on the Great Plains trying to survive in a time of bank foreclosures and economic hardship.

Rochester Reads seeks to encourage community discussion, family reading, literacy, understanding, and cross-community interaction by promoting the reading of one book and hosting discussions and events about the book.

This year's events take place in February 2011 and include a jazz performance by Christine Rosholt Jazz Quintet, a tour of the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, an original play, etc. Events are listed on the library's events calendar.



Rochester Reads is a community-wide project presented by the following partners:

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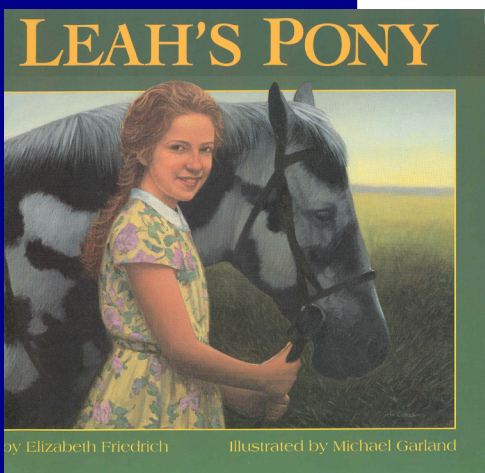
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Wit, Wisdom & Wine 2011

The 10th Annual [Wit, Wisdom and Wine](#) fundraiser for the Rochester Public Library Foundation is right around the corner. On Saturday, January 15, 2011 the library will close at 5:30 pm but then open up again at 6:30 pm for the annual fund raising gala event.

Come and enjoy entertaining and informative speakers, sample wine and hors d'oeuvres, and don't forget to bid on the silent auction items.

Earlybird registration: \$60.00
After January 7, registration: \$70.00

If you can't make it to the event, please consider donating an item for our silent auction. Remember, we still have library wine for sale at Andy's Liquor.

This year's raffle prize is the winners choice of a piece of jewelry donated by Hight & Randall, Ltd, Personal Jewelers.

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