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Appreciation Letter from Renee Berg

-by Renee Berg

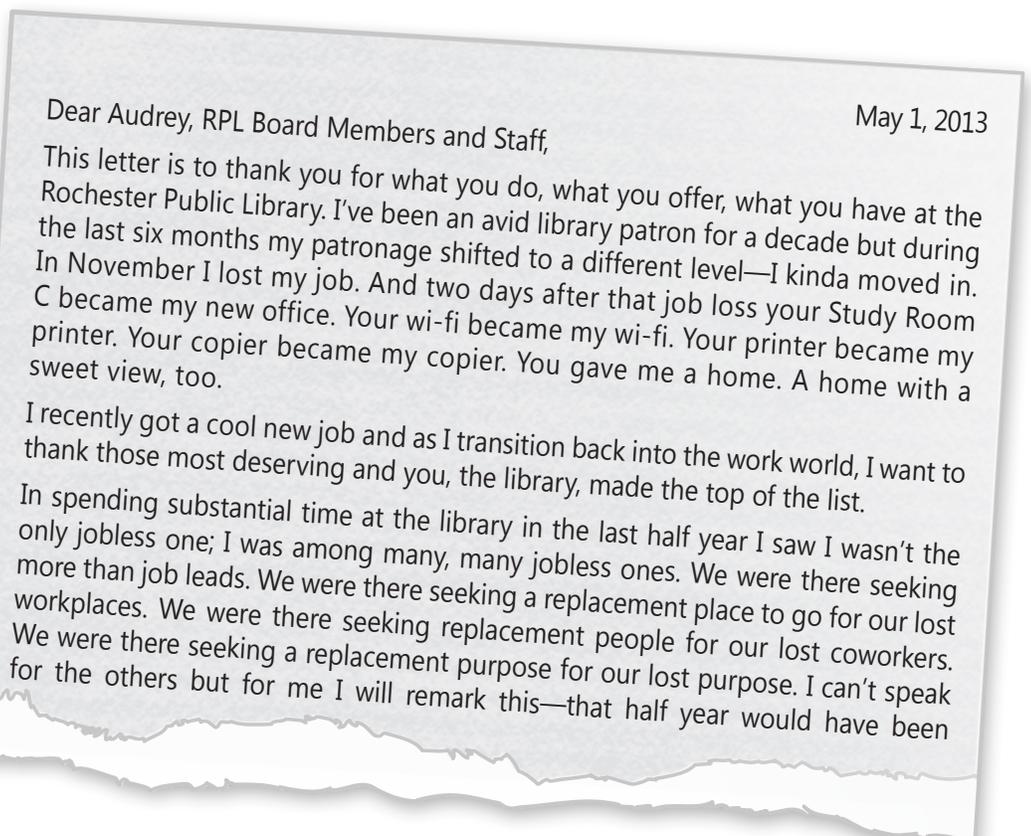
The second floor of the Rochester Public Library houses the non-fiction collection, magazines, reference books, quiet study rooms, adult internet stations and a number of smart and helpful staff.

Over the past few years there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people who use the second floor area for re-educating and retraining themselves as the working world changes, and the library has partnered with Workforce Development Inc. to offer services.

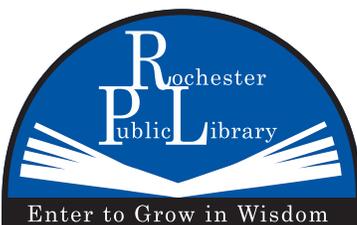
On the second floor of the public library, at the corner of Career Drive and Opportunity Boulevard, employment help awaits. Every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Ed Duda from Workforce

Development, Inc. is available at the "Career Corner" to offer information and support for job seekers. For the first hour, Ed holds a session on an employment topic such as Behavioral Interviewing or Job Search Skills Needed for Success. Then on, Ed is available after class to counsel people with employment issues, help with applications, and encourage people in their job hunt. Because of the success of this partnership, sessions have been scheduled through October.

