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The Coylewright Family @ the Library

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The Coylewrights: Izaia, Indigo, Angel and Willa using the self-check machine.

The Coylewrights are a library family. Jeremy and his four kids, Willa, 3, Angel, 5, Indigo, 9, and Izaia, 12, stopped by the Children's Division recently to talk with me about the changes that are coming to the library and to share some of their ideas. The Coylewrights are frequent library users, who enjoy the collections, services and programs of the Children's Division.

I asked the kids to tell me their favorite thing about the library: BOOKS was the resounding answer. The kids all love to read and always take home as many books as they can carry. While we visited, Angel and Willa spent some time on the Little Tykes computers while Indigo cruised the Children's Division stacks and Izaia headed down to the Young Adult area. The family enjoys a wide

variety of materials including picture books, chapter books, graphic novels and magazines. Even though a lot of changes are coming to the Children's Division, we'll still have plenty of books! Some of the collections will move around to make space for more activities, but we expect the children's book collections to continue to grow. Watch for more graphic novels, board books, Book Group in a Bag for Kids kits and a new collection of small storytime kits in easy to carry book bags.

One of the newest activities available in the Children's Division is Letterboxing. Letterboxing is a treasure hunting activity that is practiced by people all over the world. There are seventeen letterboxes hidden in the Children's Division at RPL and Izaia has found each and every one. Letterboxes contain a unique rubber stamp and a journal. Izaia collected the images from each box in her journal and stamped her personal stamp in each letterbox journal. Letterboxes are welcome anytime the library is open and the Children's Division has already seen several out-of-town letterboxers. If you've never letterboxed, but would like to give it a try, ask for more information at the Children's desk.

I talked with Jeremy about his dreams for the Children's Division and he would like the area to have a more child-friendly appearance and provide more hands-on activities. He recommended areas for kids to explore art and music, the more inter-

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History of Rochester Public Library

A meeting was called on December 28, 1865 for the purpose of establishing a library. This meeting, as near as can be ascertained, was attended by C.H. Chadburn, Rodney Whitney, Lewis Walker, O.P. Whitcomb, W. W. Mayo, W.D. Hurlburt and others, resulted in the organization of the Rochester Library Association.

At the second meeting of the Rochester Library Association on January 8, 1866, the group, J.D. Blake, O.B. Whitcomb, W. W. Mayo, R. Whiting and W. D. Hurlburt served as the executive committee. They adopted a constitution and rented a reading room in W. W. Ireland's bookstore, which was located on the Heany Block. The sum of \$1000 was raised by subscription from Hurlburt, Mayo, John R. Cook, H.T. Horton, and Judge O.P. Stearns for the purchase of 1000 books, which were housed in Ireland's Bookstore.



Ireland's Bookstore - 1866.

For more historical facts, follow the library's history on our Facebook timeline! <http://www.facebook.com/RochPubLibrary>

May 2012

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

Tuesday, May 1

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.

Library LEGO® Fun!

Auditorium 3:30pm

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Wednesday, May 2

Introduction to Digital Cameras

Meeting Room B 6pm

Learn about the differences between a digital camera and a conventional camera, how to transfer digital photos from your camera

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to your computer and different methods of printing them. If you own a digital camera, please bring it along with its manual and any cords. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

Saturday, May 5

Bamber Valley World Drummers!

Auditorium 10:30am

Fourth grade music students from Bamber Valley Elementary School will introduce and present rhythmic drumming sounds from across the world! Join us for a fun, entertaining and educational presentation directed by Susan Martino.

Sunday, May 6

Shakespearian Stage Combat Workshop

Auditorium 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Learn how to slap, punch and kick without getting hurt. We'll look at some of the swords and knives used on stage at the Great River Shakespeare Festival and talk about how we make actors bleed. Dress to move and plan to be on your feet for this interactive workshop!

Monday, May 7

Sit-Stay-Read with Timber and Dakota

Auditorium 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Kids in grades K to 4 are invited to practice their reading skills with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register for a 15-minute reading session. Registrations open 30 days prior to each 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.

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Tuesday, May 8

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, a freelance writer and editor, will facilitate the meetings.

Wednesday, May 9

Online Grantseeker Resources and Proposal Writing Basics

Meeting Room B

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Rochester Public Library will host a free workshop on grantseeking for nonprofit organizations led by Kief Schladweiler, Coordinator of Cooperating Collections with the Foundation Center (<http://foundationcenter.org>). Mr. Schladweiler will highlight the electronic and print resources available for your free use at the Rochester Public Library. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6pm

Queen of Hearts- France | 2009 | Romantic Comedy | French w/ English subtitles

Thirty-something Adele is devastated after a painful breakup. With no close friends or family, her distant cousin, Rachel, reluctantly takes her in and graciously attempts to salvage Adele's personal and professional lives. Rachel finds her a job and suggests that Adele sleep with other men to get over her heartbreak. Adele bounces from one lover to the next in search of her perfect companion but can't escape

the visage of her ex. Finally, she recognizes the man who may just hold the answer to her broken heart.

