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### Peter Lex and the Bookmobile Garage Door

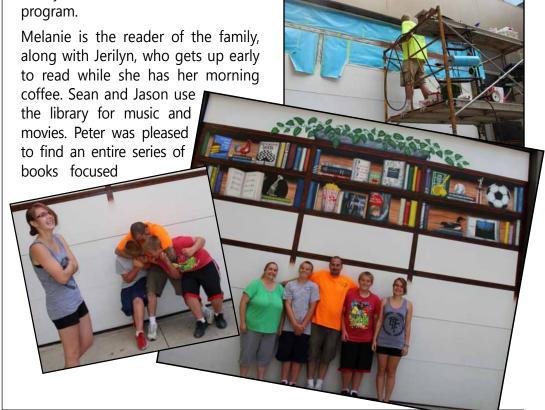
If you have walked by the bookmobile garage door of the Rochester Public Library recently, you have probably seen Peter Lex – and a family member or two – standing on a scaffold airbrushing a really large bookshelf on the roll-up garage door. Peter, usually wearing a bright yellow Lex Customs T-shirt, along with either his wife Jerilyn, daughter Melanie, or twin sons Sean and Jason, has been working on the door the past few weeks.

Peter's business is Lex Customs out of Grand Meadow. He does air brush painting, specialty motorcycles, and vinyl work. Peter has been setting up at Thursdays on First and Third and doing airbrush tattoos. As this is being written, he is airbrushing tattoos on library visitors at a Children's Services program.

on airbrushing techniques in the Friends of the Library Bookstore recently, which he quickly purchased.

Jerilyn recently shared the following story about the bookmobile from her youth. When she was growing up, the bookmobile stopped across the street from her house. She and her sister would walk over and bring back as many books as they carry. She also mentioned that Marge Brumm, a bookmobile staff member, reports that Jerilyn's father Richard is her longest running patron at that stop... but that she always calls him Mr. Sheets because he was her teacher and she just can't call him Richard or Dick.

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### **Peter Lex and the Bookmobile Garage Door** continued from page 1.

When talking with Peter about how he has uses the library, he described the tree house he built using the plans found in books available in the second floor reference area. It turns out that his tree house is not your average tree house. It is 20 feet

long, 10 feet wide with a

10 X 10 foot enclosed area, complete with lights and electric outlets. It has two decks, it is anchored to the tree, but floats in space on a beam and is hung off chains. It has a ladder up to a trap door and has been in use over eight years. The books he found at the library gave him the ideas and knowledge to design and build the structure. One of his neighbors is working with Peter – and library books – to design a tree house for his family.

Last year, the Rochester Arts Council and the Rochester Downtown Alliance did a utility box project in the downtown area. Artists were invited to submit a concept showing all four sides of the box;

Peter presented a proposal, and was ultimately one of the artists selected.

He actually went beyond the guidelines set by the RAC and the RDA: the top of the box could be seen from the skyway, so Peter added a stingray that you can see from overhead.

Nicole Henry, our library graphic designer, and Ally Addison, a youth services librarian, took a concept started by Ginny Erbe, the previous graphic designer at the library, and worked with Peter to design a workable mock up for him to paint. A SELCO grant was secured to fund the project. Stop by, talk with Peter, and watch the bookshelf grow.

Please join us for the official unveiling of the garage door mural on Thursday, September 19th at 5PM!



The Rochester Public Library received a \$47,327 grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation to help improve health for the residents of Rochester and Olmsted County. Funds will be used for the creation of a Wellness Corner at the library, which will offer a variety of supports for increasing wellness, including non-invasive screenings, information health and referral to appropriate social services, career coaching, physical health and nutrition, and diet

information. The Corner will be staffed in collaboration with many community partners, including Mayo Clinic's College of Medicine-Physical Therapy Department, Olmsted Medical Center, Olmsted County Community Services and Public Heath Services, Winona State University's nursing programs, and the local Workforce Center. While available to all residents, the primary focus will be to reach populations underserved or uninsured, such as low income, homeless, and the

elderly. The Rochester Public Library will also work with SELCO, the southeastern Minnesota regional library system, to offer workshops for other libraries on how to bring health equity to their communities. The Corner will launch later this fall.

wellness corner the library

The Rochester Public Library grant is one of three awarded to libraries across the state to help increase the opportunity for residents to reach their full health potential.

"We recognize that libraries are key gathering places in communities

### Have you checked out the Bookmobile?

In September 2012, the Rochester Public Library debuted its new Bookmobile. The new, larger bookmobile features green technology: a hybrid drive train and generator, solar panels, LED lights and recycled rubber floors.

The Bookmobile regularly carries more than 4,500 items, including adult and children's books, audiobooks, magazines and DVDs. It has the highest circulation of any bookmobile in the state of Minnesota. The bookmobile visits over 77 different neighborhoods in the City of Rochester and makes weekly stops in Byron, Oronoco and other locations in Olmsted county. The bookmobile is handicapped accessible and has a wheel chair lift.

The Rochester Public Library Bookmobile is dedicated to providing access to information, literature, and ideas to members of the community who are unable to use the main library due to geographic, transportation, economic or other barriers.

