

Libraries Change Lives

Rochester Public Library News and Events

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Why We Donate The Thiesse family

***Our family loves to read books by the bunches.
We've been known to have them open during our lunches.
We like hardcover and soft we're really not picky.
At times our eBook glass cover gets sticky.***

***We check out movies and use the bookmobile in the summer.
Forgetting to return stuff timely is such a major bummer.
Reading Rowling, Fitzgerald, and Suess make our day.
We all read our favorites before hitting the hay.***

***Our library has a little something for everyone.
We find answers to questions and ideas of fun.
Donating to the library is the least we can do.
We love our library and we hope you can too.***

The Christmas Jar

by Sue McMillan

Libraries do change lives. Not only by information found through the help of knowledgeable staff or stowed on shelves available to everyone free of charge. Sometimes that change comes with someone who just walks in the door.

I've worked as a volunteer in the Friends' Bookstore since it opened in 1995. In that time I've made wonderful friends, met more interesting people than I can count, had stimulating conversations about all things imaginable, and had my faith in the basic goodness of people reinforced time after time. Even so, I never expected the Christmas Jar.

It happened just as I arrived to work my afternoon shift one day in December and was chatting with the volunteers who had worked the shift before me. A young girl and her mother came in. You could tell they'd been in the store before and I didn't pay them much heed until the girl came up to me, handed me a jar of money and said, "This is for you." I looked at it and asked what it was for. "For you," she repeated. Seeing the confusion on my face she added, "There's a note."

I dug through the bills and change in the jar to find a tightly folded paper that said this was a family tradition, that every year their family saves up a jar of money and gives it to a stranger. The idea is to use it if in need, or use it to help someone else. More importantly, it asks that the tradition be carried forward to others. What a wonderful idea!

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We decided to place the jar on the counter at the store so the money could be used to help children or even adults who come into the store wanting to buy a book, but finding themselves a bit short on cash. This happens more often than you'd think— people don't always know we have to charge tax on used books. The jar has been sitting beside the cash register ever since, and I am happy to see the money slowly disappearing. It's been working little kindnesses for our customers and engendering a great deal of goodwill a few cents at a time.

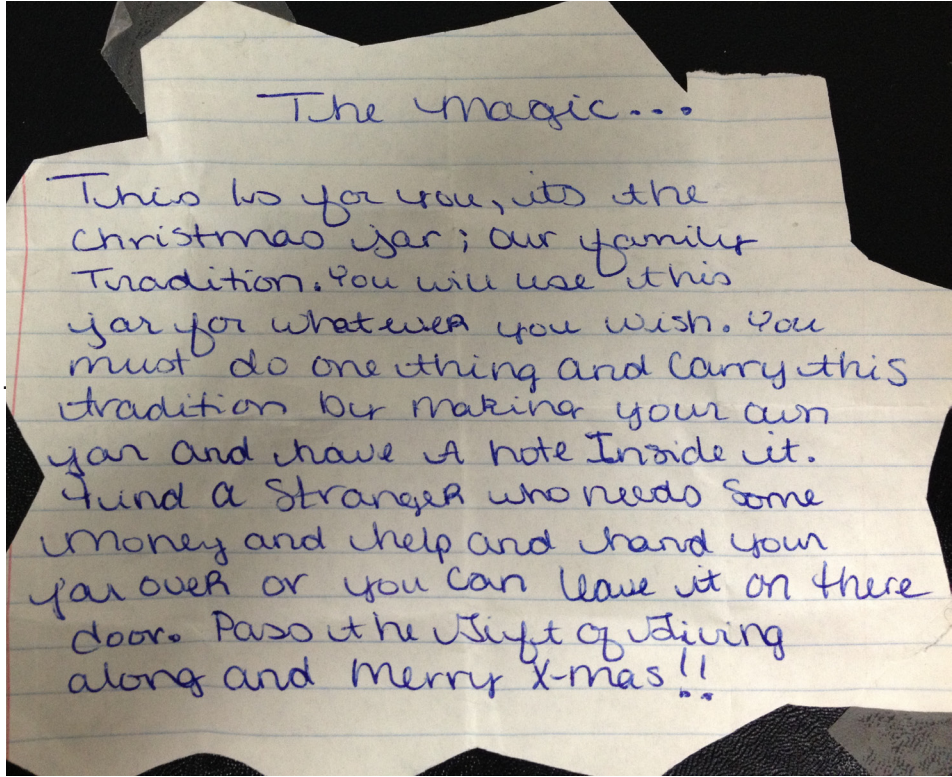
What will become of the jar? How

can we carry on this tradition? I plan to throw spare change into my own version of the Christmas Jar and am already looking forward to discovering the person I will give it to. There is such excitement in the element of surprise, and I love the idea of doing something to help some random and unsuspecting stranger. Don't we all need a little help, or at least a little hope, now and then?

I've overheard a few other volunteers talking. I think they plan to carry on the tradition, too. Good multiplies and it touches us all, changing each of our lives, one at a time, for the better.



Top: The jar left at the Friend's of the Library bookstore with almost \$10.