Short Film: *Luis and Marta Work Together* - Luis and Marta work together in London. They are attracted to each other, but are both already in relationships. However, Marta has an unusual suggestion on how to solve their predicament.

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

Saturday, May 12

Friends' Bookstore Second Saturday Sale

Library Foyer 10am - 1pm

May's Second Saturday sale features: Unique and Unusual, Collectible, Art Books, and Coffee Table Books.

Family Films: Stories About Bikes!

Auditorium 10:30am

Curious George Rides a Bike - Curious George borrows the paperboy's bicycle and is off on another series of adventures.

Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle - A runaway tricycle careens around town in a series of wild and humorous adventures until it returns, at last, to its downcast owner.

Monday, May 14

Sit-Stay-Read with Rocky, Timber and Bonnie

Auditorium 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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Tuesday, May 15

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Saturday, May 19

Family Films: American Folk Heroes

Auditorium 10:30am

Legend of Johnny Appleseed & Legend of Paul Bunyan - Two favorite American folk heroes come to life through the colorful animation of Walt Disney!

World Music: Brazilian music workshop

Auditorium 1pm

Members or Maria Meu will demonstrate and discuss the various styles of Brazilian music they will perform in a concert after the workshop. Feel free to bring an instrument.

World Music: Music from Brazil performed by Maria Meu

Auditorium 2:30pm

Maria Meu, a four piece ensemble based in the Twin Cities and consisting of vocals, guitar, percussion and bass will perform samba, partido alto, bossa nova and choro.

Monday, May 21

Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B

1pm
Do you have general questions about computers, using email, using the library website or the inter-

net? 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 4pm

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.

Sit-Stay-Read with Cricket and Dakota

Auditorium 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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Saturday, May 26

Saturday Story Time!

Auditorium 10:30am

Please join us for family story time fun presented by Children's Librarian, Heather Acerro!

Rochester Public Library
will be closed



Monday, May 28

in observance of
Memorial Day.

Summer Hours begin on Saturday, May 26.

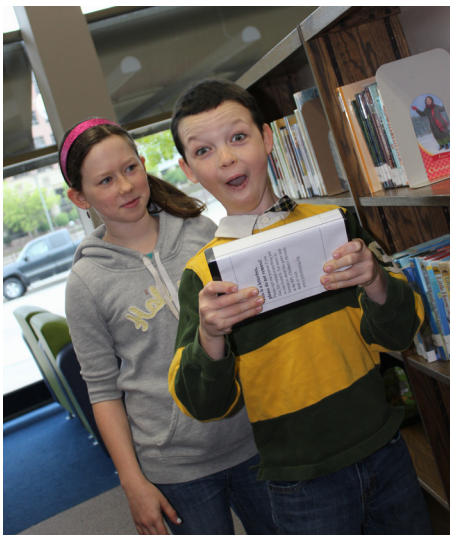
Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday Closed





Izaia and Indigo finding Letterboxes.

active, the better. He also suggested an area for families to relax and learn together. Since there are no limits to dreams, Jeremy shared his wish for an indoor park like Edinborough Park in Edina and a drop in childcare to give adults some alone time to look for library materials.

The great news for the Coylewrights and the rest of the Rochester community is that some of these changes are on the way. Heather Acerro, Head of Children's Services and



Indigo enjoying a book in the tween area.

her staff are working to bring many improvements to the division in 2012. The first of these changes is the introduction of an Information Desk and a new bank of self check-out machines just outside of the department. All circulation functions will move to the main public services desk on June 1st, which will free up staff in the Children's Division to provide targeted services and activities to children and their families.



Willa reading a book in the tween area.

The entrance to the division will be updated with a fun bridge and a new aquarium featuring fish native to Minnesota. Don't worry, Big Orange Fish will still have a home on the tropical side of the aquarium! A Discovery Cart will be rolled in which will provide families with an opportunity to explore science activities together and an Art Room will encourage families to get creative.

Kids who start school ready to learn to read will be more successful readers and learners and will be much more likely to graduate from

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high school. Five simple early literacy practices are the answer to a lifetime of success and they are: playing, reading, writing, singing and talking. The picture book area will be transformed into a place for preschoolers and their grown-ups to play, read, sing, write and talk together.

While under construction, the Children's Division will still provide a full range of programs and services, including the Summer Reading Program and a new baby storytime, both of which will start in June. The Coylewrights love the new programs for homeschooling families. They've enjoyed Letterboxing, Mail Art and Lego® Fun. They are looking forward to more programs targeted for homeschoolers in the future. In the next few weeks, plans and drawings of the new division will be available in the Children's Division. Watch for all of the exciting changes!

After an hour and a half at the library, the Coylewrights, each with a bag bulging with books, headed for the self check-out machines to check out their books. They left with a receipt nearly as long as Willa is tall, big smiles and plenty of reading materials.



Jeremy reading to Angel and Willa.



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