Below is a success story that library staff enjoyed hearing; this is why we come to work every day. We all thank Renee for sending us the letter and for her willingness to allow us to share it with you.



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unbearable without the library as my nesting place. You also provided it at my ideal unemployed price point: free. And you provided it, often, with a quick hello, a sweet smile, a smart, thoughtful conversation. Kudos.

My library time also allowed me to witness all your incredible, devoted staff does. You handle boisterous, misbehaved patrons. You cater to the young, the old and to the cantankerous. You tolerate the noisy cell phone talkers and the sobbing babies. You help everyone. Many missions claim they do this; few missions do this. You do this. I hope it's a point of pride for you.

During childhood I came to regard the library as my second home. Since then within every city I've lived, I rent or buy my home, first. I find the library, second. Your library, the Rochester Public Library, is the one where I've spent the most time. And I always feel lucky, fortunate, blessed, that it's as good as it is. It is better than other libraries; for its people, for its resources, for its physical space. Your library, our library, is among the very best. You already know this, I bet.

So I write to say job well done to all those involved in offering the public this respite. I found peace, and solitude, and direction in Study Room C. You did, to a quantifiable degree, save my unemployed mind in 2012-2013. I appreciate it, and you. Merci.

Devotedly RPL yours,

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Meeting Room B

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June 2013 Career Corner Classes & Counseling

Tuesday, June 4
1:30PM - Meeting Room B
Developing Good Answers:
Overcoming Any Concerns or
Barriers to Employment

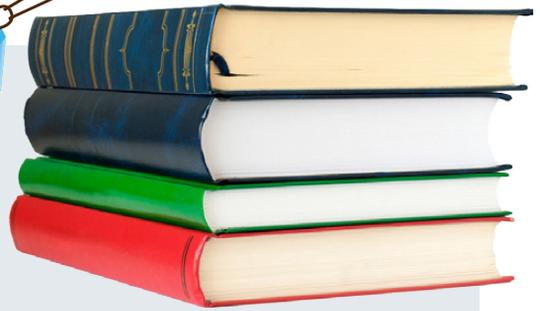
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Online Applications & Online
Assessments

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I Got the Job Now What?

Every Tuesday at 2:30PM
Career Corner on the 2nd Floor
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Rochester Public Library Rochesterfest Events!

Stars, Space Suits & Good Reads

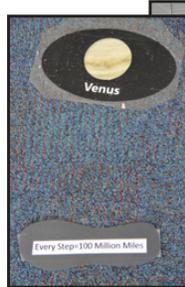
May proved to be an exciting month for science & space enthusiasts! Below are a few pictures from the events.



Authentic NASA space suit on display in the Library Skyway



Rochester Reads Featured Author, Mary Roach, at the Civic Center Theatre on May 15th



Children's Solar System Walk Every Step = 100 Million Miles



Egg Drop! The Science of Art/ The Art of Science

Auditorium - School Age
Thursday, June 20 6:30PM &
Saturday, June 22 10:30AM

Sidewalk Art Project

Outside Library - Young Adult
Monday, June 24 5:30-7:30PM

Rochesterfest Booksale

Library Auditorium
June 25-27, 9:30AM-7PM

Rochesterfest Grand Parade!

Look for the Bookmobile during The Rochesterfest Grand Parade! Friday, June 28, Start time 6:15PM To see the parade route, visit www.rochesterfest.com/parade



Star Gazing with the Rochester Astronomy Club



LibRadio

thecobbradio.com/programs/libradio

Wednesday mornings from 9-9:30AM - podcasts also available

LibRadio — brought to you by your very own Rochester Public Library — will make you laugh, it will make you cry, and it will make you shake your head in disbelief. Discover new music, movies, books and more. Be amazed by John Hunziker's reflections on Rochester history. Plug your ears for Shouty Librarian's phone-in show and be astounded by what we come up with next. Your library is awesome and we aren't afraid to broadcast it!

JUNE 2013

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

Saturday, June 1

Family Storytime at Quarry Hill Nature Center!

