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Wit, Wisdom and Wine @ the Library

The 11th annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine was held on Saturday, January 14, 2012. A successful fund-raiser like this doesn't happen overnight; months of planning and preparation go into it.

Beginning in June the Foundation's Events Committee started by brainstorming what kind of timely, entertaining and educational topics and speakers would be a good fit for the event. Some speakers, such as Tim Penny and Mike Cords are always asked to come back owing to popular demand. The committee also worked on finding prizes for the raffle drawing and rounded up silent auction items. Hight & Randall, Ltd., Personal Jeweler has, for the last three years, donated the jewelry pieces for the

raffle drawing. This year they generously donated three jewelry pieces.

The committee also arranged for catering for the event. The last 11 years Daube's Cakes and Bakery have risen to the occasion, surprising us each year with new and exciting delicacies to enjoy during the evening.

In November, the invitations were designed and sent to Davies Printing, who printed, stuffed the envelopes and mailed them out. They also kindly paid for half the printing. During this time period, the Wit, Wisdom and Wine web page was updated and, new this year, there was an option to register for the event online.

Weeks before the event, the administration office on the second-floor of the library became full of silent auction items. Each one was cataloged and arranged on every space available where they waited for the event.

The day of Wit, Wisdom and Wine, all the silent auction items were placed on carts



Willie and Nicole, the performers of Light



Dr. Amit Sood



Heather Engh and John Cruz



Top: John's office in disarray right before Wit, Wisdom and Wine.

Right: A train of carts loaded with silent auction items waiting to get put on display for the big event.



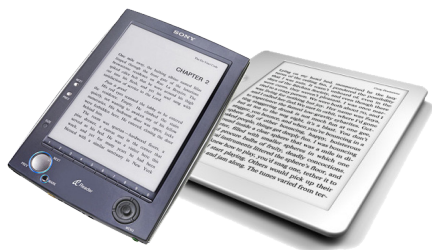
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Bring Your eReader to the Library Days

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 cord that came with it, your library card, and (if you have one) your laptop computer. 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.

eBook drop in help:

Wed., Feb., 1 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
 Mon., Feb., 6 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Thur., Feb., 16 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Wed., Feb., 22 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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and lined up in the office waiting for the library to close for the evening so preparations for the event could begin. Registration packets were created, signs printed, and volunteers rounded up to help for the big night. As soon as the library was closed for the evening there was a mere hour to get everything prepared. The silent auction items were displayed, the wine brought out, the food delivered and set up, signs hung, furniture moved, chairs arranged, and then the mad dash to get changed from jeans and t-shirts to elegant gala attire.

To help keep the attendees busy while things were getting prepared in the library, the Friends Bookstore extended their evening hours for anyone who wanted to browse the shelves while they waited for the event to begin.

The raffle drawing produced three winners for the evening. The Winner of the Contemporary Collection was Renee Berg. She was so excited to win she posted on the library's facebook page: "I WON I WON I WON I WON I WON! It's not nice to brag but I WON! Jewelry from Wit, Wisdom & Wine. I didn't think I could love RPL more than I did before today. And then today I loved it more after going in to pick up my jewelry from the esteemed John Hunziker, whose chair I sat in. Life looks good from that chair. And healthy -- he allegedly snacks on raisins. THANKS RPL! I WON!"

The winner of the Vintage collection was Betty Shimek who chose the key necklace. She stated that she has volunteered at Wit, Wisdom & Wine for many years and purchased raffle tickets every year. She was very excited to win.

The winner of the Sajen collection was Steve Mosing who chose the necklace pendant for his lucky wife.

All the time and effort spent on this year's fund-raising event wasn't

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wasted. The evening brought in just over \$25,000 for the Rochester Public Library Foundation and will be used to support the library. This wouldn't have been possible without all the support from our sponsors, the silent auction donors, the attendees and of course the Foundation Events Committee and volunteers.

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More photos of the event can be found on our flickr page: www.flickr.com/photos/rochpublibrary



Friends' Bookstore 2011 End of Year Report

by Mary Barrett, Friends' Bookstore manager, and Elizabeth Ritman, President of the Friends Board

The past year was a full and busy one; here are the highlights of the successes and changes in the store.



