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Studying for Success @ the Library

by John Hunziker



Chrispen Behnke studying in the stacks.

Chrispen Behnke is a student at the University of Minnesota Rochester campus downtown and a frequent visitor to the library. The UMR campus offers 4-year undergraduate degrees in medical related fields. They also offer graduate degrees.

Chris came to UMR in a round-about way. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point in 1996 with a degree in Finance. He worked as a financial consultant until 2009 when he was downsized. After giving some thought to his future he decided to go into occupational therapy, which is a distance from finance.

His research into this showed that he needed to take some additional coursework, 10 prerequisite

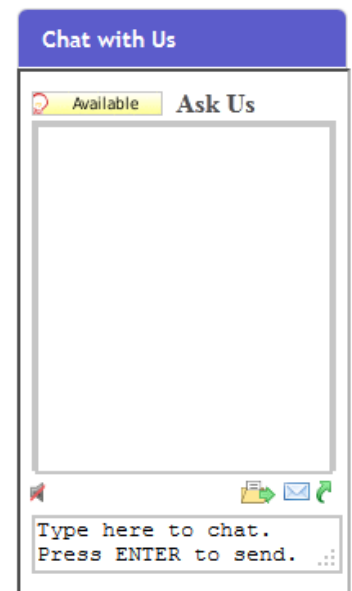
classes to prepare for a degree in Occupational Therapy. Occupational therapy deals with personal and physical activities using your body from your waist to your neck. The idea is to make it possible for people to do purposeful activities, their daily actions, if they have injuries or some type of problem.

UMR offers a continuous 22-month accelerated program, which runs four months with three week breaks. The way the classes work was quite different from what he had lived through in the 1990's. The world had changed, texting, Facebook, Wi-Fi was the way students interacted and learned. He found that many students "lived by i-Phone." Books alone were running between \$500-\$600 per se-

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AskMN Virtual Reference 24/7

Rochester Public Library was one of the pioneering library systems to join the AskMN 24/7 State-wide Virtual Reference service when it began in April 2008. This online reference service enables library patrons all over Minnesota to connect with librarians via online chat 24/7. In addition to answering questions for their local libraries, AskMN librarians answer questions for other Minnesota libraries and libraries throughout the United States (and sometimes the United Kingdom!) Collectively, the AskMN librarians answered over 27,000 questions for Minnesota libraries in fiscal year 2012. Rochester uses AskMN in conjunction with its local IM chat widget to answer thousands of Rochester library patron questions online every year. We are always available online 24/7 – just click on "Contact Us" and check out the left column on that page!



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One of the study rooms that are available for use. Ask a librarian!

mester while eBooks were 10% of paper to rent or purchase on line. He likes the books in his hand.

Because so much is done online he met with his professor only four days a month otherwise it was via Skype, Facebook and Moodle (a platform to interact online with professors). The next semester it was 8 days with a

professor, then 10, then 12 times a month. The face time ramped up as the complexity of the work and the actual working with patients accelerated. Things became harder and more complex. His Rochester group started with 22 students and is presently at 17. He noted the group needed to gel, to work together, to survive.

Due to the fact that the campus is a skyway walk from the library, he spends a fair amount of time here.

He finds the staff friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. The library technology is tops. Wi-Fi speed is excellent, cell phone reception in the private study rooms is excellent and there are computers and printers available as needed.

The first floor Audio/Visual area has a large selection of material; he was required to view the video "Marvin's Room" from eight different Occupational Therapy theory perspectives and it was available in VHS format. He uses the quiet study room near the second floor elevator along with the three private study rooms. He and his classmates use the group tables for both work and discussions.

He loves the hours available to use the library. The UMR library closes at 1:00pm on Saturdays and isn't open on Sundays. So many times he walks over to the library after 1:00 and comes back for study sessions on Sundays. It is an easy walk through the skyways, he never gets wet on rainy days or cold in the winter. The parking opportunities connected to the library and near the library make access easy.

