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Brody Benjamin "Batman" Enger

Batman has stopped by the library a couple of times recently. The first time was August 20th when Nicole – our graphic designer and keeper of the digital camera – got a message from Ally in the Children's area saying "Grab the camera and get down here quickly!"

A four, soon to be five, year old, Brody "Batman" was in the Children's area, in costume, looking at the superhero comics and books. This Batman took cute to a whole new level; he owned the Children's staff and everyone that saw Nicole's pictures. Fortunately, someone had gotten the email address of Batman's mother and their story follows.

Brody Benjamin "Batman" Enger, as he likes to be called, enjoys trips to the library! He most enjoys the DC superhero books! When he's not flying high protecting Gotham City, he enjoys being read to and looking at books. He also enjoys the large selection of movies!

Brody has been visiting the library for quite some time. One thing we always have to do is look at all of the old toys in the glass case. I hope Brody continues to enjoy the library, and one day love reading!

The morning that Brody showed up in his costume, his mom had answered a

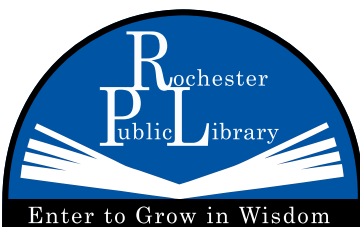


"When he's not flying high protecting Gotham City, he enjoys being read to and looking at books."

Craigslist ad that listed the costume which was still available and only a few minutes from Brody's house. They picked up the costume on the way to the library and Brody asked if he could wear the costume into the library. Mom said "sure", (kudos to mom from all of us). Brody spent the rest of the day in his costume, including nap time.

The day Brody came in to talk with us, he had on Batman and Spiderman wrist

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bands and Spiderman flip flops. Brody has been fascinated by superheroes since he was two, beginning with TV shows and coloring books. Listening to Brody, it seems that there are now many different colored costumes for Batman, and more bad people than when I was following superheroes. One that was mentioned in particular was *Feline Felonies* with Cheetah who looks like a cheetah. Brody described her as, "not nice, a bad girl." We went to look at the toys in the glass case but the display had been changed. The toys were actually the superhero collection of Andy Stehr, the Head of our Circulation Area, so we took Brody behind the scenes and into Andy's office so he could look at all of the toys. He could name them all.

Mom (Kelly) shared a cute story which she thought Brody might enjoy reading years from now. It was that magical time in the progress

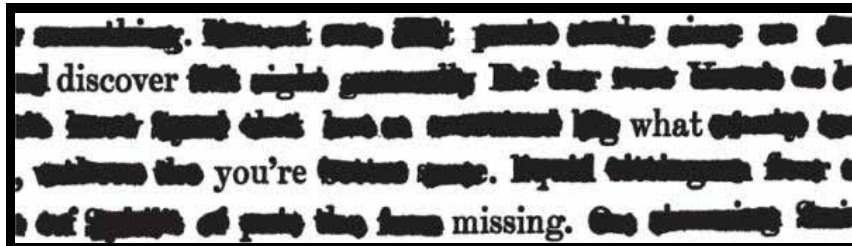
and growth of a child known as toilet training. Brody woke up one morning and said that he would wear his Batman undies all day and not have any accidents *if* he could watch the Batman movie with all of the criminals, including the Joker, as a reward. Anyone reading this that has lived through toilet training knows that you grab on to any possibility. It worked – no accidents and Batman was trained.

Brody turns five at the end of September, and he and mom will be flying out to Seattle to visit his great grandmother for her 80th birthday. Brody spent some time talking with Ally, a youth services librarian, getting together a stack of books and a movie to pass the time. on My guess is that he will be back as the last email sent by his mom said, "Thank you for making Brody feel even more special than he already is!

He told me, "Going to the library was the best part of my day." He is also enjoying all the books he brought home!"



"CHECK OUT" OUR COLLECTION OF CHILDREN'S VIDEO GAMES & GRAPHIC NOVELS AS WELL AS ADULT GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMIC BOOKS!