- 2nd Saturday Sales continued to be a big hit. In 2010, the sales were a new idea to attract people into the store. During 2011, many of the library patrons were familiar with the Friends' Bookstore, and we saw the benefit in large increases in sales.
- At the beginning of 2011, the Bookstore Committee decided to begin taking debit/credit cards. Because the Bookstore is a non-profit organization, it gets a special rate from the company, both in the monthly fees and in the per-transaction costs. We saw credit/debit card sales double each month for the first four months. Now the number of customers using debit/credit cards has stabilized, but we hear multiple compliments regarding the fact that we now accept plastic.
- The Bookstore participated in several special sales this year, including the White-Out Wednesday sale held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Alliance. The details of the sale were kept secret until the day of the sale, and that created a bit of buzz. In the end, we of-

fered everything in the store at half price and made over \$850.

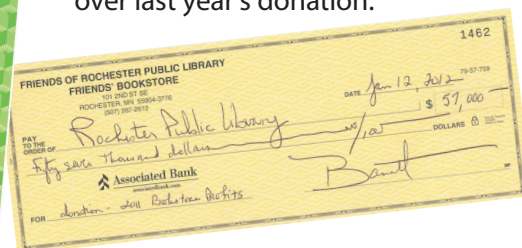
- The sorters have been kept busy this year and estimate that they receive an average of 500 books daily. The sorting system has been working very well, with the library taking all that they need for their collections before the Friends begin to select materials. The Bookstore does not lack for books, and we have special sales when one category is full. For example, for the month of January, children's books are buy-one-get-one-free.
- The Bookstore donates many books and other materials to other organizations. For example, Channel One gets new children's, adult fiction and non-fiction books each week. We regularly send shipments to the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, often fulfilling requests. We have donated to other libraries (in Minnesota, in the United States, and overseas), to local charities, and to area schools. We also provide books to new teachers so they can begin establishing classroom libraries.
- When we have author visits (Catherine Friend, the Minnesota Crime Wave, Kamala Nair, and Paula McClain for examples), the Bookstore purchases copies of the authors' books and sells

them during the author visit so patrons have a chance to get the book signed. We also help with set-up and teardown of the auditorium and provide coffee and cookies.

- The Bookstore sponsored a Mystery Tea and enjoyed an overwhelmingly positive response. Bookstore volunteers and Library staff members were the actors, and everyone baked goodies. We borrowed round tables from the History Center, and their success lead to the Friends Board and Foundation purchasing round tables for use at large auditorium events. Individual Friends purchases table cloths and carafes.
- In February, the Bookstore sponsored a "Food for Thought" fundraiser for Channel One, giving customers a discount if they brought in a food donation for Channel One. The store will be participating again this year as Channel One attempts to collect a "Mile of Mac 'n Cheese."

Many new volunteers joined the Friends in both the Bookstore and in the sorting area. We continue to grow. Due to the hard work and dedication of all, the Bookstore is making a record-breaking donation to the Library.

The Friends' Bookstore Committee voted on Monday, January 9, 2012 to donate \$57,000 to the library, leaving a small reserve so we can pay our bills. This amount is a \$5,000 increase over last year's donation.



February 2012

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

Wednesday, February 1

BYOE (Bring your own eReader) to the library days

Meeting Room B

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 cord that came with it, your library card, and (if you have one) your laptop computer. 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.

Parent-Child 3 to 5 Year-Old Story Time

Auditorium

11:00 am

Stories, rhymes, and puppets for children 3 to 5 years of age and their parents or care providers. Adults are asked to remain with their children during story time.

Intro to Facebook

Meeting Room B

5:30 pm

Learn how to set up a free Facebook account and find out what all the fuss is about. Note: you must have an email account that you can access from the internet prior to the class in order to set up a Facebook account. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507-328-2309.

Thursday, February 2

Friends of the Library Winterfest Book Sale

Auditorium

9:30 am

Bring a nonperishable food donation for Channel One on the first day of our WinterFest Sale and get a discount on your total purchase.