Left (the note): *The Magic: This is for you, it's the Christmas jar: our family tradition. You will use this jar for whatever you wish. You must do one thing and carry this tradition by making your own jar and have a note inside it. Find a stranger who needs some money and help and hand your jar over or you can leave it on their door. Pass the gift of giving along and Merry X-mas!!*

March Bookclubs

- @ your library
- March 5 Armchair Travelers**
Brooklyn by Colm Tolbin
- March 19 Night Owl**
Miss Peregrin's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

- March 19 Plain Readers**
Broken Cord by Michael Dorris
- March 26 Literature into Film**
Madam Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
- March 25 Mystery Book Group**
The Sea Will Tell by Vincent Bugliosi

Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the Library, or call 5073.328.2305

The Library will be closed on Sunday, March 31st in observance of Easter.



March 2013

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

Saturday, March 2, 2013

**HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!
Family Art Program: Mail Art!
Auditorium 10:30am**

Mail Art is a fun and exciting way to dive into art! Create colorful and interesting pieces of art to send to your friends by mail.

Monday, March 4, 2013

**iPad/iPhone/iPod eBooks @ the
Library Meeting Room B 4pm**

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.

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Applications, resumes, cover letters and thank you notes 1:30pm

An attempt to cover the broad topic of paper relative to the job search: applications, resumes, cover letters and thank you notes. Discussion will touch on the topic of online applications and online assessments so prevalent in today's job search. A FREE session.

A Workforce Development career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Drop in Career Counseling 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.

**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.

Chess Club! 4pm Auditorium
See description above.

Bedtime Stories

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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.

**Nook eBooks @ the Library
Meeting Room B 5:30pm**

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.

**Visiting Author Series: MARY
SHIDELER Auditorium 7pm**

Mary Shideler is a lifelong resident of the Grand Rapids, MN area. Growing up at her family's resort on Bass Lake, she developed an early appreciation and respect for the outdoors. In the summer of 2010 she completed a 15-year quest to paddle each of the lakes in Itasca County. Her book, *The Kayak Lady*, is a collection of stories and

photos that documents her kayaking experiences.

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Baby Time! Auditorium 10am

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

Toddler Time!

Auditorium 10:30 & 11am

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). No registration required. Additional Information: This program is funded by an IBM Centennial Grant. If you require accommodations in order to participate in this program, please contact Children's Services at 328-2303 as soon as possible.

**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.

**Art Room Extended: Homeschool
Edition Auditorium 2:30pm**

Love the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Room Extended! Create fantastic art in the library's auditorium. Grades K to 5.

**Art Room Extended
Auditorium 4pm**

See description above.

**City Council President
Candidate Forum
Auditorium 7pm**

Invited Candidates: Randy Staver, Jan Thronson, Jeff Thompson, & Michael Wojcik. Format will include questions from the League of Women Voters, the Rochester

Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Post-Bulletin as well as the audience.

Saturday, March 09, 2013

HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!

Create Your Own Story!

Auditorium 10:30am

Do you like listening to stories? Now you can create your own story through games and art. All you need is your imagination.

Master Gardeners: Seed Starting 101 Auditorium 1:30pm

Master Gardener Mark Davis will explain the ins and outs of getting started early on your gardens -vegetable and flower - by starting seeds indoors.

Monday, March 11, 2013

Homeschool Adventure Time: Game On! Auditorium 2:30pm

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

Afterschool Adventure Time: Game On! Auditorium 4pm

See description above.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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.

4 Ideas & Philosophies from Job Search Professionals 1:30pm

Explore the new ideas that can be utilized in your job search from four respected authors and job search professionals. A short review and discussion of their cutting edge ideas for job search and career management. A FREE session. A Workforce Development career counselor will be available for one-on one sessions afterwards.

Open for Drop in Career Counseling 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 for Homeschoolers! Auditorium 2:30pm

LEGO® Fun! Auditorium 4pm

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.

Lego® Fun! Auditorium 4pm

See description above.

Bedtime Stories Auditorium 6:30pm

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

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.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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.

Poets at the Plummer House Plummer House 12pm

Friends of the Rochester Public Library and the Rochester Post Bulletin are sponsoring a juried poetry contest at the Plummer House. Poems must be submitted by February 25th. See website for details and registration information.

iFilms: Auditorium 6pm FOUND MEMORIES Directed by Julia Murat Brazil, Argentina, France | 2011 | Drama | Portuguese w/ English subtitles

Like every morning, Madalena makes bread for Antonio's old coffee shop. Like every day, she crosses the railways where no trains have passed for years; she cleans up the gate of the locked cemetery, and listens to the priest's sermon before sharing lunch with the other old villagers. Clinging to the image of her dead husband and living in her memories, Madalena is awakened by the arrival of Rita, a young photographer who is arriving in the ghost village of Jotuomba, where time seems to have stopped. A deep relationship is forged between the two women, which gradually builds to have a profound effect on both of their lives, as well as the rest of the villagers. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults.

An International Whisky Tasting – fundraiser Plummer House 6pm

A special tasting of Beam Global whiskies. Register online: www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org or by calling 507.328.2343 Raffle prizes!

