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The World at Your Fingertips @ the Library

by John Hunziker



Jay Chang

Over the past four years I have come to realize that people in our community see the library as a resource of infinite possibilities and use it in many ways.

Jay Chang stopped by the other day to share his story. I had gotten his name from Louise in the Reference area on the second floor. She had talked with Jay as she saw him in the library and passed his name to me so I gave him a call.

Jay is originally from South Korea where he studied law; he met his wife there. He spent four years in London working with a Korean language paper and then he and his wife traveled to the United States. They originally settled in California where he published a Korean newspaper in Orange County. There were over 600,000 Koreans living in Southern California in 1996.

He and his wife decided that they wanted to raise their family in a less busy part of the country and after researching areas decided on Rochester. They have lived here for 15 years and originally bought a house in Northwest Rochester. Their daughter is at Macalester College in St. Paul and their son is at Mayo High School. Jay's original dream when they moved to Rochester had been to publish an on-line Korean language newspaper; unfortunately the internet was not as good in the 1990's as it is today.

Needing to support themselves and their family, they opened a retail store in Miracle Mile called In Vogue. That store grew into two more over time. After 10 years they began tiring of the day-to-day stress of retail sales so they decided to sell the stores. They thought about taking the concept to the Twin Cities area but

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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:

Tues. Jan. 3 from 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Wed. Jan 4 from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fri. Jan. 6 from 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Homework Assistance Study Table

The Homework Assistance Study Table is held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Rochester Public Library's Meeting Room B (second floor) from 6:00 - 8:00 pm during the academic year. The study table is staffed by volunteers. The goal of the Homework Assistance Study Table is to provide individual assistance to students with specific questions regarding their daily homework assignments. Although all students in the community are welcome, the academic levels of the students who attend are generally grades 4 to 12. Students do not need to register ahead of time.

January 2012

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

Wednesday, January 4

History Hullabaloo

Auditorium 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Mentors, librarians and MN History Center staff will be available to help History Day students with their thesis, research and projects.

Thursday, January 5

eBooks and Downloadable

Audiobooks

Meeting Room B 4:30 pm

Find out how to check out free eBooks for your eBook Readers and download audiobooks from the library's collection. Register online, at the Fiction, Movies and Music desk or by calling 507-328-2305.

Saturday, January 7

Family Film Program: Winter Tales!

Auditorium 10:30 am

Our family film program includes three tales based on favorite winter picture books including: *The Mitten*, *Good Morning Granny Rose*, and *Bear Snores On*.

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Sunday, January 8

Visiting Author Series:

Paula McLain

Auditorium

2:00 pm

Paula McLain received her MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan in 1996. Her first book of poetry, *Less of Her*, was published in 1999 from *New Issues Press* and won a publication grant from the Greenwall Fund of the Academy of American Poets. She's also the author of a second collection of poetry, *Stumble, Gorgeous*, a memoir, *Like Family: Growing Up In Other People's Houses*, and a novel, *A Ticket to Ride*. Her most recent book, *The Paris Wife*, is a fictional account of Ernest Hemingway's first marriage and years in 1920's Paris, as told from the point of view of his wife, Hadley. She teaches in the MFA Program in Poetry at New England College, and lives with her family in Cleveland.

Monday, January 9

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.

Wednesday, January 11

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium

6:00 pm

Protektor - Prague - 1938. Emil, a radio reporter, is married to the beautiful Hana, an actress whose new film has catapulted her into fame. As the Nazis come to power, however, Hana's Jewish heritage precipitates her fall from stardom to the bottom of the social ladder. In order to protect her, Emil compro-

mises himself collaborating with the new Nazi-controlled state radio station. But as Emil starts enjoying the attention and respect that had previously evaded him, his fidelity and loyalty towards his wife begin to falter. The assassination of the Third Reich Deputy Protector and a chance encounter on a bicycle bring their lingering marriage to a crisis, possibly sealing Hana's fate.

Short Film: *I was a child of holocaust survivors*

Using the healing power of humor, this animated adaptation of Bernice Eisenstein's acclaimed illustrated memoir probes the taboos around a very particular second-hand trauma, leading us to a more universal understanding of human experience.

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

Saturday, January 14

History Hullabaloo

Auditorium 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Mentors, librarians and MN History Center staff will be available to help History Day students with their thesis, research and projects.

Wit, Wisdom & Wine Fundraiser 6:30 pm

This entertaining and intellectual fundraising event features a variety of speakers/topics. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served throughout the evening with special wine tasting and refreshments following the 2nd class. Proceeds are used to support the mission and vision of the RPL Foundation.

Registration is required. Please visit the website: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/witwine.html or call 507-328-2343 for registration

Tuesday, January 17**Bedtime Stories****Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, January 18**3-5 year old story time****Seven-week session****Auditorium 10:00 am**

This fun and active program is designed for the child who is ready for a story time experience independent of his/her parent or day care provider. Story time includes a variety of books, flannel board stories, finger plays, songs, and puppets.

We request that adults wait in our Parent's room or the Children's Division while Story Time is in session. Story Time concludes with a brief early literacy song, rhyme, or activity. Adults are invited to enjoy this portion of the program with their children each week.