Finally as a husband and father of two he and his wife Kelly can bring the kids for story time, using the new children's art room and other programming, to meet others and learn more about the community. He likes the quotes in the skyway to the library and finds the library clean, well laid out with great windows, greenery and fun art.

Art Room Antics

There has been a lot of creative activity going on in the Art Room since it opened. Kids create colorful collages and masks. Three-dimensional paper art will be the focus for November so watch our wall of fame to see what our young budding artists are coming up with!



Calling All Artists!

When is a book more than a book? When it becomes an even greater art—and helps raise money for the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

For RPL Foundation's upcoming Wit, Wisdom & Wine fundraising event, we are inviting area artists and craftspeople to create items made from books. Much like the Boys & Girls Club's popular "Chair Affair" fundraising event, these creations would then be auctioned off (in a silent auction) to raise money for the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

Here are the details:

Rochester Public Library will provide the books. Just contact John Hunziker (507.328.2300 or jhunziker@rochester.lib.mn.us) to arrange a time to choose volumes from RPL's large collection of donated books.

Then, you create your art—whether that means re-imagining the cover by painting over it, building a bookshelf, or hollowing out pages for a unique pencil case. Truly, your imagination and creativity is the only limit. Lamps? Side tables? Centerpieces? Serving platters? What can't you make from a good book? Last year there was a donation of a gorgeous altered book.

Bring your completed project to the Rochester Public Library by the week of January 7, 2013 so that we can prepare it for the silent auction.

Promote yourself! The Rochester Public Library Foundation invites all participating artists and craftspeople to include business cards, brochures, or other hand-outs with their donations. Wit, Wisdom & Wine brings together about 200 attendees each year who would love to learn about your artwork!

About Wit, Wisdom & Wine:

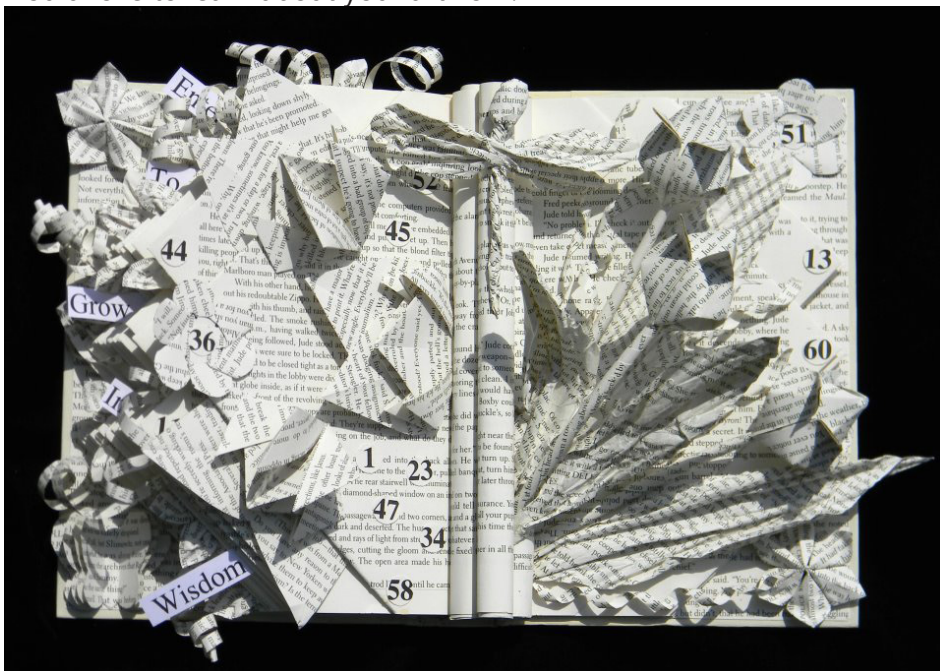
Rochester Public Library Foundation's longest-running fundraising event is in its 12th year and will be held on January 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person (early bird registration), or \$85 after January 3. The event is held at Rochester Public Library (101 2nd St. SE in Rochester) and includes:

- entertaining and informative speakers
- each attendee can choose two breakout sessions with speakers ranging from Tim Penny to Father Nick Mezacapa
- silent auction
- wine & hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening
- special wine tasting and refreshments after sessions
- jewelry raffle



To register, attendees can call the Rochester Public Library at 507-328-2300, or go online at <http://www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/>.

