

Libraries Change Lives

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Libraries Change Lives - Phil Heno

by John Hunziker

The Rochester Public Library lost a good friend recently. Many of you knew him, many learned from him, and the community, as a whole, benefitted from his wisdom, forward thinking and generosity.

Phil Heno was born in 1915 and moved to Rochester in 1973. He and his family purchased two McDonald's stores and expanded to five; they did well.

Phil said, "I've spent much of my life trying to 'pay back' all I have received. As I say, 'You have to put some water back in the well.'"

Phil demonstrated his commitment to 'putting water back in the well' in countless ways, the one that impacted the library the most was his becoming a founding member of the Rochester Public Library Foundation in 1996.

The new library building had been open for a year when Phil Heno, Chuck Hazama and 15 others met. After much discussion, they realized and decided that in order to be an outstanding library, the library would need an ability to fund new ideas and projects that were not in the yearly budget.

Throughout the intervening years, the amount of funds in the Foundation coffers grew, guided by Phil's leadership of the Finance Committee and his wise questioning and commitment to not only principal growth, but expenditures in library start-up projects. Judith Taylor, the library director at that time remembers, "He did not speak loudly or often, but when he did, people listened."

An article in the latest Rochester magazine about Phil had his answer to the question, "What board are you most active with now?" His answer, "The Library Foundation Board. Not the Library Board. I'm not smart enough to be on the Library Board. Our focus is to raise funds to help the library....I rank the library with the police department and the fire department. I think they're on a parallel course in that they're necessary for the health of the community."



Phil Heno
Photo courtesy of the Post-Bulletin.

The Search for Barefoot Santas!

While you're shopping downtown Rochester this holiday season, keep your eyes open for Barefoot Santas! There are twelve figurines of Barefoot Santas located in various stores in the downtown area.

Hint — There is one in the Friends' Bookstore!

Find all twelve Barefoot Santas, write down what each is holding on the entry form and turn it in for a chance to win one of twelve \$50 gift cards that can be used in any of the participating stores. For more information and contest rules, visit: www.downtownrochester-mn.com.

The Barefoot Santa contest will begin on December 1 and go until December 17th. Good luck!



Buy a chance to win this Barefoot Santa for \$1/each in the Friends' Bookstore.

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The Children's area gets a makeover

Several projects have been finished and several more are still in progress. The new carpet was installed this summer. The colorful layout, most especially the blue river, has been enjoyed by children. Over the past few months they have walked along the river, played with ducks in the river and even gone swimming (with the help of a little imagination).

The children's information desk was opened in early August. It is nice for staff to be in the middle of the action and overhear the wonderful conversations happening at the nearby playhouse. During a recent morning on the desk not one, but three parents of small children stopped by the desk to tell staff "We LOVE the new library!", "There is so much for us to do!" and "The kids love the library will all of the new stuff!"

The Art Room opened in September and 683 children and grownups made collages. During October, the Art Room had 812 visitors. In the first weeks a parent made a collage just for us that says "Thank you for this Art Room."

The foot bridge has proven extremely popular, in fact, kids have called it "the most awesome bridge ever!" The best moment on the bridge so far was when a young mother and her preschooler played *Three Billy Goats Gruff* together; Mom was the troll.

Our new tree arrived the last week of November and we are expecting the new aquarium before the end of the year. The library recently received a grant from the Minnesota Children's Museum to install a Smart Play Spot (early literacy play area), which will be completed by the end of February.

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Even in the bad times he was serious about some of the funds going to the library even if it meant going into the principal one time. He said, "we are accumulating this money for the library's needs; some should be spent there each year."

Some of the projects the Foundation has provided funding for in the last five years include:

