

# Libraries Change Lives

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# Libraries Change Lives - from avid readers to authors and Illustrators



Pat Bauer and David Geister

Since Rochester Reads began in 2002, the steering committee has worked to bring in the authors of selected titles, and we have successfully hosted one author event - and sometimes two - every year except 2011.

Last spring we heard from a number of community members indicating that they regretted the absence of an author program, so when the steering committee convened to discuss possible titles for 2012, we agreed that the author's willingness

to come to Rochester would be one of the primary criteria for selection.

We are excited that in 2012 we will be hosting not one but three Rochester Reads authors - Tony Horwitz on April 9, and Patricia Bauer and David Geister, author and illustrator of the picture book *B is for Battle Cry: a Civil War Alphabet*, on April 10.

We asked Patricia and David if they would be willing to share what libraries have meant to them and how they changed their lives. Their stories follow.

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# You Belong @ your Library

## Celebrate National Library Week with us April 8 - 14, 2012!

Whether you are a job seeker looking for resources to land a new job, a parent looking for free activities for children or a student searching for your next favorite book, you belong @ your library.

Today's libraries help level the playing field by making both print and digital information affordable, available and accessible to all people. Libraries provide cultural heritage and genealogical collections, materials in print and electronic formats, job seeking resources, English as second language and citizenship classes and many other creative and resourceful programs.

Libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge. The strength of libraries has always been the diversity of their collections and commitment to serving all people. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians by celebrating the place where we all belong.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

We have a lot of events at the library to help us celebrate National Library Week. Check out our calendar of events inside this newsletter or visit: http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/events for more information.

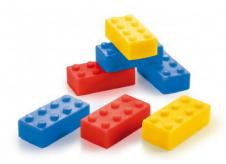


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### **LEGOs** @ the Library

A few weeks ago the Children's Division launched a new Lego Club which has proven very popular. So popular that we need MORE Legos. If you have a dusty box of Legos in your attic or garage, please consider donating them to the library. We will wash them and put them to good use.

For more information, contact Heather Accero, Head of Children's Services - 507-328-2339 or email: haccero@rochester.lib.mn.us



Our next LEGO events are: April 10, 10:00 am - 11:00 am April 17, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm April 17, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm May 1, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm May 1, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm May 15, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm May 15, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

### Join us online!

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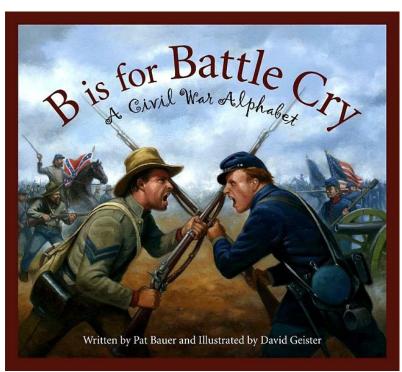
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### YouTube

RPLMNinfo RochPubLibrary "When I was a kid growing up in Prescott, Wisconsin, the library was one of my favorite destinations. Even now I can remember the feeling of walking down the hill on a hot summer day and stepping into that cool, air-conditioned library. I believe it was an old bank building. I loved the smell and the sight of all the books arranged on the shelves; they were magic. Walking over to a shelf and picking up one of those books and opening it up, I was no longer a poor kid growing up in a river town. Now I was Johnny Tremain, of Boston, on the eve of the Revolutionary War or perhaps I was Charlie, about to get my own chocolate factory or just maybe, I was learning how they made all the monsters in the movies that I watched late on Saturday night. My love of art and history and storytelling has strong roots in that little old library and the little old librarians who nurtured me." ~ David Geister

"I read voraciously as a child and teenager . . . sure wish I had the time today to read all the books stacked by my bed! I grew up in a rural area outside of Madison, Wisconsin, and there was no public library. But thank goodness for the Bookmobile!! It was always exciting to hop up those steps into the vehicle and browse through the selections that some nice librarian thought would enrich the lives of the country folk. And more often than not, they did! But I really would have been lost without my school library. I'm certain that I read a majority of the titles there before I graduated. I particularly remember a copy of Andersonville, by MacKinlay Kantor, that I borrowed when I was a sophomore or junior. What was a mini-skirted, war protesting teenager doing with a book like that? Perhaps somewhere deep inside, I knew that I'd write a Civil War book one day. Probably not ... I was just lured in by the story-telling, and that happened time and time again. I truly believe that there is great value in being able to browse through the shelves and take down a book that will transport the reader to another time, or place or universe. Hooray for real brick and mortar libraries!" ~ Pat Bauer

For more information about Rochester Reads titles or events visit: www.rochesterreads.org.



