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The Bookmobile: Bringing the library to your community

Bookmobile Called Best Way To Boost Library Service

The above headline was from a Post-Bulletin article dated September 25, 1946 in which librarian Lucille Gottry first brought up the concept of a bookmobile.

"We must take the books to them," she declared, "and I believe the answer to our problem—that is, how to get more people to take advantage of the library's services—lies in the bookmobile."

The bookmobile, she explained, would supply a regular schedule of book service to the outlying parts of town. In Minneapolis, she said, the bookmobile circulates more books than all the branches put together and at a much lower cost.

It wasn't until 20 years later, October 24, 1966, that the bookmobile became a reality when the first vehicle went into service with a rotating collection of 5,000 volumes selected to appeal to both children and adults.

A larger bookmobile replaced the original in 1978 and yet an

even larger one replaced that one in 1997.

The newest bookmobile arrived in Rochester in September and went into service on Saturday, September 15th. It is larger than the last and features green technology. It has a hybrid drive train. That means that when the bookmobile is traveling less than 30 mph, it is going exclusively on battery power. That saves us a significant amount of diesel fuel every year. In addition we have solar panels on top. They allow us to power the lights, computers and the daily operations. This saves us 1-2 gallons of diesel fuel every hour. At 9 hours a day, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year, that really adds up. There are LED lights both inside and out, not only are they nice bright lights but they also use less energy. Recycled rubber material was used for the flooring and all the finishes have low a VOC (volatile organic compound). That means that they are less likely to induce allergic reactions or release toxic fumes into the bookmobile.

New Events @ your Library!

We are excited to start some new events for all ages! In October, the Children's area will be starting a Chess Club, a Pen Pal Club and will be partying during the mid-October school break with Elephant and Piggie. They are also starting a Family Fun Night Cultural Ploozza which will give you the opportunity to learn about exotic and magical cities all over the world. The Reference librarians will be introducing an Introduction to Word Processing computer class along with continuing the Computer Basics Workshop every Thursday for those with basic computer questions.

In November, the Children's area is bringing in yet more new events with some Celebrations of el Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead events and they are starting a new Afterschool Adventure time series which will feature Comic Books! Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to create your own comic book from conception to completion.

In December, Bill Willingham, creator of the *Fables* comic book series, will come and share his insights to aspiring comic artists. Participants of the Adventure Time sessions in November will get a chance to display their completed comic books.

More information about these and all other library events, are available online: www.rochester-publiclibrary.org/events. October events are listed in this newsletter.



Bookmobile - continued from Page 1

Kim Edson., "We're very proud of the level of the engineering that went into the bookmobile. We did it with the help of a wonderful consultant, Michael Swindowski and a team who was committed to creating the best possible vehicle for our community."

The graphics on all sides of the new bookmobile were designed by local artist Blair Harrington. Upon his first viewing of the completed bookmobile he was impressed on how it turned out. "I love it. I think it's just the neatest thing. I'm really proud to have been part of this project." Harrington has his own graphics business called No Box Graphics. For more information

about him, you can visit www.no-boxgraphics.com.