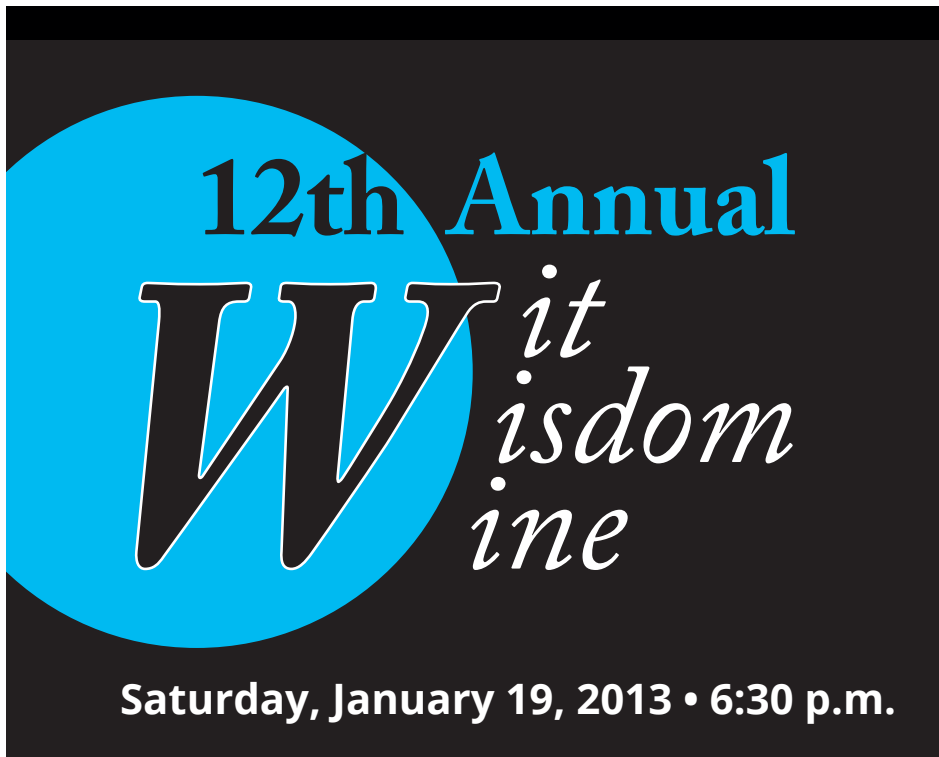
- Children's Division Improvements
- Lobby Changes/Circulation Consolidation
- Storytime Kits
- Book-Group-in-a-Bag kits
- Lock-A-Shelf
- Little Tykes Computer
- Digitizing Project
- Children's Literacy
- Building Study
- Marketing/Merchandising Project
- Endeca - Online Catalog Project
- Science Kits
- DVD Conversion
- Materials
- Online Homework Assistance

Phil, through his vision and leadership with the Rochester Public Library Foundation set the stage for the library changing the lives of many people in the community for the foreseeable future.

He is missed. Thanks for everything, Phil.



Stop by and visit the new and improved Children's Division today!



12th Annual
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Saturday, January 19, 2013 • 6:30 p.m.

Rochester Public Library Foundation invites you to their 12th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine fundraising event.

- **entertaining and informative speakers**
- **silent auction**
- **jewelry raffle**
- **wine & hors d'oeuvres**

Tickets are \$75 per person if purchased by January 10 (\$85 after that date) and may be purchased online at <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/supporting/foundation/WitWine.html> or by calling 507-328-2343.

Featured Speakers and “Wit, Wisdom or Wine” related topics

Father Nick Mezacappa

Father Nick's Seven Wonders of the World

Tim Penny

Terminalysis: political terms that define the way Washington works

Dr. Jon O. Ebbert

Food Addiction: Fact or Fluff?

Susan Waughtal

Why do you think they call it Agri**Culture**?

Steve Lange/Jen Koski

The Stories Behind the Stories

Chef Mango (Johnny Mangouras)

Food & Wine: The World's Longest Lasting Love Affair

Vangie Castro

Stand Up! Speak Out! Bullying Prevention & Intervention

John Kruesel

Antiques Roadshow

Mike Cords

Wine 101: Variety is the Spice of Life

Brian Lind, Katherine Stecher, Robin DeVries, Angie Gustafson

Truly Doing Dewey

Art Collaboration:

This year, Wit, Wisdom & Wine will feature a collaborative art project in conjunction with Rochester Art Center. Attendees will be invited to create a portion of a larger collage that will ultimately be on display at the library.

Sponsors:

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December 2012

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

Saturday, December 1

Hooray For Saturday: Letterbox It Up!

Children's Area 10:30am
Letterboxing is a super-cool family activity. Stop by Children's Services between 10:30 & 11:30am to learn the basics and create all the tools you need to start finding letterboxes in the library and all over the world!

Friends of the Library Gift-Quality Book and Bake Sale

Auditorium 1:30-5pm
Rare and unusual books will also be available at the sale. Free gift wrapping will be available both days of the sale. All of the proceeds from the sale benefit the Rochester Public Library. For more information, you can e-mail friendsbooksales@gmail.com. *We can only accept cash or checks.*

Sunday, December 2

Friends of the Library Gift-Quality Book and Bake Sale

Auditorium 1:30-4pm
Second day of the Holiday sale.

Monday, December 3

Senior Techies - Email

Meeting Room B 1:30pm
Learn the basics of writing and sending e-mails. We will set up free e-mail accounts and talk about e-mail safety as well as some scams to avoid. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

Sit, Stay, Read! with Dakota, Bonnie, Amber & Ellie

Auditorium 6:30pm
Kids in grades K to 4 are invited to practice their reading skills with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register for a 20 minute reading session. For a positive reading experience, only the child and accompanying

adult should attend. Register online, at the Children's desk or by calling 507.328.2303.