### Rochester Public Library Digital Branch - New Look Coming in Mid-April

The library website has changed! Not only does it have a new look, but it also has a new, improved catalog to make searching easier.

When we discovered that our previous catalog software was no longer being actively developed, we started looking for a replacement. After some research, we chose to use Endeca as the search software for our new catalog. When testing Endeca's much more robust searching capabilities, we discovered that we needed to clean up some of our library catalog records to take full advantage of its power. You'll see the difference when you use the new features.

Endeca allows us to customize and incorporate new technologies and works more like Amazon.com or eBay. Results are ranked by relevance to provide more reliable results, much like a Google search. You can now narrow your results after your initial search using search "limiters." You can limit your search to available items, specific formats (DVD, CD, eBook, etc.,) languages, age level, and more. In short, you can get advanced results without using the advanced search (although we still have an advanced search, too). The new catalog also has a spell corrector for those infrequent typos and misspelled searches.

The website itself has changed quite a bit as well. We have focused on making the tabs reflect what you are looking for. We've added an eBook tab (we didn't have any eBooks the last time we changed the website), and made other formats and library areas easy to reach. When you hover over each tab name, you also get some related "quick links" appearing below to give you one-click access to the most-used information.

On the homepage we have our events being fed into the middle column. Now you can see what's going on in the library at a glance. There are easy to find links to our social media sites right near the top right.



The graphic above shows the catalog limiters on the left side of the page along with how many items can be found in each category. The limiters that have been chosen are across the top of the catalog page with little red Xs next to them. If you click on the red X, this will clear that limiter from your search. In this search we are searching for any Available Teen Fiction Book.

## April 2012

### All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public

### **Monday, April 2**

### **Mail Art!**

### Auditorium 10am

Mail Art is a fun and exciting way to dive into art! Create colorful and interesting pieces of art to send to your friends by mail. This program is best for children in grades 2 to 6.

## Rochester Reads Film: *The Conspirator*

### Auditorium 6pm

In the wake of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, seven men and one woman are arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the President, Vice President, and Secretary of State. Against the ominous backdrop of post-Civil War Washington, newly-minted lawyer, Frederick Aiken, reluctantly agrees to defend the lone female defendant before a military tribunal. As the nation turns against her, Surratt is forced to rely on Aiken to uncover the truth and save her life. Directed by Robert Redford, starring Robin Wright, James McAvoy, and Tom Wilkinson. Rated PG-13.

### Sit-Stay-Read with Rocky and Dakota

### Auditorium 6:30pm

Kids in grades K to 4 are invited to practice their reading skills with a certified therapy dog. Register for a 15-minute session online, at the Children's desk or by calling 507-328-2303.

### **Tuesday, April 3**

### **Library LEGO® Fun!**

### Auditorium 10am

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in grades 2 to 6.

### **Bedtime Stories**

### Auditorium 6:30pm

Stories and puppets to bring you sweet dreams.

### Wednesday, April 4

### Family Story Time!

Auditorium 10am

Springtime stories, songs, and rhymes for the entire family.

## Rochester Reads Film: *Gettysburg*Auditorium 7pm

Narrated by Sam Rockwell. Gettysburg will strip away the romanticized veneer of the Civil War and present the engagement in a new light: a visceral, terrifying experience with everything on the line. This is the story of the soldiers on the ground, not the generals who commanded from behind the frontlines. Compelling CGI and powerful action footage place viewers in the midst of the fighting, delivering an emotional cinematic experience.

### Thursday, April 5

## Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10ar

Stories, songs and finger plays for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

### Friday, April 6

### Rochester Reads Event: Civil War Open House for Families Auditorium 10am

Please join us in the library auditorium to journey back in time to the Civil War era. The Olmsted County History Center will be here to help us envision everyday life during the Civil War period. Come and play games that children of that era played, and see costumes of the period. Also, there will be unique crafts to enjoy, and some engaging Civil War period artifacts to discover. Spend a fun morning visiting the past!