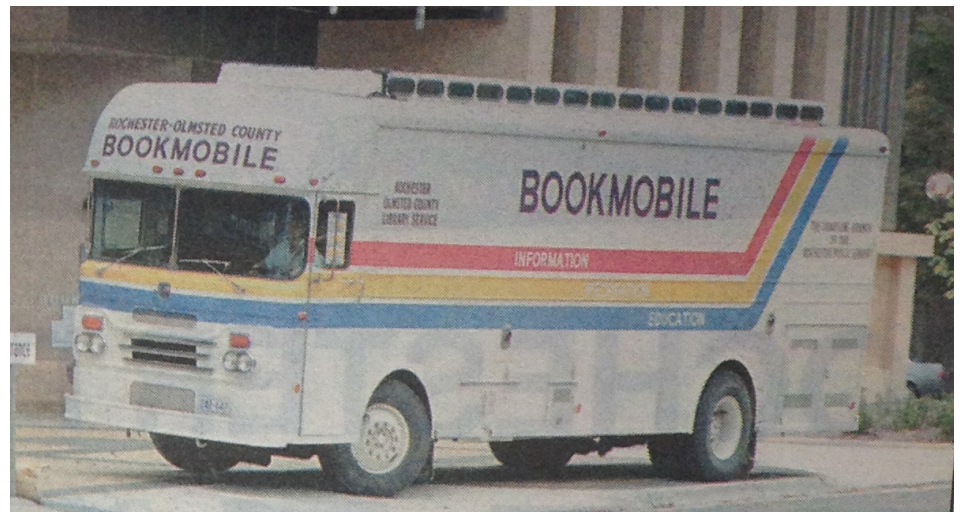
Mayor Ardel Brede attended the open house that was held at the library on Monday, September 17th. "We're so pleased to be able to have this bookmobile be available to the whole community. It is very important to keep these resources available as people move toward higher education. There are just so many things that point out the value of being able to read."

Currently the Rochester Public Library bookmobile has the highest circulation of any other bookmobile in Minnesota. It visits over 77 different neighborhoods in the City of Rochester and Olmsted

County targeting areas in the community where there are geographic, transportation, economic and other barriers to using the main library. The bookmobile regularly carries more than 4,500 items including adult and children's books, audiobooks, magazines and DVDs. In addition to visiting neighborhoods and schools within the city limits, it also makes weekly visits to Byron, Oronoco and other locations in Olmsted County. The bookmobile is handicapped accessible and has a wheelchair lift. You may pick up a bookmobile schedule at the library, or find one online at: www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/bookmobile



New Bookmobile on Display Here
Among those touring the new Rochester-Olmsted County bookmobile today were on left, Miss Lucille Gottry, librarian, and Erwin Brennan, Olmsted County commissioner. The long awaited mobile library was opened for public inspection at 2nd St. SW and Broadway. The \$22,418 book bus, purchased under a federal grant, is air conditioned, and electrically heated with its own electric power generator. Bookmobile service starts Tuesday in Rochester and will include Olmsted County and the city on alternate weeks. (Post-Bulletin Photo)



October is National (fill in the blank) Month

To fill in the blank, here are a few: Car Care Month, Dessert Month, to balance that, Cholesterol Awareness Month. It's also Roller Skating Month, Diversity Awareness Month, and strangely enough, it's Toilet Tank Repair month.

Here are some of our favorite topics for October is: National (fill in the blank) month.

National Book Month

We'd like to celebrate every month as Book month! The Friends of the Library are having another huge two-day auditorium book sale! On Saturday, October 13, the sale goes from 9:30am - 5pm and on Sunday, October 14, the sale is open from 1:30-4pm.

If you are a Friends' Member, you may enter the sale at 9:00 am on the 13th, and get first pick! If you are not a Friend but would like to become one, you may call Gail or Marilyn at 507.328.2341, visit: www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends, or even just visit the Friends' Bookstore and pick up a membership form.

National Cook Book Month

Fall is a perfect time to warm up your kitchen baking apple dumpings, pumpkin pies and other delicious dishes. The library has a variety of cookbooks that will give you new ideas for something different to cook for dinner tonight, how to get that perfect roasted pepper, show you classic recipes from every region of the world, how to cook over a fire, gluten-free recipes, healthy snacks, etc. There are even cookbooks for those of you who hate cooking; learn how to get a great meal in just a few minutes.

National Computer Learning Month

What better time to start learning how to use a computer. The library has a computer workshop every Thursday from 1-2:30 pm. A great place to come to ask general questions about using a computer, email, using the library's website or just surfing the Internet. There is no registration for this event, Just come in with your questions.

There is also an Introduction to Word Processing class on Wednesday, October 10 from 5:30-6:30 pm. This class requires registration owing to limited space.