For more information about the bookmobile or to request a bookmobile stop in your neighborhood, please contact the library at 507.328.2302. You can view the bookmobile schedule at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/bookmobile.



and are a logical location to base programs that can help people be their healthiest," said Stacey Millett, senior program officer for the Foundation. "We applaud the efforts of libraries to collaborate with other community nonprofits and are pleased to be able to support these projects."

The program is part of a larger health equity initiative launched in 2011 that seeks to ensure that all Minnesotans have an equal opportunity to live a healthy life regardless of income, education, race and other socioeconomic factors that affect health.

Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library director, comments, "Wellness is so much more than just physical health. We are grateful to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation for helping us launch a sustainable program that pulls together the strengths of agencies in our communities and can serve as a model for other libraries to augment the health of their communities. Getting appropriate information and referral on topics

and services are paramount to everyone's health and wellness."

For more information on Blue Cross's grantmaking programs, visit bcbsmnfoundation.org or call 651-662-3950 or toll free at 1-866-812-1593.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation exclusively dedicates its assets to improving health in Minnesota, awarding more than \$32 million since it was established in 1986. The Foundation's purpose is to make a healthy difference in people's lives by improving the community conditions that affect the health of children and families.

### August 2013

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

### Thursday, August 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).

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

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

### Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1PM

Do you have general questions about computers, using email, eBook readers, digital cameras, using the library website or the internet? Come to the library and ask our librarians your questions. Computers and internet access will be provided. No sign up for this session.

### 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. 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 select one of the titles or be prepared to discuss their favorite book in the genre.

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. Sign up at the Children's Desk at the library, or call 507-328-2303.

### Rube Goldberg Machines!, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

The Science of Art/The Art of Science. Draw or build a machine! Rube Goldberg machines perform simple tasks in complex ways. Part creativity. Part ingenuity. What will you create? Supplies provided.

### Friday, August 2

### Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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

### Saturday, August 3

### 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! This program is presented in partnership with Rochester Public Library and Quarry Hill Nature Center. 701 Silver Creek Road.

### **Monday, August 5**

### Monday, August 05, 2013 Screen Writing Workshop, Auditorium, 10AM

David Grant from the Independent Film Project - MN will be here to help teen writers learn the basics of how a screen play or script is written. During the day long events there will be film writing exercises as well as time to explore the use of screen writing shareware. (Students should bring a lunch with them to have during our breaktime.) Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 328-2324.

#### Jr. Science of Art: Build It!, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

How do they make buildings so tall? Discover the science of engineering through stories and activities. Draw a structure and then attempt to build your creation using a variety of materials. Part science experiment. Part art project. Fun for the whole family. Materials provided.

### **Tuesday, August 6**

### 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 - Songs of the Humpback Whale by Jodi Picoult. 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.

### 4 Ideas & 4 Philosophies from Job Search Professionals, Meeting Room B, 1:30 PM

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 these cutting edge ideas for job search and career management. No registration or fees required.

### Open for Drop in Career Counseling, Career Corner, 2:30 PM

#### Chess Club, Auditorium, 3PM

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 entering Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

#### Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

### Wednesday, August 7

### Hans Mayer's Silly Concert for Kids!, Auditorium, 10AM

Feeling silly? Popular children's recording artist, Hans Mayer, will have you laughing and singing along to his original ear-tickling music. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### Amazing Water Science Show!, Auditorium, 1PM

Water gives us rainbows, soap bubbles, clouds, rain, and rivers. Learn how to make rain, a rainbow, and also how you can help keep our rivers clean in this fun and interactive water science show. Presented by Kevin Strauss: Zumbro Watershed Partnership. Funded in part or in whole by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund. Sponsorship provided by SELCO.

### Thursday, August 8

### **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, 10:30 AM & 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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### Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 2PM

Enjoy the Art Room? Then you'll absolutely love Art Room Extended! Exercise your creativity with more (and messier) art supplies. Dress to get messy. In this session we will be creating self portraits using mirrors! Grades K to 5.

### Friday, August 9

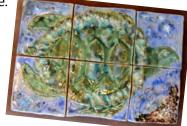
### Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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### **Saturday, August 10**

### Kids Get Creative!, Auditorium, 10:30 AM

Learn about ceramics with local artist Angela Krueger of Sea Turtle Pottery and decorate a tile to take home.



### Monday, August 12

#### 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.

### Fiction and a Film Event THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER,

Auditorium, 6:30 PM

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.

### Tuesday, August 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.

# Are You Feeling Lucky? Words of Wisdom from "What Color is Your Parachute?", Meeting Room A, 1:30 PM

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. No registration or fees required.

### Open for Drop in Career CounselingCareer Corner, 2:30 PM

#### **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. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### Small Business Assistance - SCORE, Meeting Room B, 5PM

Confidential coaching and mentoring by SCORE volunteers. Topics include: financial options, business strategies, marketing and sales tactics, product development, cash flow and more.

#### Writing Group, Meeting Room A, 6:30 PM

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, 6:30 PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

### Wednesday, August 14

#### Let's Make a Puppet!, Auditorium, 10AM & 1PM

Join us as we create imaginative puppets out of socks and other fun materials!

### Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion, Meeting Room A, 2PM

Let's talk about "King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in Colonial Africa," by Adam Hochschild. You may never have even heard of King Leopold, but his legacy lives on, unfortunately.

#### iFilms: LUCKY, Auditorium, 6PM

LUCKY: Directed by Avie Luthra of South Africa. Zulu, Hindi & English with English subtitles. How could a recently orphaned, 10-year old homeless South African boy ever be called Lucky? Over the grave of his dead mother, Lucky makes a promise to make something of himself. Lucky shows how a child's spirit can bring out decency, humility and even love in adults struggling to survive in the new South Africa. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

### **Thursday, August 15**

### **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, 10:30 AM & 11AM

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### Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1PM

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### Friday, August 16

#### Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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



### Teen Acting Class, Auditorium, 2PM

Wanna be in pictures? Learn some great basic acting skills from members of the Words Players Theater in this fun and interactive acting class for teens.

### **Monday, August 19**

### 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 at 328-2305.

### **Tuesday, August 20**

#### Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Song of the Lark by Willa Cather.

# Get To Know Me... Building Relationships & Developing Contacts, Meeting Room B, 1:30 PM

This is an interactive discussion that will help you recognize the importance of building relationships. Get ready to engage in conversation with others and boost your confidence in the job search process. Overcome some of the roadblocks that prevent us from getting to know someone. No registration or fees required.

### Open for Drop in Career Counseling, Career Corner, 2:30 PM

### Chess Club, Auditorium, 3PM

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 entering Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

### Intro to Pinterest, Meeting Room B, 3:30 PM

You probably know someone obsessed with Pinterest. What is it all about? Is it just recipe gathering? We will explore the many uses of Pinterest, how to sign up, how to make it your own, how to use it as a planning tool, and how to validate your interests. You will learn how to add pins, make new boards, and upload your own pins.

### Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

### 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 Monuments Men: Allied heroes, Nazi thieves, and the greatest treasure hunt in history by Robert M. Edsel.

### Wedneday, August 21

### Art is the Treasure, Auditorium, 10AM

Carve a personalized stamp, create a journal and start hunting for letterboxes.

# Use your imagination with the Words Players Theatre, Auditorium, 1PM

Dream of starring in the movies? Or being a superhero? Or a ninja? Or the President of the United States? Come play with the members of the Words Player's Theatre. Learn how to create characters through games and activities. Use these skills in your future career as an actor or as a writer or for playing in your own backyard.

### **Thursday, August 22**

# **Baby Time!, Auditorium, 10AM**Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right

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

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### Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 2PM

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### Friday, August 23

### Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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

### **Monday, August 26**

#### 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.

### Tuesday, August 27

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

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book to be discussed - Danced With Wolves by Michael Blake. 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.

# Behavioral Interviews: STAR and SHARE Approaches, Meeting Room A, 1:30 PM

Behavioral interviewers operate under the premise that past performance in a similar setting is the best predictor of future performance. The acronyms STAR and SHARE represent approaches to behavior interviewing that will be introduced in this short discussion. No registration or fees required.

### Open for Drop in Career Counseling, Career Corner, 2:30 PM

### Tuesday, August 27, 2013 LEGO® FunAuditorium, 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. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

### Small Business Assistance - SCORE, Meeting Room B, 5PM

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### Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

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### Wednesday, August 28

### Schiffelly Puppets!, Auditorium, 10AM

The Schiffelly Puppets present a wild and wacky version of their favorite fairy tale, Jack and the Beanstalk!

### Allegro School of Dance and Music, Auditorium, 1PM

Allegro School of Dance and Music presents a dance and story program based on the popular picture book Angelina Ballerina.

### The library will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor day. Regular library hours will start Tuesday, September 3rd.

Monday - Thursday	. 9:30AM - 9:00PM
Friday	.9:30AM - 5:30PM
Saturday	.9:30AM - 5:30PM
Sunday	. 1:30PM - 5:30PM

### World Music: Pacific Curls, Auditorium, 3PM

With their World-ribbed sounds, precise arrangements and a catalogue of songs Pacific Curls – make music that is both worldly and enthralling. Over the years the three members have accumulated an impressive instrumental collection featuring the ukulele, cajon, fiddle, Taonga Puoro - traditional Maori instruments, guitar, stomp box, kalimba, various percussive instruments and vocals with lyrics in Te Reo Maori, Rotuman and English.

### **Thursday, August 29**

#### **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, 10:30 AM & 11AM

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

### Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1PM

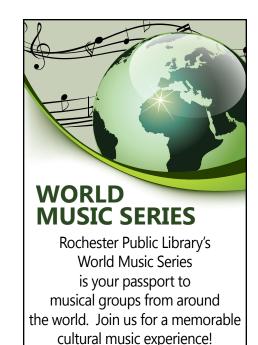
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### Friday, August 30

### Family Storytime!, Auditorium, 10AM

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

If you require accommodations in order to participate in any of the listed children's events, please contact Children's Services at 507-328-2303.



August 28th Rochester Public Library Auditorium - 3:00PM

All concerts are free of charge.