Friday, February 3

Friends of the Library Winterfest Book Sale

Auditorium

9:30 am

The second day of the Winterfest Book sale. There are still lots of books to choose from!

Saturday, February 4

Family Film Program: One Zillion Valentines and Boxes for Katje

Auditorium

10:30 am

One Zillion Valentines: Two enterprising friends prove that Valentine's Day is for everyone by making, giving away, and selling one zillion special valentines!

Boxes for Katje: A young Dutch girl receives an unexpected package from America filled with much needed supplies. This happy surprise sets off a wonderful chain of events for all the people in her village. This film is based on the heartwarming picture book by Candace Fleming.

If you require accommodations in order to participate in this program, please contact Children's Services at 507-328-2303 as soon as possible.

Monday, February 6

BYOE (Bring your own eReader) to the library days

Meeting Room B

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

See description from February 1.

Tuesday, February 7

Senior Techies - Computers for Beginners

Meeting Room B

1:00 pm

This class starts with the basics from turning the computer on and using a mouse. No experience with computers whatsoever is required for this class. Register at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507-328-2309.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium

6:30 pm

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, February 8

Parent-Child 3 to 5 Year-Old Story Time

Auditorium

11:00 am

See description from February 1.

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium

6:00 pm

Before Your Eyes - Turkey, Germany | 2011 | Drama | Turkish and Kurdish w/ English subtitles

Ten year old Gulistan and her brother Firat live in the heart of Turkish Kurdistan. Tragedy strikes when their parents are shot down by paramilitary gunmen before their very eyes. Traumatized and orphaned, Gulistan and Firat try to care for their infant sister, but their money soon runs out and they're forced onto the street. It is there that Gulistan meets the part-time escort Dilara. Accompanying her on a hotel call one day, Gulistan is shocked to discover Dilara's client is the murderer of her parents, and quickly devises a plan for revenge.

Short Film: *It's My Turn*

A group of boys play a rhyming game to decide whose turn it is go to the movies, since they can only afford one ticket at a time. The rhythmic dialogue is intentionally left subtitled, allowing a universal story to spring forth naturally from the children's lively actions.

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

Thursday, February 9**Stories for Toddlers and Twos****Auditorium 10:00 am**

Stories, puppets, and films for children 18-36 months of age and their parents or care providers.

Saturday, February 11**Meet Famous Author Douglas Wood!****Auditorium 10:30 am**

Have you ever wanted to meet a real author? How do authors find ideas, write and publish their stories? Meet famous Minnesota author Douglas Wood, and discover how he writes the stories found in his popular books! Douglas Wood will also share stories from his best loved picture book writings including *Old Turtle* and *Aunt Mary's Rose*. *This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Author Workshop**Auditorium 1:00 pm**

How do authors find ideas, write and publish their stories? Meet famous Minnesota author, Douglas Wood, and discover how he writes the stories found in his popular books! Douglas Wood will speak about his writing process and share anecdotes and readings from his popular published works such as *Old Turtle* and *Aunt Mary's Rose*. After the author's presentation, participants will be invited to create or work on their own individual stories. *This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

Monday, February 13**Computer Basics Workshop****Meeting Room B 1:00 pm**

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.

Rochester Reads Musical Event**Auditorium 7:00 pm**

Join us for the official kick off event for Rochester Reads 2012! Local community members - including Mayor Brede - will present the adult, junior and picture books, followed by musical guests The New Pearl Buttons, who will be on hand to give us a sample of Civil War-era music.

Tuesday, February 14**Senior Techies - Email****Meeting Room B 1:00 pm**

Learn how to set up your own free email account to send messages to your friends and family. Learn the basics of writing and sending emails, and email safety (and some email scams to avoid). Register online, at the Reference desk or by calling 507-328-2309.

Bedtime Stories**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

See description from February 7.

Writers' Group**Meeting Room A 6:30 pm**

Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Join us at the Writers' Group. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment. Mike Kalmbach, a freelance writer and editor, facilitates the meetings.

Wednesday, February 15**Parent-Child 3 to 5 Year-Old****Story Time****Auditorium 11:00 am**

See description from February 1.