Country Music Month

We have a wide variety of Country music CDs to listen to, concert videos on DVD to watch, and even sheet music for you to check out. On October 27, there will be a special Old Time Country music concert featuring Bob Bovee and Gail Heil in the library auditorium at 10:30am.

Family History Month

Find out if your ancestors were royalty, or just royal pains (hey, we can't all be related to kings and queens). We have a genealogy section where you can find out about your family's history. We also have access to Ancestry and Heritage Quest which are two online databases that can help you dig through census records, obituaries, passenger manifests, etc. to help you find out when your great-grandfather or his great-grandfather crossed the pond. Both databases are funded by the Friends of the Library. There is a class on using these databases on Thursday, October 18 4:30 - 6pm. Registration is required for this class.

Fighting for Peace, Culture and Human Dignity

Join the Winona State University and Rochester communities to learn about the people of Southern Sudan, their history, their culture, their traditions and their human dignity as they strive to build a functioning democracy in their new country.

WSU-Rochester Campus Tuesday, October 30, at 3pm in Coffman Hall. For registration information, contact the Winona State University Outreach and Continuing Education Department at 1-800-DIAL-WSU (ext. 5080).

Join us online!



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

Tuesday, October 2

Chess Club for Homeschoolers! **Auditorium 1pm**

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. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

Chess Club! **Auditorium 4pm**

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. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

Bedtime Stories **Auditorium 6:30pm**

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

Wednesday, October 3

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, October 4

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 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, October 6

Hooray for Saturday! Family Storytime **Auditorium 10:30am**

Join us for 30 minutes of family storytime fun! For families with children of all ages.

Tuesday, October 9

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**

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.*

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. We meet once a month to read and critique member's writing.

Bedtime Stories **Auditorium 6:30pm**

See description from October 2.

Wednesday, October 10

Preschool Storytime **Auditorium 10am**

See description from October 3.

Choral Arts Ensemble: Nothing to Fear Concert preview **Auditorium 12pm**

Artistic director Rick Kvam will give some insights into the Choral Arts Ensemble's upcoming performance, *Nothing to Fear*, to be presented at Assisi Heights on October 13 & 14. The concert boasts a wide variety of music, including a Baroque motet by J.S. Bach, the Lord Nelson Mass by Classical composer F.J. Haydn, a short Romantic piece by Johannes Brahms, and also modern works, including a world premiere from American composer John Orfe, and a choral setting by the multi-talented Bobby McFerrin. Using audio examples, Kvam will point out distinctive characteristics of these great composers, and then identify some simple things to listen for in the Bach, Haydn, Brahms and Orfe works.

Intro to Word Processing **Meeting Room B 5:30pm**

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

Hospitalite: Mikio Kobayashi lives quietly with his wife, daughter, and divorced sister in downtown Tokyo, where xenophobic neighbors insist they attend community watch meetings, and the only recent excitement is the disappearance of a pet parrot. One day Kagawa appears, claiming to be the son of a financier who once helped Kobayashi's company. Kagawa soon ingratiates himself as a live-in employee and proceeds to comically turn the Kobayashi's monotonous life upside down with his odd behavior, unexpected visitors, and bizarre schemes.

Short Film: *Miyuki*: Miyuki, a lonely young Japanese woman and recent New York transplant, turns to the internet to make a new friend. *The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children.*

Thursday, October 11

Baby Time Auditorium 10am

See description from October 4.

Toddler Time Auditorium 10:30am & 11am

See description from October 4.

Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B 1pm

See description from October 4.

Family Fun Night: Culture-Palooza! Moosburg, Germany Auditorium 6:30pm

About your city, about you. Read stories, learn languages, and create cool art in celebration of Rochester's three partner cities: Moosburg, Germany; Xianyang, China, and Siheung City, South Korea.

Saturday, October 13

Friends Autumn Book Sale Auditorium 9am-9:30pm

The Friends' Autumn book sale will open to the public at 9:30 am. Friends' members may enter at 9:00 am. For more information on how to become a member of the Friends of the Library, call 507.328.2341. We can only accept cash or checks for the auditorium sales.