### Saturday, April 7

### Family Film: The Velveteen

### Rabbit

### Auditorium 10:30am

A favorite toy rabbit searches for the magic called "real" in this clayanimated adaptation of the beloved children's fantasy by Margery Williams.

### **Sunday, April 8**

## Library is closed in observance of Easter Sunday.

### **Monday, April 9**

### Light

### Auditorium 6pm

Light: a play commissioned by the Rochester Public Library, written and directed by Rochester Civic Theatre Executive Director, Gregory Stavrou, and featuring local actors. Light explores the resonant injustice of racism through the eyes of a witty and spirited young "local" girl as she reaches toward understanding of her experiences, the actions of her peers, community and her parents. Light incorporates familiar references to help illuminate the personal and community impact of racism and is intended to foster constructive dialogue in communities throughout SE MN.

## Sit-Stay-Read with Hershey and Amber

Auditorium 6:30pm

See description from April 2.

## Rochester Reads Author Visit: Tony Horwitz

### Willow Creek Middle School Auditorium (2425 11th Avenue Southeast) 7p

Tony Horwitz, author of the 2010 Rochester Reads adult titles will be speaking about his books, *Midnight Rising* and *Confederates in the Attic.* Tony is a native of Washington,

D.C., and a graduate of Brown University and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He worked for many years as a reporter, first in Indiana and then during a decade overseas in Australia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, mostly covering wars and conflicts as a foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal. After returning to the U.S., he won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting and worked as a staff writer for The New Yorker before becoming a full-time author. Four of his books have been national and New York Times bestsellers: A Voyage Long and Strange, Blue Latitudes, Confederates in the Attic, and Baghdad Without A Map. His other work includes Mississippi Wood, a documentary on PBS about Southern loggers; The Devil May Care, a collection of fifty tales about intrepid Americans; and contributions to State by State: A Panoramic Portrait of America and The New Gilded Age: The New Yorker Looks at the Culture of Affluence. Tony has also been a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, and a visiting scholar at the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University. He lives with his wife, Geraldine Brooks, and their sons, Nathaniel and Bizu, on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

### Tuesday, April 10

### Library Time

Auditorium 10am

This program for disabled adults is an opportunity for participants to enjoy reading books, watching films, making crafts and other fun learning activities.

### Light

Auditorium 2pm

See description from April 9.

### **Writing Group**

Meeting Room A 6:30pm

Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out. Once a month we will meet to read and cri-

tique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment. Mike Kalmbach will help to facilitate the meetings. Mike is a freelance writer and editor, and manages the online writing community http://writanon.com/.

### Rochester Reads Event Bedtime Stories with Patricia Bauer and David Geister

Auditorium 6:30pm

Puppets, stories, and films to give you sweet dreams, with special guests Patricia Bauer and David Geister, authors of the 2012 Rochester Reads picture book *B is for Battle Cry*.

### Wednesday, April 11

### 3-5 Year Old Parent/Child Storytime

Auditorium 11am

Stories, rhymes and puppets for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or care providers.

## iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6pm
Vasermil - Named after the local soc-

Vasermil - Named after the local soccer stadium in the Southern Israeli town of Beer Sheba, Vasermil tells the story of three teenagers from separate marginalized communities, who pin their hopes on soccer as a way out. Shlomi, Adiel and Dima are recruited by the coach of the local soccer team to take part in the Beersheba Youth Championship, held on Independence Day at the Vasermil Stadium. Success at the tournament means getting noticed by the scouts of the local soccer empire, Hapoel Beersheba. In order to win, Shlomi, Adiel and Dima, each with their own set of adversities, will have to learn to play as a team and overcome their differences.

Short Film: *Transparent Black* - African refugees attending a Hebrew class receive lessons in what it means to be Israeli, as well as what

it takes to keep your dreams alive.

The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.