Black History Month Film and Discussion**Auditorium 6:00 pm**

Blacking it Up: Hip-Hop's Remix of Race and Identity

Hip-Hop was created by urban youth of color more than 30 years ago amid racial oppression and economic marginalization. It has moved beyond that specific community and been embraced by young people worldwide, elevating

it to a global youth culture. The ambitious and hard-hitting documentary *Blacking Up: hip-hop's remix of race and identity* looks at the popularity of hip-hop among America's white youth. It asks whether white identification is rooted in admiration and a desire to transcend race or if it is merely a new chapter in the long continuum of stereotyping, mimicry, minstrelsy, and cultural appropriation? Does it reflect a new face of racial understanding in white America or does it reinforce an ugly history? Against the unique backdrop of American popular music, *Blacking up* explores racial identity in U.S. society. *Sponsored by Mayo Clinic African Descendants Network (ADSN)*

Thursday, February 16**Stories for Toddlers and Twos****Auditorium 10:00 am**

See description from February 9.

BYOE (Bring your own eReader) to the library days**Meeting Room B****11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

See description from February 1.

Saturday, February 18**Family Film: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile - The Musical****Auditorium 10:30 am**

Lyle the Crocodile sings and dances his way into the hearts of the Primm family in a musical version of *The House on East 88th Street* by Bernard Waber.

Tuesday, February 21**Senior Techies Email II****Meeting Room B 1:00 pm**

Learn how to use address books, save emails in folders and send photos. An existing email account you can access from the Internet is required for this class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507-328-2309.

Bedtime Stories**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

See description from February 7.

Wednesday, February 22**Parent-Child 3 to 5 Year-Old****Story Time****Auditorium 11:00 am**

See description from February 1.

BYOE to the library days**Meeting Room B 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

See description from February 1.

Thursday, February 23**Stories for Toddlers and Twos****Auditorium 10:00 am**

See description from February 9.

Mail Art! for Homeschoolers**Auditorium 2:00 pm**

The Children's Division is partnering with friends at the Allen County Public Library in Indiana for this engaging and far reaching project! We'll meet monthly to create, send and receive art across state lines. Mail Art is a fun and exciting way to get, give and dive into art. Homeschoolers, let's see what you can create! Designed for homeschoolers in grades 2 to 6, but the whole homeschooling family is welcome.

Saturday, February 25**Family Film Program: Picture Book Classics!****Auditorium 10:30 am**

Some stories are too good to miss! Our family film program includes classic picture book tales including: Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Curious George Rides a Bike, and Caps for Sale.

Monday, February 27**TLC Meeting - Teen Library Council****Meeting Room A 4:00 pm**

Come let your voice be heard! Assist in providing insight into tween/teen reading interests, programming needs and activities. Help make the library a youth friendly space where you and your peers want to be! Any questions, contact Lynette @ 328-2305.

Tuesday, February 28**Bedtime Stories****Auditorium 6:30 pm**

See description from February 7.

Wednesday, February 29**Parent-Child 3 to 5 Year-Old****Story Time****Auditorium 11:00 am**

See description from February 1.

Digital Camera Basics**Meeting Room B 6:00 pm**

Learn about the differences between a digital camera and a conventional camera (and the pluses and minuses of each). We will also look at how to transfer digital photos from your camera to your computer and different methods of printing your digital photographs. If you already own a digital camera, please bring it (along with its manual and any cords or other accessories). Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507-328-2309.

World Music Series: Moscow Nights**Auditorium 7:00 pm**

Moscow Nights is an exciting, versatile trio of world recognized, prize-winning musicians from Russia. In sixteen years, recorded CDs & Videos available, the ensemble, now based in Raleigh, NC, has established themselves as one of the most popular folk groups in the United States. These classically trained artists first took Western Europe by storm and now have brought their dazzling, toe-tapping music to North America. Moscow Night's lively program presents an authentic picture of Russian folk traditions and culture. The repertoire is centered on masterpieces of Russian folklore and represents the diversity of the culture, ranging from gently humorous songs, to elaborate lyrical suites, to pulsating dance numbers. Russian folk music expresses the national character – outwardly reserved and cool but brimming with vigor, mischievousness and vibrancy inside.