These are some examples of book art that we received for past fund-raisers. Top: A book purse, Left: an papercraft book, Bottom: reading lamps created out of old classics.



November 2012

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

Thursday, November 1

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 was 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 email, 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, November 3

Celebrate el día de los muertos/Day of the Dead! **Auditorium** 10am-12pm & 2-4pm

Come learn about this joyful Mexican holiday that celebrates the lives of the departed. Decorate sugar skulls, create a calaveras mask, make tissue paper marigolds, and add memories of your ancestors to the community memory board.

This program is funded by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library and a Community Grant from the Rochester Rotary Clubs.

Sunday, November 4

Celebrate el día de los muertos/Day of the Dead! **Auditorium** 2-4pm

See description above.

Monday, November 5

Afterschool Adventure Time: Comics!

Auditorium 4pm
Love comics books? Manga? Art? Want to make your own? Learn the process and history with web artist extraordinaire, Shannon Townsend. We provide the supplies; you supply your imagination. Grades 3-8

Sit, Stay, Read! with Dakota, Timber, 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, November 6

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, November 7

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!

Thursday, November 8

Baby Time **Auditorium** 10am

See description from Nov. 1.

Toddler Time **Auditorium** 10:30am & 11am

See description from Nov. 1.

Computer Basics Workshop **Meeting Room B** 1pm

See description from Nov. 1.

Saturday, November 10

Hooray for Saturday! **Marionettes and Magic by Jim Jayes!**

Auditorium 10:30am
Jim Jayes and his colorful, dancing marionettes present a magical show filled with music, laughter, and autumn fun! Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Sunday, November 11

Visiting Author Series: Nancy Paddock

Auditorium 2pm
Born in St. Paul in 1942, Nancy has been a writer-in-residence for COMPAS Writers and Artists in the Schools, the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council, Minnesota Public Radio station KRSW, and other organizations. She worked for the National Endowment for the Humanities/Farmers Union-sponsored American Farm Project and for the Minnesota-based Land Stewardship Project, an organization dedicated to sustainable and environmentally sound agriculture. In connection with that work, she wrote two environmental plays and co-authored *Soil and Survival: Land Stewardship and the Future of American Agriculture*. *A Song at Twilight*, published in 2011, chronicles her parents' descent into Alzheimer's,

and was awarded the 2012 Minnesota Book Award for Memoir & Creative Nonfiction.

Nancy lives in Litchfield, Minnesota, with her husband, Joe.

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

Monday, November 12

Library closed in observance of Veterans' Day.

Tuesday, November 13

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. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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 facilitate the meetings. If you have any questions for Mike prior to your first meeting, please email kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us, or call 328-2313.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30pm

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, November 14

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description on Nov. 7.

Intro to Word Processing

Meeting Room B 5:30-6:30pm

Learn the basics of how to create and save documents on the computer using Microsoft Word. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

iFilms: International and Independent Films

Auditorium 6pm

Foreign Letters - Ellie, a 12-year-old immigrant girl from Israel, is lonely and homesick. Life brightens when she meets Thuy, a Vietnamese refugee her age. Trust slowly builds as the two teach each other about life in America. As Ellie and Thuy become inseparable, they eventually hurt and betray each other. Ellie must give up her most prized possession in order to save their friendship. Based on the filmmaker's own experience, *Foreign Letters* is a story about prejudice, poverty, shame, and the power of friendship to heal us. The film features the music of iconic Israeli musician Chava Alberstein, who was the director's favorite musician when her family immigrated to the US in 1982.

