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### Library Newsletter

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By John Hunziker

Saturday January 19th, 2013 made it an even dozen. At 6:30 the lobby doors opened to the 12th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine Fundraiser put on by the Rochester Public Library Foundation. This event began as all great events do by borrowing from an event attended by a board member at her alma mater.

Goals set all those years ago have been held to; it should be at the library so that donors could see how their donations are used for the community at large. It should allow the community to wander the library and see areas they might not normally see; it should be fun, entertaining and educational.

### Happy Feet. Healthy Minds.

by Ally Addison

*Photosynthesized. Exquisitely. Quaff. Ghostly. Helping.*

These are the winning words from the Scrabble Walk library staff participated in during Happy Feet Week at the library. Staff completed a walking course with stops to collect tiles that could be used to form words.

Other activities from the week included speakers, storytimes, sock puppets, and donating socks to the homeless.

While the event has grown over the years the feedback from attendees is that the original goals continue to be achieved. This year Tim Penny offered insight into oft misunderstood political terminology while Father Nick Mezacapa shared his personal list of seven wonders in the world. Jen Koski and Steve Lange shared many humorous behind-the-scenes stories of the people and experiences featured in Rochester Magazine stories. Opportunities were offered to learn about food addiction, bullying, interesting facts and books from using the Dewey Decimal System, Wine 101, what foods and wines naturally go well together, an antiques roadshow event and how two urbanites began permaculture farming.

New this year was a collaborative art project in conjunction with the Rochester Art Center in which attendees created a portion of a large

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Frank Hawthorne selects his tiles during the last leg of the Scrabble Walk from Gail Harris.

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er collage that will ultimately be on display at the library. As has been the tradition, the event was catered by Daube's, spirits purchased from Paustis Wine Company and served by Andy's Liquors. There were tables of silent auction items including also for the first time donated book art items made by artists from recycled books, these turned out to be very popular and will undoubtedly be continued next year. Hight & Randall, Ltd. Personal Jewelers once again donated three exquisite jewelry items for our raffle.

We had close to 225 attendees at the event and raised over \$21,000 dollars for the Foundation to use for library projects, but it could not have happened without the generosity of our sponsors, attendees, board members, volunteers, speakers, artists, businesses that donate goods and services, and library staff that donate their time.

The view from the stairs at the beginning of Wit, Wisdom and Wine.

It's a bustle of activity the moment before the doors open.



Between speakers, attendees could place bids on silent auction items, including book art, entertainment baskets, and gift certificates. It was a flourish of activity all night.

## Save the Date!

### International Whisky Tasting

fundraiser for the Rochester Public Library

**Wednesday, March 13**  
**6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Plummer House**  
**(Plummer Circle SW)**

Earlybird Registration:  
\$40.00/person or  
\$70.00/couple

**Light refreshments**  
Hors d'oeuvres • Soft drinks

**Raffle prizes!**



The Pipes will be heard!

Register online: [www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org)  
or by calling 507.328.2343

Sponsored by Beam Global  
(American, Irish, and Scots whiskies)



## Raffle Winners



Congratulations to Barbara Henoch (left) and Edith Gracey (right), two winners from the raffle drawing at Wit, Wisdom, and Wine.

# Wit, Wisdom and Wine 2013

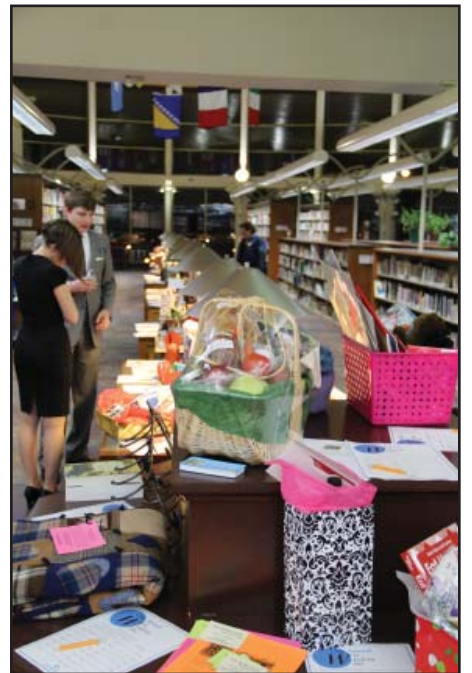
Each presentation offered something witty, exciting, and even delicious. Katherine Stetcher takes bibliophiles through the 500s of the Dewey Decimal System (top) while Johnny Mango sautes some delicious pairings for wine (below).



Attendees were invited to create an square for a collage that will be displayed in the library (top). The complete individual projects (below).



Just a few of the tasty delectables from this year's Wit, Wisdom and Wine.



Even staff took the opportunity to view the items available for auction and bid.