Sunday, October 14

Friends of the Library Autumn Book Sale Auditorium 1:30-4pm

The second day of the Friends' Autumn book sale still offers lots of great bargains! We can only accept cash or checks for the auditorium sales.

Monday, October 15

TLC Meeting - Teen Library Council Meeting Room A 4pm

Assist in providing insight into tween/teen reading interests, programing 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.

Young Adult Author Visit: Pete Hautman Auditorium 7pm

Pete Hautman is the Minnesota Book Award winner for his newest young adult book *Blank Confession*. He is also the author of a number of adult fiction books, including *Mrs. Million* and *The Prop*. He will be talking about his award winning book as well as his method of writing.

Tuesday, October 16

Chess Club for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 1pm

See description from October 2.

Chess Club! Auditorium 4pm

See description from October 2.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30pm

See description from October 2.

Wednesday, October 17

Preschool Storytime Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description from October 3.

Rochester Issues Forum Auditorium 7pm

This dialogue will invite participants to consider different perspectives on the public purposes of higher education—advancing economic competitiveness, offering individual opportunity, and preparing people to work together to solve problems—and to identify common ground and priorities for action locally. Co-sponsors of the dialogue include the Rochester Issues Forum, Minnesota Campus Compact, University of Minnesota Rochester, and Winona State University Rochester.

Thursday, October 18

School's Out! Starring Elephant & Piggie Children's Services Division

You are invited to a PARTY with Mo Willems' beloved Elephant & Piggie characters. Activities will be available all day in the Children's Services division.

Baby Time Auditorium 10am

See description from October 4.

Toddler Time Auditorium 10:30am & 11am

See description from October 4.

Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B 1pm

See description from October 4.

Elephant & Piggie Storytime Auditorium 2pm

School is out today! Hurray! Join us for a special Elephant & Piggie storytime on Thursday & Friday at 2pm & Saturday at 10:30am.

Ancestry and Heritage Quest Genealogy Databases

Meeting Room B 4:30-6pm

An exploration of the genealogical value of two databases offered at the Rochester Public Library. Did through census records, read family histories or find immigration records online using these popular tools.

Family Fun Night: Culture-Palooza! Xianyang, China

Auditorium 6:30pm

See description from October 11.

Friday, October 19

School's Out! Starring Elephant & Piggie

Children's Services Division

See description from October 18.

Elephant & Piggie Storytime

Auditorium 2pm

See description from October 18.

Saturday, October 20

Hooray for Saturday! Elephant & Piggie Family Storytime

Auditorium 10:30am

Join us for 30 minutes of family storytime fun! For families with children of all ages.

Sunday, October 21

Visiting Author Series: Larry Millett

Auditorium 2pm

Larry Millett is an architectural historian and the former architectural critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He is also the author of a number of nonfiction books, including *Lost Twin Cities*, *Strange Days*, *Dangerous Nights: Photos from the Speed Graphic Era*, and *Once There Were Castles: Lost Mansions and Estates of the Twin Cities*. He has also written a series of Sherlock Holmes mysteries set in the United States in the 1890s.

Tuesday, October 23

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers!

Auditorium 1-2:30pm

See description from October 9.

LEGO® Fun

Auditorium 4-5pm

See description from October 9.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30pm

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

Wednesday, October 24

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description from October 3.

Thursday, October 25

Baby Time

Auditorium 10am

See description from October 4.

Toddler Time

Auditorium 10:30am & 11am

See description from October 4.

Computer Basics Workshop

Meeting Room B 1pm

See description from October 4.

Family Fun Night: Culture-Palooza! Siheung City, South Korea

Auditorium 6:30pm

See description from October 11.

Friday, October 26

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).