Tuesday, December 4

Chess Club for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 1-2:30pm

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. It'll have you saying "Check, mate!" *This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6.*

**Chess Club!
Auditorium 4-5pm**
See description above.

**Bedtime Stories
Auditorium 6:30pm**
Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, December 5

**Preschool Storytime
Auditorium 10am & 11am**
Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year old child!

**PB Dialogues
Auditorium 6:30pm**
The topic to be discussed: The Dakota War of 1862. Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with P-B Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

Thursday, December 6

**Baby Time
Auditorium 10am**
Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (ages birth to 18 months). *This program is funded by an IBM Centennial Grant.*

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30am & 11am
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). *This program is funded by an IBM Centennial Grant.*

**Computer Basics Workshop
Meeting Room B 1pm**
Do you have general questions about computers, using e-mail, using the library website or the internet? Come to the library to practice on our computers and ask a librarian your questions. No sign up for this session.

Saturday, December 8

**Holiday Music For Families
Presented by The Choral Arts Ensemble
Auditorium 10:30am**
The Choral Arts Ensemble presents a delightful concert of holiday music for children, families, and friends.

**First® LEGO® League Team Presentations!
Auditorium 2pm**
Are you interested in discovering how LEGOS® can be creatively used to solve problems? See how First® LEGO® League teams mix curiosity and imagination with LEGO® bricks, sensor, motors, and gears to invent creative solutions to challenges senior citizens may face one day. Several teams of Southeast Minnesota will demonstrate their unique research ideas in preparation for the 2012 Senior Solutions Challenge!

Monday, December 10

**Dork Diaries Day!
Auditorium 3:30pm**
Unleash your inner dork! Talk about the books, play games, and create your own diary that showcases your dorkiness. *Grades 3-6.*

Tuesday, December 11**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.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers!**Auditorium 1-2:30pm**

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.*

LEGO® Fun!**Auditorium 4-5pm**

See description above.

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 critique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment. Mike Kalmbach, freelance writer and editor, will help facilitate the meetings. If you have questions for Mike prior to your first meeting, please e-mail kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us, or call 507.328.2313.

Bedtime Stories: Meet Curious George after Storytime!**Auditorium 6:30pm**

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. It's Curious George Week at the library! Meet Curious George after storytime. *Sponsored by Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.*

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iFilms: International and Independent Films**Auditorium 6pm**

Free Men - In German-occupied Paris, a young unemployed Algerian, Younes earns his living as a black marketeer. Arrested by the French police but given a chance to avoid jail, Younes agrees to spy on the Paris Mosque. The police suspect the Mosque authorities, including its rector of aiding Muslim Resistance agents and helping North African Jews by giving them false certificates. At the Mosque, Younes meets the Algerian singer Salim Halali, and is moved by her beautiful voice and strong personality. When Younes discovers that Salim is Jewish, he stops collaborating with the police and gradually transforms from a politically ignorant immigrant into a fully-fledged freedom fighter.

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

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Saturday, December 15**Hooray For Saturday Family Storytime! Meet Curious George!****Auditorium 10:30am**

It's Curious George week at the library! Join us for mischievous stories and monkey tales. Meet Curious George after story time! *Sponsored by Minnesota Children's Museum, Rochester.*

Comics w/ Bill Willingham**Auditorium 2pm**

Join us for a visit from Bill Willingham, creator of the Fables comic book series. Mr. Willingham will talk about his career as an artist and share his insights to aspiring comic artists. Participants in the library's comic book class will also be displaying their completed work.

Monday, December 17**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 questions, contact Lynette @ 507.328.2305.

Tuesday, December 18

Chess Club for Homeschoolers!
Auditorium 1-2:30pm

See description from December 4.

Chess Club!
Auditorium 4-5pm

See description from December 4.

Bedtime Stories
Auditorium 6:30pm

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Wednesday, December 19

Preschool Storytime
Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description from December 5.

I Spy Nine and a Half Clues
Children's Area All Day

It's a race to spot the clues and beat the competition. Complete a scavenger hunt between December 19th and January 2nd in Children's Services to win a cool prize and maybe save the world...or the library. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.*

Rochester Issues Forum
Auditorium 7pm

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussion. The goal of this event is to create an opportunity for dialog. Attendees will be encouraged to think critically about the issue and gain insights by listening respectfully to others' points of view.

Thursday, December 20

Baby Time
Auditorium 10am

See description on December 6.