# February 2013

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

## Saturday, February 2

**Take Your Child To the Library!**  
**Children's Area All Day**  
**Join us all day Saturday,** February 2nd to celebrate the role of libraries in children's lives. Each child that stops by the children's desk will receive a special gift. Or sign up for a library card and receive a free library card holder. Attend a special storytime celebrating Groundhog Day and make shadow art or watch silent films scored by the SEMYO Concert Orchestra.

**Hooray for Saturday**  
**Family Story Time:**  
**It's Groundhog's Day!**  
**Auditorium 10:30am**

Will the groundhog see his shadow today? Join us for 30 minutes of stories, folklore, music, and rhymes all about this special day in February!

## The Sounds of Silents: A Brief History of the Silent Film Era

**Auditorium 1pm**  
 Charlie Chaplin, the "Little Tramp" himself, as portrayed by a SEMYO student, will talk about the silent film era, and slapstick comedy which evolved within the backdrop of a very serious time, World War I. Chaplin will talk about his greatest accomplishments, which include being knighted for his work as a comic actor, composer and director of 81 films. Of these films, only 5 were talkies. After this presentation two Classic silent films will be shown with a live performance by SEMYO's Concert Orchestra, conducted by Adam Lange-Pearson, of Ben Model's original movie scores. Featured Films include "The Adventurer" with Charlie Chaplin (1917), featuring Chaplin's "Little Tramp" character, who wreaks havoc at a swanky party, while on the

run from the law. and "One Week" with Buster Keaton (1920), in which Buster and Sybil exit a chapel as newlyweds. Among the gifts is a portable house, easily put together in one week. It doesn't help that Buster's rival for Sybil switches the numbers on the crates containing the house parts. Each film is about 20 minutes in length, and are suitable for all ages.

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

## Monday, February 4

**Workshop: Discover the Art of Storytelling! Session I**  
**Auditorium 6:30pm**

Learn how to find, craft, remember, and retell your favorite tales and family stories! Pass along favorite folktales and stories from your own unique heritage for future generations. This two-part workshop is presented by talented storyteller, Kevin Strauss, of the Rural Storytelling Academy.

Session I will introduce beginning storytelling skills.

Session II will focus on choosing, refining, and sharing stories. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their stories with family and friends in a fun and relaxed storytelling concert.

This workshop is best suited for interested adults and young adults. CEU credits are available for educators.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Register online, at the Fiction, Movies and Music desk on first

floor or by calling 507.328.2305.

## Homework Assistance

### Study Table

**Meeting Room B 6-8pm**

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Students do not need to register ahead of time.

## Tuesday, February 5

**Chess Club for Homeschoolers**  
**Auditorium 2:30-3:30pm**

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## Wednesday, February 6

### Preschool Storytime

**Auditorium 10am**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

## Thursday, February 7

### Baby Time!

**Auditorium 10am**

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### Friends Preview of the Winterfest Book Sale

**Auditorium 5-7pm**

The huge three-day Friends' Winterfest sale will be on Friday, February 8th, 9:30am - 5pm, Saturday, February 9th, 9:30am - 5pm and Sunday, February 10th, 1:30-4pm.

Friends' members are invited to a special preview sale on Thursday, February 7th from 5-7pm. If you are not yet a Friends' member, you may join by asking at the bookstore, filling out the online form found on the Friends' website or by calling 507.328.2341.

Cash or check only at the Friends' Auditorium sales.

## Friday, February 8

## Saturday, February 9

## Sunday, February 10

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## Saturday, February 9

### Hooray for Saturday Family: Letter Box It Up!

**Children's Area 10:30am**

Letterboxing is a super-cool family activity. Stop by Children's Services between 10:30-11:30am to learn the basics and create all the tools you need to start finding letterboxes in the library and all over the world.

## Monday, February 11

### Workshop: Discover the Art of Storytelling! Session II

**Auditorium 6:30pm**

See description from Monday, February 4.

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## Tuesday, February 12

### 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 2:30-3:30pm**

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.

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### Writing Group

#### Meeting Room A 6:30-8:30pm

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 will help to facilitate the meetings. Mike is a freelance writer and editor, and manages the online writing community <http://wrianon.com/>.

## Wednesday, February 13

### Preschool Storytime

#### Auditorium 10am

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

### iFilms: International and Independent Films

#### Auditorium 6pm

*The Day I Saw Your Heart* - Families are complicated... Especially when Eli, the father, who's about to be 60, is expecting a baby with his new wife. Upon hearing this news, his two grown daughters, Dom, who is trying to adopt, and Justine, who flits from one boyfriend to the next, are shocked. To get closer to Justine, whom he has never gotten along with, Eli has the bright idea of making friends with all of her exes...without her knowledge. But when Justine falls in love again and Eli is about to ruin everything, this family is on the verge of falling apart. Will they all be able to make peace before it's too late?