Short Film:

A Summer Rain by Ela Thier

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

Thursday, November 15

Baby Time

Auditorium 10am

See description from Nov. 1.

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30am & 11am

See description from Nov. 1.

Computer Basics Workshop

Meeting Room B 1pm

See description from Nov. 1.

Friday, November 16

Pen Pal Club!

Auditorium 1pm

Have you ever had a pen pal?! Now's your chance to write and receive letters with new friends from the Allen County Public Library all the way in Indiana! The Children's Department will partner with Fort Wayne, IN to start our very own, snazzy pen pal club for homeschoolers (Grades K to 6). Pen Pal Club meets 10/26 and 11/16.

Saturday, November 17

Hooray For Saturday! Pete the Cat Family Story Time!

Auditorium 10:30am

Please join us for a fun-filled story time based on the popular children's book character, Pete the Cat! Dance and chant along to the catchy beat of Pete the Cat's story book adventures.

Monday, November 19

Introduction to Funding Sources

Meeting Room B 1:30-3pm

Rochester Public Library is an affiliate of the Foundation Center Cooperating Collections network. Though we can't write proposals for you, we can provide information to start you on the way to researching and applying for funds via appropriate print and online resources. This class will include a review of such electronic sources as the Foundation Center Directory and the Minnesota Grantmaker Online; plus an examination of still-useful hard-copy sources. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

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.

Afterschool Adventure Time: Comics!

Auditorium 4pm
Now that you've learned the process, it's time to make your own comic. Team up with your friends or work on your own to create your own story and art. No talent is needed, just some creativity. Grades 3-8

Tuesday, November 20

Chess Club for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 1-2:30pm
See description from Nov. 6.

Chess Club! Auditorium 4-5pm
See description from Nov. 6.

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

Wednesday, November 21

Preschool Storytime Auditorium 10am & 11am
See description on Nov. 7.

Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23

Library closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 24

Hooray for Saturday! Family Storytime Auditorium 10:30am
Join us for 30 minutes of family storytime fun! For families with children of all ages.

Monday, November 26

Senior Techies - Absolute Beginners on the Computer Meeting Room B 1:30pm
Have you never owned a computer (or does the computer your kids gave you just collect dust)? Have you never used a computer mouse? Have you never written or received an email? Then this class is for you. No experience with computers whatsoever is required for this class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

Afterschool Adventure Time: Comics!

Auditorium 4pm
Now that you've learned the process, it's time to make your own comic. Team up with your friends or work on your own to create your own story and art. No talent is needed, just some creativity. Grades 3-8

Tuesday, November 27

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 1-2:30pm
See description from Nov. 13.

LEGO® Fun Auditorium 4-5pm
See description from Nov. 13.

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

Wednesday, November 28

Preschool Storytime Auditorium 10am & 11am
See description on Nov. 7.

Intro to Facebook Meeting Room B 6pm
Curious about Facebook? 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, November 29

Baby Time Auditorium 10am
See description from Nov. 1.

Toddler Time Auditorium 10:30am & 11am
Special stories and songs for ac- See description from Nov. 1.

Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B 1pm
See description from Nov. 1.

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November is National (fill in the blank) Month

To fill in the blank, here are a few bizarre topics to celebrate: Banana Pudding Lovers Month, Plum and Pomegranate Month, Historic Bridge Awareness Month, and International Drum Month. Special weeks and days are set aside for celebration too. World Kindness week is observed from the 12th - 18th, Pumpkin Chunkin days are from the 2nd - 4th and best of all, November 11th is International Tongue Twister Day!

