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Girl Scouts donate funds to library

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Girl Scouts from Troop #43101: Ava, Alicia and Julia

I received an email a few days ago asking me to contact Trica Katzenberger about a donation that her Girl Scout Troop #43101 wanted to make to the library. Her girls had raised a significant amount of money through cookie sales and wanted to donate \$175.00 to the library.

This past Saturday, Trica, along with Julia, Ava, and Alicia met me at the library. The fourth member of the troop, Mykailia, was not able to make it due to family responsibilities. We walked down by the windows and I heard their story. Julia had sold 696 boxes, Ava 160, Alicia 240 and Mykailia 130, over 1200 between them. They receive, as a troop, 56 cents for each box sold. The girls put together a list of places that they think that they might donate too and then very

democratically, vote. In the past they have purchased diapers for the Crises Nursery and have given money to the Telethon. This year they chose the library and Quarry Hill Nature Center. They also planned to have pizza and play Wii games some evening, to celebrate their success.

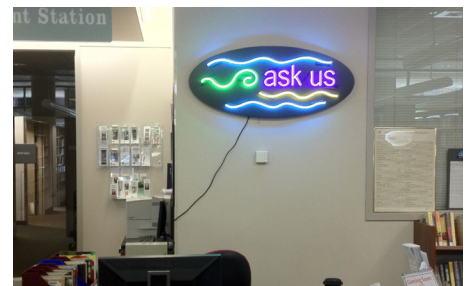
Prior to their coming, I had walked down to the Children's area and talked with Heather Acerro the head of the Children's Department to see what she could do with that much money. We wanted to be able to tell the girls what the money would be used for rather than just saying it was going into a gift fund.

The Children's Department is going to begin to put together Mini Storytime Bags that will be a smaller, easier to handle version of the blue

Ask Us!



The second-floor reference desk



The Fiction, Movies and Music desk on first floor

These neon signs were purchased by funds from an anonymous donor who thought it would be fun to have bright signage showing our patrons where they could go to ask questions. One more sign will be hung in the Children's area when the new desk arrives. The Children's area will be undergoing some physical changes in the near future!

If you have any questions, just find the "Ask Us" signs and a library staff member will do their best to help you. If you aren't in the building but still have questions, you can ask a librarian by calling: 507.328.2309, texting: 507.722.1581, by email (reference@rochester.lib.mn.us), online (http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/apps/contact/ask_us.cfm), or by chat. We're also on Facebook and Twitter (@RochPubLibrary)!

June 2012

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

Friday, June 8

Baby Time

Auditorium 10:00 am
Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (ages birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30 am
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Tuesday, June 12

Library Time

Auditorium 10:00 am
This program for disabled adults is an opportunity for participants to enjoy reading books, watching films, making crafts and other fun learning activities.

Writing Group

Meeting Room A 6:30 pm
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-

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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 on-line writing community <http://writanon.com/>.

Movie @ your library

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Sherlock Holmes has always been the smartest man in the room... until now. There is a new criminal mastermind at large—Professor Moriarty—and not only is he Holmes' intellectual equal, but his capacity for evil, coupled with a complete lack of conscience, may actually give him an advantage over the renowned detective. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, June 13

Zumbro Zoe's Way Cool Clean Water Show

Auditorium 10:00 am
Join Zumbro Zoe—a friendly 6-foot tall River Otter with a great sense of humor—on a guided tour of the water cycle as you hear stories about Zoe's river animal friends and learn fun and simple ways that we can keep our area rivers safe, clean, and healthy. River jokes, funny stories, magic tricks, and an Ecology Game Show make learning fun for children and adults. Sponsorship provided by Zumbro Watershed Partnership

Amazing Animals of the Zumbro River Valley!

Auditorium 1:00 pm
Did you know that the Zumbro River is home to one of the biggest birds in North America, a fox that can climb trees and a fish more color-

ful than any tropical swimmer? Join Naturalist Storyteller Kevin Strauss on a guided tour of the amazing animals of our region as Kevin uses pelts, skulls, animal props, and stunningly realistic "live" puppets to bring animals alive for children and adults. Sponsorship provided by Zumbro Watershed Partnership

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6:00 pm
King of Devil's Island -This true story of the infamous Bastøy Boys Home correctional facility in Norway, begins with the arrival of seventeen-year-old Erling, a rumored murderer. He immediately clashes with the island facility's governor (Stellan Skarsgård), who believes manual labor, rigid discipline, and harsh punishment are the only methods that can turn the boys into honorable members of society. Refusing to accept the constant abuse, Erling slowly rouses the rest of the boys out of their resigned existence, and encourages them to fight to lift up their spirits. When tragedy finally falls at the hand of the sadistic dorm master, Erling leads his comrades in a courageous and vicious rebellion that will bring them head to head with no less than the Norwegian Army.