701 Silver Creek Road, 10AM

Please join Rochester Public Library Children's staff at the Quarry Hill Pond Pavillion for stories, songs, puppets, rhymes and more! Quarry Hill Nature Center: 701 Silver Creek Road. This program is presented in partnership with Rochester Public Library and Quarry Hill Nature Center.

Monday, June 3

Homework Assistance Study Table, Second Floor, 6PM

The Homework Assistance Study Table is available every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on the 2nd floor of the Rochester Public Library from 6 - 8:45 pm during the academic year. The study table is staffed by volunteers. The goal of the Homework Assistance Study Table is to provide individual assistance to students with specific questions regarding their daily homework assignments. Although all students in the community are welcome, the academic levels of the students who attend are generally grades 4 to 12.

Tuesday, June 4

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup, Meeting Room A, 11AM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - Little Princes by Conor Grennan. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Library staff will assist participants in obtaining books for the discussion groups. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 328-2324.

Developing Good Answers: Overcoming Any Concerns or Barriers to Employment, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Some job seekers get stuck behind specific barriers to employment. These barriers might revolve around ex-offender status, high school dropout, age discrimination, etc. It is never a good idea to go out and apply for employment as a member of a group. Learn to reclaim the fact that all of us apply for employment as individuals. We may have concerns, but those concerns can be overcome. No registration required.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 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. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

Drop in Career Counseling, Second Floor, 2:30PM

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Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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Wednesday, June 5

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!



WORLD MUSIC SERIES

Rochester Public Library's World Music Series is your passport to three great musical groups from around the world. Join us for a memorable cultural music experience! All concerts are free of charge.

June 5th · July 10th · August 28th
Rochester Public Library
Auditorium - 3:00PM

Wednesday, June 5

World Music: Greg Herriges and Telluric Currents, Auditorium, 3PM

Greg Herriges & Telluric Currents features the crystalline voice of classical Indian singer, Pooja Goswami, as well as the tabla mastery of A. Pavan. With other guests available including traditional dancers, "Eastern Accents" explores the traditions of East and West and whirles them together to create a mesmerizing cultural music experience!

Thursday, June 6

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10AM

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

Toddler Time!, Auditorium, 10:30AM & 11AM

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1PM

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Friday, June 7

Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and fun activities for you and your child!

Monday, June 10

Game On!, Auditorium, 3PM

Drop in for an afternoon of gaming. Challenge your friends (or the librarian) to games on the Kinect or battle with a variety of card games and board games! For kids entering grades 2-6.

Family Fun Night: Poetry!, Auditorium, 6:30PM

Create, write and read poetry as a family using chalk, collage and other methods. Weather permitting: create sidewalk poetry to share with the city. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, June 11

Library Time, Auditorium, 10:30AM

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

The 4 Corners of Leadership, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Recognize that leadership can be found within you. You have already accepted the opportunity to lead in many aspects of your life. Along with leadership comes responsibility in families, in community, and in the workplace. No registration required.

Drop in Career Counseling, Second Floor, 2:30PM

Need help with an application? Resume? Job Search? A career counselor will be available for one-on-one assistance with employment issues. No appointment needed. The Career Corner is on the second floor, in the southwest corner.

LEGO® Fun, Auditorium, 3PM

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 entering Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while LEGO Fun is in session. Registration not is required. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Rochester Public 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. 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://writanon.com/>.

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. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Wednesday, June 12

Children's Recording Artist Justin Roberts!, Auditorium, 10AM

Popular Children's Recording Artist Justin Roberts returns to the library! Clap your hands and sing along to favorite tunes such as Yellow Bus and hear new songs from Justin's latest CD. Sponsored by Friends of the Rochester Public Library. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Butterflies and Their Favorite Flowers!, Auditorium, 1PM

What do butterflies like most? Native plants with beautiful flowers! Discover how colorful butterflies and beautiful flowers help keep the earth and our water supply clean. This program is presented by Storm Water Educator Megan Duffey Moeller, City of Rochester Public Works Department. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Wednesday, June 12

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion, Meeting Room A, 2PM

We will be discussing "Guns, Germs & Steel: The Fates of Human Societies," by Jared Diamond. Sure, it's a big book, but there's lots to talk about.

iFilms: THE DYNAMITER, Auditorium, 6PM

THE DYNAMITER, Directed by Matthew Gordon, United States, 2011, English, Synopsis: All fourteen-year-old Robbie Hendrick ever wanted was a family. Yet, as another Mississippi Summer begins, his wayward mother has run off again fearing a breakdown, and he's left to burn the days caring for his half brother, Fess.