### **Thursday, April 12**

## Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10am

Stories, songs and finger plays for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

### Saturday, April 14

## Friends Bookstore Second Saturday Sale

Library Foyer 10am-1pm

It's National Library Week! This sale features books for children and teens. We'll have a table set up for kids to create fun crafts. Look for a coupon on the Friends Blog for even more savings! http://friends4rpl.wordpress.com/

## Family Film: Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree

Auditorium 10:30am

A very hungry Pooh Bear is determined to help himself to a sweet treat at the top of the honey tree.

### Sunday, April 15

Light

Auditorium

2pm

See description from April 9.

### Monday, April 16

## Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B 1pm

Do you have general questions about computers, using email, using the library website or the Internet? Come to the library on the 3rd Monday of every month to practice on our computers and ask a librarian your questions.

## TLC Meeting - Teen Library Council

### Meeting Room A 4pm

Come let your voice be heard! Assist in providing insight into tween/ teen reading interests, programing needs and activities. Help make the library a youth friendly space where you and your peers want to be! Any

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questions, contact Lynette @ 328-2305.

Sit-Stay-Read with Dakota,
Amber and Bonnie
Auditorium 6:30pm
See description from April 2.

### **Tuesday, April 17**

## LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 1pm

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### **LEGO® Fun!**

### Auditorium 3:30pm

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

#### **Bedtime Stories**

Auditorium 6:30pm

Stories and puppets to bring you sweet dreams.

### Wednesday, April 18

## 3-5 Year Old Parent/Child Storytime

Auditorium 11am

Stories, rhymes and puppets for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or care providers.

### **Thursday, April 19**

### Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10a

Stories, songs and finger plays for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

### Saturday, April 21

Family Film: The Lorax

Auditorium 10:30pm

This animated version of the classic

tale by Dr. Seuss tells the humorous tale of the Lorax and his efforts to "save the trees" from extinction. Celebrate Earth Day in April!

### **Sunday, April 22**

### Earth Day Event: Glaciers, Farms & Floods

### Auditorium 2pm

Take a crash course in Zumbro River History as you learn how Minnesota went from mountain range to tropical ocean to ice age Iceland. Discover how glaciers made the river we see today, how recent events are changing the river, and some simple (and not so simple) things we can do to keep the river clean and safe. Question and answer period to follow. Presented by author and naturalist Kevin Strauss, education coordinator for the Zumbro Watershed Partnership (www.zumbrowatershed.org).

### **Monday, April 23**

## Sit-Stay-Read with Timber and Dakota

**Auditorium 6:30pm** *See description from April 2.* 

### Tuesday, April 24

### **Bedtime Stories**

Auditorium 6:30pm

Stories and puppets to bring you sweet dreams.

### Wednesday, April 25

### 3-5 Year Old Parent/Child Storytime

Auditorium 11am

Stories, rhymes and puppets for children 3-5 years of age and their parents or care providers.

### Light

Auditorium 6pm

See description from April 9.

### **Thursday, April 26**

### Stories for Toddlers and Twos Auditorium 10am

Stories, songs and finger plays for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

### Demystifying Family Photographs: Clues for Dating and Identifying Photos from 1840-1920

### Auditorium 1pm

The Rochester Public Library invites you to the program Demystifying Family Photographs. Photographs will be examined by using photographic technology, clothing, and hair styles to approximate the dates they were taken. Participants are encouraged to bring photos for help in dating them. Presented by the Blue Earth County Historical Society. This program was funded in part or in whole with money from the Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

## Cultural Event Series: An English Evening

### DoubleTree Hotel 5:30pm

This is the second event in the Rochester Public Library Foundation's Cultural Event Series. The event will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Rochester and feature a traditional English dinner and toasts. Entertainment will be a performance of The Compleat Works of Shakespeare, plus a silent auction and bucket raffle. Cost is \$50 per person; registration online at www. rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation. org. Proceeds go the Rochester Public Library Foundation to support programming and equipment at Rochester Public Library.

### Light

**Auditorium 6pm** *See description from April 9.* 

### Saturday, April 28

### A Musical Story Concert Presented by SEMYO Chamber Strings

#### Auditorium 10:30am

The Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra Chamber Strings presents a musical story for children of all ages. Please join us for this delightful family concert directed by conductor Susan Oftedahl.