Short Film:

Bale - A misunderstanding between 3 young boys and a group of teenagers sparks a frightening chain of events in the British countryside.

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

Thursday, June 14

Children's Recording Artist Justin Roberts!

Auditorium 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

Library Newsletter

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Famous Children's Recording Artist Justin Roberts returns to Rochester Public Library for a summer concert of musical fun! Clap your hands and sing along to your favorite tunes such as Yellow Bus and hear new songs from Justin's latest CD. *Sponsored by Friends of the Library*

Friday, June 15

Baby Time

Auditorium 10:00 am
Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (ages birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30 am
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). Baby Time

Monday, June 18

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. No sign up for this session.

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.

Wednesday, June 20

Friends of the Library Rochesterfest Book Sale

Auditorium 9:30 am – 8:00 pm
Friends of the Library Rochesterfest Book Sale will open to the public at 9:30 am. Become a member and get a half-hour head start (get in at 9:00 am). Fifty cents for each paperback

and one dollar for each hard cover book. We can only accept cash or checks.

Stop in the Friends' Bookstore wearing your Rochesterfest button, and you can get one free "Button Book" each day of Rochesterfest.

Thursday, June 21

Friends of the Library Rochesterfest Book Sale

Auditorium 9:30 am – 7:00 pm
The second day of the Rochesterfest book sale. Still lots of bargains left on the tables! Prices are by donation. We can only accept cash or checks.

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Friday, June 22

Baby Time

Auditorium 10:00 am
Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (ages birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30 am
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). Baby Time

Tuesday, June 26

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30 pm
Puppets and stories to give you sweet dreams!

Wednesday, June 27

The Magic of Star Michaelina! Auditorium

10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Believe in the Magic of Books! Magician Star Michaelina presents an interactive magic show that will delight and amaze the entire family.

Thursday, June 28

LEGO® Fun @ Your Library!

Auditorium 1:00 pm
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.

Note: This program is best suited for children Grades 2 to 6.

Friday, June 29

Baby Time

Auditorium 10:00 am
Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (ages birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30 am
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Quick Picks and Quick Flicks



On June 4th the library is getting rid of the book rental program and implementing a new Quick Picks and Quick Flicks program. The goals of this program are to improve access to new popular books and DVDs and to take pressure off the waiting lists for these materials.

Quick Picks and Quick Flicks are on a first-come first-served basis. They will not be available to put on hold nor are they renewable. Patrons can check out two Quick Picks (books) for one week and two Quick Flicks (DVDs) for two days. If they are not returned on time, there is a \$1.00/day overdue fee.

Patrons may still reserve copies of the popular new titles that we have in our regular collection.

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and yellow tubs that weigh up to 35 pounds. This seemed to be a perfect use for the girls' donation.

In the picture, you can see that the bags have some hand puppets, books, games, puzzles and other items that pertain to a theme, this one is Bugs.

It turns out that they had also been collecting the pull tabs from pop cans for the past four years and were taking an overflowing laundry basket full

to the Ronald McDonald House and 40 boxes of Care-N-Share cookies to Hope Lodge. It seems that some people buy cookies and tell the girls to donate them.

As we were exchanging the check I asked them why they chose the library this year. "I love to come to the library", "I read books all the time", and "I'm a real bookworm". Perfect answers.

Summer Youth Volunteer Opportunity



Have you seen our new self check machines? They are fantastic! We are looking for enthusiastic, friendly and responsible volunteers to assist our young library patrons in the Children's area with the new self check machines. You will be helping patrons check out library materials, renew items and review their accounts. Training will be provided. This is a fun summertime opportunity for ages 14+.

Required skills: Good verbal communication, responsible attitude, patience, willingness to learn and share information.

We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts (10am-12pm, 12-2pm, and 2-4pm), Monday – Friday.

If you are interested in this opportunity contact Gail Harris (507.328.2341) or Kim Dahl (507.328.2307)

Community Bulletin Board



There are a lot of changes being made at the library. As a result of these changes, the community bulletin board was moved to the hallway with the vending machines. This is where you can find community information, events, and services. If you have a poster or flyer you would like to have displayed on this board, bring it to the library and we'll post it after approval. Visit: <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/info/policies/posters.html> or call 507.328.2310 for more information regarding our poster policy.

We had to move the bulletin board here because of the fact that we are merging all circulation functions of the library to one area in order to give the children's library staff more time to provide events and services for children and their parents or care-givers. More express check-out machines have been added to alleviate the traffic flow at the public service desk. Remember, these machines do more than just check-out your books. You can also check your account, renew items, pay fines, and print or email your receipts!



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