Short Film: *Don't Tell Santa You're Jewish*

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

### Henna Body Art

#### Meeting Room B 6pm

Practicing the art of henna for the last 14 years, Judy Ostrowski of Mehndi Moon Henna Body Art specializes in intuitive designs as well as traditional designs from many cultures. Judy will give a brief presentation on the history and legend of henna, followed by a demonstration of Henna application. Attendees will have the opportunity to sit for a temporary henna tattoo.

## Thursday, February 14

### Baby Time!

#### Auditorium 10am

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## Saturday, February 16

### Hooray for Saturday! Lego Fun

#### Auditorium 10:30am

Do you love Legos? Come to the library to create with Legos. You supply the creativity, we'll supply the blocks.

## Tuesday, February 19

### iDevice eBooks @ the Library

#### Meeting Room B 12-1pm

Bring your iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch to the library to learn how to download free library eBooks in this class. This class will only cover Apple iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch devices (if you have another device, check our calendar for other class offerings). To get the most out of this class, make sure your device is registered with an Apple ID (and know the password) prior to the class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

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## Wednesday, February 20

### Preschool Storytime

**Auditorium 10am**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

### Rochester Issues Forum

**Auditorium 7pm**

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussion. The goal of the this event is to create an opportunity for dialog. Attendees will be encouraged to think critically about the issue and gain insights by listening respectfully to others' points of view.

## Thursday, February 21

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### Black History Month: Film and Discussion The Color of Fear Auditorium 6pm

The Rochester Public Library in partnership with the Mayo Clinic African Descendants Support Network present the film: THE COLOR OF FEAR. It is an insightful, groundbreaking filmthe state of race relations in America as seen through the eyes of eight North American men of Asian, european, Latino and African descent. In a series of intelligent, emotional and dramatic confrontations the men reveal the pain and scars that racism has caused them. What emerges is a deeper sense of understanding and trust. This is the dialogue most of fear, but hope will happen sometime in our lifetime. ADSN members will lead a panel discussion following the film.

## Friday, February 22

### Kindle eBooks @ the Library Meeting Room B 1-2pm

Bring your Kindle to the library to learn how to download free library eBooks in this class. This class will only cover Amazon Kindle eBook readers (if you have another brand, check our calendar for other class offerings). To get the most out of this class, make sure your device is registered with Amazon.com prior to the class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

## Saturday, February 23

### Ballet Preview: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Auditorium 10:30am

The Children's Dance Theatre pres-

ents an introduction to ballet and tells the classic tale of Alice as she journeys through the imaginative world of Wonderland. Costumed dancers perform an excerpt from this enchanting ballet.

## Monday, February 25

### Android Phone/Tablet eBooks @ the Library Meeting Room B

**11:30-12:30pm**

Bring your Android Phone or Tablet computer to the library to learn how to download free library eBooks in this class. This class will only cover Android Phones and Tablet (if you have another device, check our calendar for other class offerings). To get the most out of this class, make sure your device is registered with an Google Play account (and know the password) prior to the class. Register online, at the second-floor reference desk or by calling 507.328.2309.

### Nook eBooks @ the Library Meeting Room B 1-2pm

Bring your Nook to the library to learn how to download free library eBooks in this class. This class will only cover Barnes & Noble Nook eBook readers (if you have another brand, check our calendar for other class offerings). To get the most out of this class, make sure your device is registered with Barnes and Noble prior to the class. 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, 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.

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### Bedtime Stories Auditorium 6:30pm

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## Wednesday, February 27

### Preschool Storytime Auditorium 10am

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! No registration required.

## Name This Club

**Auditorium 2:30-3:30; 4-5pm**  
It's your library; it's your club. Play, create, discuss on a topic of your choice. The next month's meeting will be determined by you. But first, we need to name this club. Our first meeting will be all about Angry Birds. Why do you like them? Which is your favorite? Draw your favorite. Battle the Bad Piggies on the levels you create. Grades 2-6.

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## Poets at the Plummer House

a fundraiser for the Rochester Public Library



Please join the Friends of Rochester Public Library for conversation, coffee and refreshments at the Plummer House to hear prize-winning Minnesota poets read their poems. This event will be kicked-off with an introduction by Jay Furst, managing editor of Rochester Post Bulletin.

A juried poetry contest is being held prior to this event and all poems submitted will be displayed at the library. Poets wishing to submit their work can visit the Friends' website to view the guidelines.

For reservations and more information please call **507.328.2341** or visit the Friends website: [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/friends). Paypal accepted.

## February Bookclubs

@ your library

**February 5 Armchair Travelers  
*The Death of Josseline***

by Margaret Regan

**February 26 Literature into Film  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray***

by Oscar Wilde

**February 25 Mystery Book Group  
*Nordic Mysteries***

**February 19 Night Owl**

***Once Upon a Secret***

by Mimi Alford

**February 19 Plain Readers  
*Long Shining Waters***

by Daniele Sosin

**Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the Library, or call 507.328.2305.**