Here are some of our favorite topics for November:

National Novel Writing Month

Attention all future best-selling authors! November is National Novel Writing Month or NaNoWriMo as the members of this ultimate writing group calls it. This is an online community that provides feedback, encouragement, discussion groups, pep talks, etc. to help get your novel written. So, now it's time to sharpen those pencils, get new typewriter ribbon, charge up your laptops, or whatever method you use to organize your ideas, and start writing!

We want to see the final product in our library so, no pressure, right?

If you don't get your novel written in 30 days, don't worry - the library has a monthly writers' group meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

"This group is open to all writers--we have writers for magazines, etc., not just novelists/fiction writers," comments group leader, Mike Kalmbach.

National Life Writing Month

If novels aren't your thing, how about writing your memoirs? We'd like to see them on our shelves too!

National Family Literacy Month

Here at the library, we take Literacy seriously. We believe that reading truly empowers a person and the earlier one gets introduced to reading, the better off that person is. We have a whole series of early literacy programs designed to help introduce your child to learning and reading at the earliest possible age.

We have storytimes available for children of all ages starting with Babytime for ages birth - 18 months. Toddler Time is for ages 18 months - 3 years old. Pre-school storytime is for children 3-5 years old. Our Sit-Stay-Read program is targeted towards children in grades K-4. The Hooray for Saturday storytimes and Bedtime stories, are for all ages from birth - adult.

National Job Action Day - November 5, 2012

This is a day to empower workers and job seekers. Did you know that libraries have great resources to help job seekers? With more and more companies requiring online applications, our computers with Internet access are even more valuable to our patrons than before. We also have computers with word processing software for you to prepare your resume. We have books and other resources to help you prepare for your interview. Ask any of our reference librarians for help finding our resources for job seekers and see what kind of job you can find.

Election Day - November 6

Are you ready for Election Day? Your vote really does count. Here is a helpful link from our website that will help you become an informed voter. www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/research/resources/elections.html. This site has information about local and national issues that will be on the ballot, as well as information such as voter districts, who your current representatives and legislatures are, etc.



Visit the Discover cart in the Children's area. November's topic will be COLOR!

National Friends of the Library Week

October 21-27 was National Friends of the Library week. Our Friends group was established in 1949 and has raised several million dollars for the library to date. Currently nearly 600 community members contribute annually to the Friends and nearly 400 of these contributors actively volunteer their time to assist the group with fundraising efforts that include the annual used book sales held every winter, summer and autumn as well as the BookStore. Please consider joining the Friends by taking out a membership today. Your contribution could support and significantly enhance the library services to the community. Call Gail or Marilyn: 507.328.2341.



Start your Holiday Shopping Early and Help the Library!

'Tis the season to start thinking about your holiday shopping. After visiting the library on December 1 and 2 for the Annual Friends Gift-Quality Book and Bake Sale you can continue your shopping online via the Friends' Amazon Portal.

If you've ever shopped from Amazon, you know that, just like a library, they offer much more than just books. They have everything from diapers, to electric snow shovels, music, movies, toys, games, electronics, tools, clothes, snacks, etc. There is something for everyone on your list.

If you go to Amazon through the link on the Friends' website (www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends), the Friends of the Rochester Public Library receive a percentage of all sales that originate from that portal. It also includes the Amazon Marketplace vendors as well. There are no additional charges for shoppers who use this link which is a win-win for everyone!

If you still feel the need to shop in person, don't forget that the Friends' Bookstore is also a great source for holiday gifts. If you can't find what you're looking for you can always get gift certificates. Gift Certificates are available in \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$25 increments.

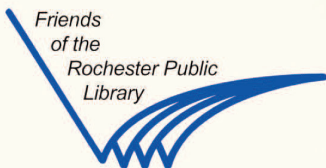
Happy Shopping!

Gift-Quality Book and Bake Goods Sale

Saturday, December 1 ♦ 1:30 - 5 pm

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Tuesday Friday Saturday: 10 am—4 pm
Sunday: 1:30—4:30 pm