SHORT: THE ROUNDUP, United States, English, Synopsis: Set in the Old West of the 1880s, a young sheriff sets out to find the notorious bandit "Lawless" Jack Jackson and his henchman.

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

Thursday, June 13

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10AM

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

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Kids' Jr. Book Club, Auditorium, 3PM

For children entering grades K-3. Come join us for an hour of books, conversation and fun. Readers are invited to read one (or more) books in the series. June 13: Elephant & Piggie Series July 11: Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa Series August 1: Fly Guy Series Library staff will assist in obtaining books for children. Free registration required Sign up at the Children's Desk at the library, or call 507.328.2303.

Kids' Book Club, Meeting Room A, 3PM

For children entering grades 3-6. Come join us for an hour of books, conversation and fun. Readers are invited to select one of the titles or be prepared to discuss their favorite book in the genre. June 13: Graphic Novels Smile by Raina Telgemeier Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon July 11: Mystery Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman Icefall by Matthew Kirby August 1: Fantasy Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz Whales on Stilts by M.T. Anderson Library staff will assist in obtaining books for children. Free registration required. Sign up at the Children's Desk at the library, or call 507.328.2303.

Friday, June 14

Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and fun activities for you and your child!

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 at 328-2305.

Tuesday, June 18

Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Godless by Pete Hautman.

Online Applications & Online Assessments, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Discuss tips, techniques, and follow-up strategies to avoid being swallowed up by the big dark hole of online job search. Whether you are faced with online applications or online assessments, employers are looking for candidates who have the skills, experience, and qualities that best match the requirements for the opportunity. Learn to respect the process. No registration required.

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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Night Owl Book Group, Meeting Room A, 7PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - The Murder Room by Michael Capuzzo.

Wednesday, June 19

Storigami with Christine Petrell Kallevig!, Auditorium, 10AM

What is Storigami? Professional storyteller Christine Petrell Kallevig captivates her audience with a unique blend of storytelling and origami! This program is best suited for ages 5 and above. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Rochester Art Center Experience Pass Program : You Can Be An Artist!, Auditorium, 1PM

Create imaginative pieces of art with the Rochester Art Center Education Staff! The extraordinary illustrations of famous children's author Maurice Sendak will be featured in this fun, interactive program. The Experience Pass Program is funded by SELCO, The Minnesota Library Legacy, and The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Fiction and a Film Event - THE HOBBIT, Auditorium, 5:30PM

Participants are encourage read the book at home and then gather for a showing of the film. After viewing the film, participants will discuss the book, the movie and the adaptation.

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Friday, June 21

Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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Saturday, June 22

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Monday, June 24

Friends' Preview of Rochesterfest Book Sale, Auditorium, 5PM

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Sidewalk Art Project, 5:30PM

Take a walk on the wild side through our sidewalk art project. Teenage participants will use their feet to create a large scale art project.

Tuesday, June 25

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Tuesday, June 25

Literature into Film Bookgroup, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book to be discussed - Atonement by Ian McEvan. Beverages are provided and members take turns bringing treats. Library staff will assist participants in obtaining books for the discussion groups. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 328-2305.

I Got the Job Now What?, Meeting Room A, 1:30PM

There are no cases where businesses have no work rules. So, you must know, understand, and follow the rules to be accepted and considered a valuable member in the workplace. It's all about holding the job and growing into it. Come in, learn, and discuss how to make yourself indispensable. No registration or fees required.

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10AM

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Dig into READING

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 1st to August 17th