Register online, at the Children's Desk or by calling 507-328-2303.

3-5 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.

eBooks and Downloadable**Audiobooks****Meeting Room B 5:00 pm**

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PB Dialogues**Auditorium 6:30 pm**

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, January 19**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. No registration required.

Saturday, January 21**Family Film: *Ben and Me*****Auditorium 10:30 am**

Amos, a poor church mouse, becomes the worthy mentor of famous American Benjamin Franklin in this humorous and delightfully animated tale. January 17th is Ben Franklin's birthday!

Monday, January 23**TLC Meeting - Teen Library Council****Auditorium 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 @ 507-328-2305.

Tuesday, January 24**Bedtime Stories****Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Stories, puppets and films to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, January 25**3-5 year old story time****Seven-week session****Auditorium 10:00 am**

See description from January 18.

3-5 year old story time**Auditorium 11:00 am**

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Ancestry and Heritage Quest**Genealogy Databases****Auditorium 2:00 pm**

An exploration of the genealogical 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.

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Thursday, January 26**Stories for Toddlers and Twos****Auditorium 10:00 am**

See description from January 19.

Mail Art for homeschoolers**Auditorium 1:30 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. Next meeting is Thursday, February 23.

Saturday, January 28**Musical Story Time Fun!****Presented by Heather Acerro and Paul Sust****Auditorium 10:30 am**

Please join us for stories and songs presented by Children's Librarian Heather Acerro and talented musician Paul Sust!

Tuesday, January 31**Bedtime Stories****Auditorium 6:30 pm**

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Impact Survey Results We're the place to get connected

We recently participated in the IMPACT Survey, the first large-scale investigation of the ways U.S. library patrons use computers and the Internet at public libraries, why they use it, and how it affects their lives. The survey was made available to all public libraries with generous support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

In 2010, the threshold of the Rochester Public Library was crossed nearly 585,000 times. During these visits, just over 68,000 sessions on public access Internet terminals were completed.

Library patrons were busy searching for job opportunities and submitting employment applications (30%), accessing educational help (26%), engaging with the community (36%), getting answers to health-related questions (33%), and applying for government services (25%).

Rochester Public Library began offering public access computers in 1995 and currently has 26 Internet stations available and a wireless network that library patrons with their own laptops can use to access the Internet. The library also provides an array of computer instruction and classes. 53% of survey respondents indicated receiving one-on-one technology help from library staff or volunteers.

Half of the respondents reported that public computing resources are very important to themselves personally and 85% felt that they are very important to have available for others in the community. This finding reinforces the significance of the Rochester Public Library as the place in our community to get connected.

Tumblebooks now available on iPad!

Tumblebooks are e-books for kids that are free and can be found from the Children's page on the library's website.

Click on the Tumblebooks logo and you'll go through the library portal onto the Tumblebooks home page.

From there you have access to eStorybooks, puzzles, games, read-alongs, etc.

These are all available to anyone with a computer with internet access, but now, they have Tumblebooks that are compatible with the iPad! Right now only some are compatible but in the coming months the entire Tumblebooks collection will be.

The screenshot shows the TumbleBooks iPad app interface. At the top, there's a search bar labeled 'TUMBLESEARCH' and a navigation bar with tabs: Home, Index, My Favorites, My Playlist, Help, Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there are several buttons: Story Books, Tumble TV, Puzzles + Games, Language Learning, iPad Books, Read-Alongs, and Non Fiction. The main content area is titled 'iPad Books:' and shows a list of books. The first book is '50 Below Zero (iPad)' by Munsch, Robert, with a cover image of a boy in a winter coat. The second book is 'ABC Letters in the Library (iPad)' by Farmer, Bonnie, with a cover image of a girl reading. The third book is 'Ace Lacing: Bug Detective (iPad)' by Biedrzycki, David, with a cover image of a girl in a yellow dress. Each book entry includes a small book icon, the title, author, publisher, and reading level information.

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haven't found the right location. They have found their version of the American Dream and Jay is now taking some time to find his personal meaning of life. They sold their Northwest house and have moved closer to the downtown area. Jay can easily walk the mile to the library and back home when he chooses.

Jay had thought about returning to Korea and spending time in a monastery environment to find his, "meaning of life" but finds he can do the same thing in the quiet study rooms on the second floor of the library. He brings his laptop and connects to the Wi-Fi and explores what other people have thought, whether they are Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish or various Christian philosophies. One of his favorite authors at this time is Richard Dawkins who wrote the *God Delusion*; Jay says that he agrees with about 90% of what Dawkins writes.

Along with his search for his own meaning of life, his personal journey, he has two goals. He still wants to publish an online magazine focused on the worldwide Korean population. He actually has a number of online blogs at this time, although they are in Korean. If they are successful he will consider English versions. Secondly he has studied for and passed in September his realtors' tests. He spent 10 hours a day for two weeks at the library preparing for the tests as he wanted to pass the first time. He wants to be a commercial realty

consultant working with people who want to invest in U.S. properties.

Jay says that with the library and our internet access, the philosophies of the world are at his finger tips.



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