Saturday, October 27

Special Program: Old Time Music for Families

Auditorium 10:30am

Recording artists Bob Bovee and Gail Heil present a toe-tapping concert of musical fun! Clap your hands and sing along to traditional tunes accompanied by fiddle, harmonica, and auto-harp. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Monday, October 29

Movie @ your library

Auditorium 6pm

Watch the best selling book made into a feature film - *Hunger Games*

In a not-too-distant future, North America has collapsed, weakened by drought, fire, famine, and war to be replaced by Panem, a country divided into the Capitol and 12 districts. Each year two young representatives from each district are selected by lottery to participate in The Hunger Games. Part entertainment, part brutal intimidation of the subjugated districts, the televised games are broadcast throughout Panem. The 24 participants are forced to eliminate their competitors, literally, with all citizens required to watch. When 16-year-old Katniss' young sister, Prim, is selected as the mining district's female representative, Katniss volunteers to take her place. She and her male counterpart Peeta, will be pitted against bigger, stronger representatives who have trained for this their whole lives. Rated PG-13.

Tuesday, October 30

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium 6:30pm

See description from October 2.

Wednesday, October 31

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium 10am & 11am

See description from October 3.

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<http://rochpublibrary.wordpress.com>

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Banned Books Week

September 30 - October 6, 2012



Top 10 challenged books for 2011

ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r (series)

by Lauren Myracle

Reasons: offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

The Color of Earth (series)

by Kim Dong Hwa

Reasons: nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

The Hunger Games (series)

by Suzanne Collins

Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, insensitivity, offensive language, occult/satanic, violence

My Mom's Having a Baby!

By Dori Hillestad Butler

Reasons: nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

Reasons: offensive language, racism, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

Alice (series)

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Reasons: nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

Reasons: insensitivity, nudity, racism, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit

What My Mother Doesn't Know

by Sonya Sones

Reasons: nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit,

Gossip Girl (series)

by Cecily Von Ziegesar

Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Reasons: offensive language, racism



Celebrate the freedom to read @ your library!

Banned Books and Booze



The library held a whisky-tasting event not only to raise funds for the library but also to raise awareness for our freedom to read. Banned Books Week (September 3 - October 6, 2012) is an annual celebration of our right to access books without censorship. While it is true that not every book is intended for every reader, we at the Rochester Public Library firmly believe that each of us has the right to decide for ourselves what to read, listen to or view. By highlighting banned and challenged

books during Banned Books Week we are not necessarily endorsing specific titles, but we are working to raise awareness that censorship exists in America and within our community.



An Unshelved comic strip poking fun at some of the reasons people come up with to ban a book.

The Banned Books and Booze fund-raising event was held on Thursday, September 27 at the Canadian Honker Event Center at the Ramada Inn. The evening started with loads of cheese, bruschetta, chicken bites, and the most scrumptious prime rib sandwiches ever! During the social hour, 97 attendees had the chance to bid on silent auction items and to purchase banned or challenged books that The Friends of the Library brought to the event. David Allardice, the ambassador from Glenfiddich, brought the attendees on a virtual tour through the Glenfiddich distillery in Scotland while attendees tasted 12, 15, 18, & 21 year old Scotch. Joan Hayes was the lucky winner of the early bird prize of a bottle of 12-year old Glenfiddich.

An impressive \$3000 was raised from this event that includes attendee registrations, silent auction bids, banned book sales and other donations. This



money will go straight to the library for a new roving reference cart for the children's area, some new cordless power tools for the library's maintenance crew, and a new oven/stove for the kitchen in the auditorium for library patrons and staff to use to help cater their events. These are items that are not normally budgeted for but are much needed in order to maintain our library services to the community.



Helen McIver and David Allardice

Donors: Civic Theatre, Rochester Music, Friends of the Rochester Public Library, Rochester Public Library Foundation, Spectrum Aviation, Unshelved, and other private donations. And a special thank you goes to the person who brought the event all together with super-planning powers, Helen McIver.

The Rochester Public Library is grateful to everyone who made this event possible: Glenfiddich Distillery, Andy's Liquor, Canadian Honker Event Center. Silent Auction



Pipers greeted the attendees as they arrived.