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Baby Time! Auditorium 10am

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

Toddler Time!

Auditorium 10:30 & 11am

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years). No registration required.

Computer Basics Workshop Meeting Room B 1pm

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Android Phone/Tablet eBooks @ the Library Meeting Room B 4pm

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.

Saturday, March 16, 2013

HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!

Family Storytime: March into Spring! Auditorium 10:30am

Stories, songs and rhymes to celebrate spring!

Master Gardeners Lawn Care and Your Soil Auditorium 1:30pm

Learn how to customize lawn and garden care by taking that first step - a soil sample - and determining what you need for your own yard.

Monday, March 18, 2013

Senior Techies - Absolute Beginners on the Computer Meeting Room B 2pm

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.

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 @ 328-2305.

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Are you feeling lucky? Words of Wisdom from "What Color is Your Parachute" 1:30pm

Richard N. Bolles continues to be the most respected author in career development circles when it comes to career transition and change. Bolles is well known for his iconic book "What Color Is Your Parachute?" Yet even Richard Bolles recognized that LUCK is part of the job search process. Discover why LUCK favors the prepared mind. A FREE session. A Workforce Development career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Drop in Career Counseling 2:30pm

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Chess Club! Auditorium 4pm

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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: Downtown Master Plan and Destination Medical Community Auditorium 6:30pm

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, March 21, 2013

Baby Time! Auditorium 10am

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

No registration required.

Toddler Time!

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See description above.

Ancestry and Heritage Quest Genealogy Databases Meeting Room B 4pm

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

Saturday, March 23, 2013

HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!

Quarry Hill presents: Snakes! Nature's Unique Reptiles

Auditorium 10:30am

Meet a naturalist from Quarry Hill Nature Center and discover the unique qualities of this fascinating reptile. One of Quarry Hill's resident snakes will visit the library!

Master Gardeners: Plants 101 Auditorium 1:30pm

Learn the basics of what your plants need to grow and thrive, and go home with some helpful resources.

Monday, March 25, 2013

Homeschool Adventure Time: Game On! Auditorium 2:30pm

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Afterschool Adventure Time: Game On! Auditorium 4pm

See description above.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Drop In Career Counseling

1:30pm

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.

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LEGO® Fun! Auditorium 4pm

See above description.

Bedtime Stories Auditorium 6:30pm

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Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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: Homeschoolers Auditorium 2:30pm

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. Grades 2-6.

Name This Club! Auditorium 4pm

See description above.

Kindle eBooks @ the Library Meeting Room B 5:30pm

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.

Bully: Documentary Film Mayo High School 6pm

Join us at the Mayo High School Auditorium for a presentation of the documentary film, BULLY, sponsored by the Rochester Public Library and the Diversity Council. This film which follows five kids and families over the course of a school year, offers insight into different facets of America's bullying crisis. The stories include two families who have lost children to suicide and a mother awaiting the fate of her 14-year-old daughter, who has been incarcerated after bringing a gun on her school bus. With an intimate and often shocking glimpse into homes, classrooms, cafeterias and principals' offices, this is a powerful and inspiring film that every educator, parent and teenager should see. Diversity Council staff will lead a discussion following the film.

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Baby Time! Auditorium 10am

Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months). No registration required.

Toddler Time! Auditorium 10:30 & 11am

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Visiting Author Series: JODY BROWN Auditorium 7pm

Jody Brown has lived, written, and waited tables in South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and Minnesota. Along the

way, she has written obituaries for a newspaper, edited trade publications for lobbyists, and added numbers for a financial planner, all while serving fine dining, catering, fast food, and every step in between. Her experiences "serving the masses" have culminated into Upside Down Kingdom, her first published novel. Jody Brown has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fiction and Poetry Writing from the University of Pittsburgh. She currently lives in Rochester, Minnesota.

Friday, March 29, 2013

**SPRING HUBBUB @ THE LIBRARY! Auditorium Art Room
Extended 10am & 1pm**

Love the Art Room? Then join us for Art Room Extended where you can try out more (and messier) art supplies. Dress to get messy!

Saturday, March 30, 2013

**HOORAY FOR SATURDAY!
Teddy Bears' Picnic
Auditorium 10:30am**

Bring your favorite stuffed friend to a picnic at the library. We'll enjoy stories, activities and special treats.

Join us online!



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**1st Annual
Edible Book Festival**

**Saturday, March 30, 2013
Library Auditorium**



San Diego Country Library
http://www.sdccl.org/news_09-09_09-10.html

- 12:30 pm** Drop off edible entries
- 1:00 pm** Doors open for public
- 2:00 pm** Judging
- 2:30 pm** Announce winners

Enjoy playing with your food? Tantalize your taste buds with a good title at RPL's 1st Annual Edible Books Festival! All community members and businesses are welcome to submit their most creative, and edible, literary work of art. Entries must be made entirely of edible materials with the subject pertaining to books in shape or content. "Punny" entries welcome!

Applications will be available at the library and online at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org.

The event is free and open to the public.