Toddler Time
Auditorium 10:30am & 11am

See description on December 6.

Computer Basics Workshop
Meeting Room B 1pm

See description on December 6.

Ancestry and Heritage Quest
Genealogy Databases

Meeting Room B 4:30pm
 An exploration of the genealogi-

cal value of two databases offered at the Rochester Public Library. Dig through census records, read family histories, or find immigration records online using these popular tools. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

Saturday, December 22

Hooray For Saturday Family Film! *The Snowman!*

Auditorium 10:30am

A young boy dreams that his snowman has come to life. Together they travel on a magical journey which celebrates the joys of winter. This beautifully animated film is based on the picture book by Raymond Briggs.

Wednesday, December 26

Preschool Storytime
Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description on December 6.

BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days
Meeting Room B 4-7pm

For one-on-one help setting up your eReader to check out Library eBooks, drop by the Library with your device (Nook, Kindle, iPad, Sony Reader, etc.), the card that came with it, your library card, (and if you have a non-tablet Nook your laptop computer, if you own one). We will sit down with you and walk you through the whole process. Even if you don't have your device with you (or don't own one yet), feel free to drop in with any questions you may have. Please call 507-328-2305 if you have any questions about these sessions.

Thursday, December 27

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Meeting Room B 9:30am – 1pm

See description above.

Baby Time
Auditorium 10am

See description on December 6.

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30am & 11am
 See description on December 6.

Computer Basics Workshop
Meeting Room B 1pm

See description on December 6.

Movie @ your library: SUMMER WARS

Auditorium 6:30pm

Rated PG. Kenji is your typical teenage misfit. He's good at math, bad with girls, and spends most of his time hanging out in the all-powerful, online community known as OZ. His second life is the only life he has until the girl of his dreams, Natsuki, hijacks him for a starring role as a fake fiance at her family reunion. Things only get stranger from there. A late-night e-mail containing a cryptic mathematic riddle leads to the unleashing of a rogue AI intent on using the virtual word of OZ to destroy the real world, literally. As Armageddon looms on the horizon, Kenji and his new family set aside their differences and band together to save the worlds they inhabit in this near-perfect blend of social satire and science fiction .

Friday, December 28

BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days

Meeting Room B 9:30am -1pm
 See description on December 26.

Culture-palooza: New Year's Around the World

Auditorium 1:30pm

Celebrate the New Year with crafts and activities from different countries and cultures from around the world. Bonne Année! Ein glückliches neues Jahr! ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! С Новым Годом!

Saturday, December 29

Hooray For Saturday Family Gaming Day!

Auditorium 10:30am

Battle your friends and family in a variety of video, board, and card games. Or create your own!

BYOE

Bring Your Own e-Reader

to Meeting Room B!

Join us online!



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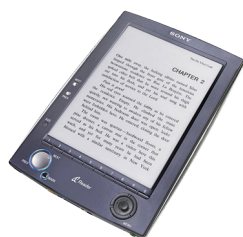
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Bring your eReader, the cord that came with it, your laptop computer (if you have one) and your library card. Even if you don't have your eReader with you (or have not bought one yet), we can help answer your eReader questions.

These session will cover most ereader brands: Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.

Wednesday, December 26
4-7pm

Thursday, December 27
9:30am - 1pm

Friday, December 28
9:30am - 1pm

Wednesday, January 2
4-7pm

Thursday, January 3
9:30am - 1pm

Friday, January 4
9:30am - 1pm

We will be offering classes that focus on individual ereading devices on the following dates and times:

Nook

Tuesday, January 22 • 10-11am

Wednesday, March 5 • 5:30-6:30pm

Kindle

Wednesday, January 23 • 10-11am

Friday, January 22 • 1-2pm

Wednesday, March 27 • 5:30-6:30pm

Monday, January 7
1-4pm

Tuesday, January 8
1-4pm

Wednesday, January 9
4-7pm

Thursday, January 10
9:30am - 1pm

Friday, January 11
9:30am - 1pm

iPhone/iPad/iPod

Tuesday, February 19 • 12-1pm

Monday, March 4 • 4-5pm

Android/Tablet

Monday, February 25 • 11:30-12:30pm

Thursday, March 14 • 4-5pm

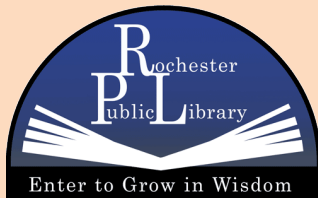
Once upon a time...



at the Rochester Public Library, Bill Willingham, the writer of the Eisner-award winning series Fables, came to spin yarns about his career and inspire a new generation of artists.



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