This is a concert preview.

Find Moscow Nights Trio online: http://www.russianfolk.com/moscow_nights/moscow_nights_trio.html

This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Tax Forms are available at the Library

The library has the following tax forms, which are now available in the hallway just to the right of the main desk on first floor as you walk into the library:

- Publication 17
- 1040
- 1040A
- 1040EZ
- Schedule A
- Schedule B

- Schedule EIC
- M1 (Minnesota Income Tax)
- M1PR (Minnesota Property Tax)

You may also access additional forms from the IRS website (www.irs.gov/) and the Minnesota Department of Revenue website (www.taxes.state.mn.us/) 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.

More information about taxes can be found on our Tax Forms & Information page (http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/apps/reference/reflinks/netmenu_taxforms.cfm) including local tax office addresses and local tax preparation help.

Book Talk with Friends

a fund-raiser for the Friends of the Rochester Public Library



Old Frontenac Minnesota: Its History and Architecture by Ken Allsen



Thursday, March 8 • 1:00 pm

Plummer House

1091 Plummer Lane SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Please join the Friends of Rochester Public Library for conversation, coffee and cake at the Plummer House. Popular local author and historian Ken Allsen will talk about his books and will feature his most recent work *Old Frontenac Minnesota*.

Cost : \$10.00

For reservations and payment please call 507-328-2341 or visit the Friends website: www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends

Plummer House sponsored by Andy's Liquor

A special tasting of Laphroaig single malt whisky (the King of peat!)

another special fund-raiser for the Friends of the Library hosted by The Laird and Lady of Lochaber

Thursday March 8 • 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Plummer House

1091 Plummer Lane SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Tickets will be \$30.00. Registration information can be found online: www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends

Attendees will have a chance to purchase these whiskies at a special price **at the Andy's Liquor Crossroads store.**

There will also be prizes and raffles, and a few silent auction items for a fun-filled evening.

Your ticket is a tax donation, please consider an additional gift to support the Library.

Please respond early as we are limiting this group to 45 people.

Please consider a designated driver as well.
(one person free with 3 additional tickets)

This event is sponsored by Laphroaig Distillery
~ *Crafting the spirits that stir the world*

There will be light refreshments (bread, cheeses, smoked salmon, shortbreads) as well as a fine pairing between exceptional whisky (the 18 yr old) and gourmet dark chocolate. The final taste (25 year) will receive a reverential billing.

The Pipes will be heard!



Friends' Bookstore donates \$57,000 to the library



Lisa Lundquist, library board member, and Mary Barrett, Bookstore Manager

The Bookstore had an amazing year bringing in a record amount of

sales. They sold books at 2nd Saturday Sales, the White-Out Wednesday sale, at Author Visits, and for Rochester Reads. They also sold bags, t-shirts, music CDs, and many types of media.

The dedication and effort of the volunteers who work in the bookstore, sorters, and those who have donated books has resulted in a donation to the library in the amount of \$57,000. These funds will be used to expand collections and to finance library programs that otherwise wouldn't be possible.

Food For Thought

The Friends' Bookstore at the Rochester Public Library will be collecting food for Channel One during the month of February. During "Food For Thought" month, anyone donating a nonperishable food item will receive a 20% discount off their entire Bookstore purchase. Channel One is especially in need of protein items, such as peanut butter, tuna fish, and Mac 'n Cheese.

Winterfest Book Sale



On February 2 and 3, 2012, the Friends of the Rochester Public Library will host a Winterfest Book Sale in the library's auditorium. The first day of the sale, books will be at low fixed prices; the second day is by donation.

On Thursday, February 2, the hours of the sale are 9:30 am to 8:00 pm, and anyone bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to Channel One will receive a discount on their total purchase. Boxes of mac 'n cheese will be available for purchase in the bookstore for your convenience.

On Friday, February 3, the sale runs from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 26, 2012**

An English Evening

*Master of Ceremonies:
Pastor C. John Steer*

*Entertainment: Compleat Works of
Shakespeare*

*Experience a traditional English meal
Sample popular English Ales*

*Learn the native language: The Queen's
English*

Enjoy English music, culture and history

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