## Meet the Author: Margaret Regan

Auditorium 1pm

The Death Of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands by Margaret Regan. For more than a decade, Margaret Regan has reported on the chaos along the Arizona-Mexico border, ground zero for immigration since 2000. Undocumented migrants . . . cross into the state in overwhelming numbers, pushed into its dangerous deserts by a U.S. border policy that seals off safer urban crossings. In peak years, Border Patrol agents in Arizona's Tucson Sector catch more than a thousand migrants a day. And Arizona has the highest number of migrant deaths. Set against the dramatic landscape of the untamed West—a rocky wilderness of mesquites and cacti, where summer temperatures hit 115—Regan's book tells stories of the people caught up in this international tragedy. Traveling to both sides of the border, she visits migrants stranded in Mexican shelters and rides shotgun with the Border Patrol, hiking with them in the scorching Arizona desert.

Margaret Regan worked as a French editor for TV Guide magazine and as a children's book editor in New York before she turned to journalism. Since 1986, she has lived with her family in Tucson, 64 miles from the border with Mexico. She has won many awards for her border reporting, her arts criticism, and her stories on the Irish immigrant experience. Formerly a staff writer for the Tucson Weekly, she is now a freelancer.

Facilitated discussion to follow the author presentation.

### **Monday, April 30**

Sit-Stay-Read with Ellie and Timber
Auditorium 6:30pm
See description from April 2.

### **New Stuff @ the Library!**

We put a self-check machine between the Children's and the Public Service desk. It's pretty lonely right now but soon there will be two more machines joining it. These additional machines will hopefully alleviate some of the waiting at the Public Service desk. Both the Friends and Foundation have funded the purchase of the additional machines.

Remember, these machines do more than just check out books - you can also check your account, print out receipts or send them to your email address, and even pay your overdue fees.

Also new at the library are two copy machines. Our old machines



were so outdated that we couldn't find parts for them anymore. So it was time to replace them. A Big thank you go to the Friends for funding the purchase of these two machines.



Left: Photo from Post Bulletin was found in library's scrap book. Did you know that the Library installed it's first copier in 1966 and the cost per copy was 25¢ per page.

Now they are only 10¢ per page.

Right: The new public copier on second floor. If you need assistance with this machine, please do not hesitate to ask any library staff person to help you.



### All Hail the Queen!

### **Rochester Public Library Foundation Hosts an English Evening**

What do you get when you mix Shakespeare, English Ales and a traditional English meal?

A bloody good way to support the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

This is the second event in the Rochester Public Library's Cultural Event Series. On Thursday, April 26, at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Rochester, the Rochester Public Library's English Evening will celebrate all things English—from its ales to its entertainment. Highlights of the evening include:

 The Compleat Works of Shakespeare's "Greatest Hits." Local thespians Greg Miller, Nick Mezacapa, and Jerry Casper will perform thirty minutes of high-

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5:30pm

- lights from their acclaimed and laugh-out-loud funny stage show centered around Shakespeare's plays (even the bad ones).
- A five-course traditional English meal. The menu will include pot roast, roasted potatoes, and a few surprises.
- An English ale tasting. What's an English event without a few ales? Taste a variety of ales courtesy of Andy's Liquor.
- English toasts between each course, led by emcee—and local Brit—John Steer.
- Silent auction and bucket raffle.
   Items range from wine to themed book collections.

"Just as last year's Celtic evening celebrated Celtic culture, our English Evening brings you everything English: food, ale, music, art, history, Shakespearean entertainment and a true Englishman emcee," says Lois Marris, co-chair of the event. "The Highland Kilts worn last year were such a huge hit that we are encouraging everyone to wear their favorite Renaissance Era piece—from full costume to a simple mask."

Cost is \$50.00 per person; registration is available online at: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/English.html. For more information contact Jennifer Koski at 507.251.3887 or via email: jenniferkoski@gmail.com.

Proceeds go to the Rochester Public Library Foundation to support programming and equipment at the Rochester Public Library.





# An English Evening

A Rochester Public Library Foundation Fundraising Event DoubleTree Hotel, Rochester, MN

\$50 Per Person/\$400 Per Table

Register at 507-328-2343 or

rochester public library foundation.org/English.html