**BANNED BOOKS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 22-28**

Visit the library's skyway during banned books week and celebrate the **FREEDOM** to read

HOMWORK HELP

- Hours of service: 6-9PM every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during the school year
- Where: Rochester Public Library, 2nd Floor
- Volunteers 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. Students do not need to register ahead of time.



Inside & outside of the new Wellness Corner



Freshly installed wall of windows for the new Teen Scape.

Maker's Space floor. Glass walls to be installed.



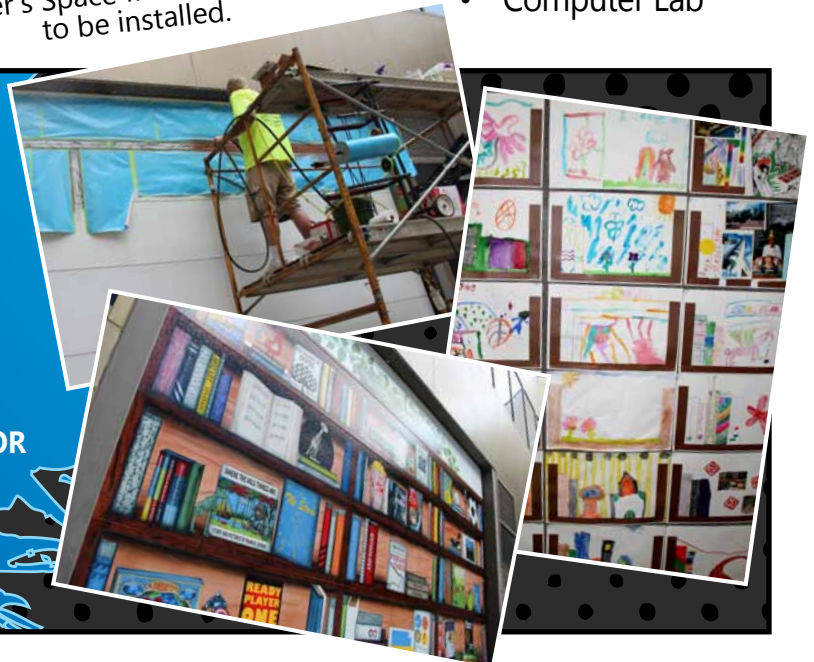
UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON...

- Wellness Corner
- Maker's Space
- Teen Scape
- Computer Lab

SHELF PORTRAIT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
OPEN HOUSE 5-7PM

CELEBRATE THE LIBRARY'S NEW GARAGE DOOR MURAL BY PETER LEX OF LEX CUSTOMS!
VIEW THE MURAL AND CREATE YOUR OWN SHELF PORTRAIT FOR A TEMPORARY INSTALLMENT INSIDE THE LIBRARY!



September 2013

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

Monday, Sept 2

Library Closed - Labor Day

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept 3

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: *You Know When the Men are Gone* by Siobhan Fallon. 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.

Job Search Skills Needed for Success, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

The most successful job seekers develop, practice and utilize state-of-the-art job search skills. They also know more about themselves, the job, the company, their occupational field and how the labor market works than their competition. Discuss what can be done to put the odds in your favor. No registration or fees required.

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.

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.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.



Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

The Homework Assistance Study Table is held 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. No registration required.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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

Family Fun Night: Game On!, Auditorium, 7:30PM

Like Angry Birds? Minecraft? Join us for a live-action version. Or try your hand at other board and video games.

Wednesday Sept 4

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!

Art Room Extended: Homeschool Edition, Auditorium, 2:30PM

Love the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Room Extended! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. Grades K to 5.

Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

Rochester Issues Forum: Drug Courts. What is it? How does it work?, Auditorium, 7PM

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussion on the topic of drug courts. 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, Sept 5

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. This program 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). No registration required. This program is funded by an IBM Centennial Grant.

Thursday, Sept 5

Computer Basics Workshop, Meeting Room B, 1-2:30PM

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 registration required.

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.

Saturday, Sept 7

Hooray for Saturday!: Launch It, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Build, test and fire your own launcher! Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Monday, Sept 9

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.

City Council Ward 5 Candidate Forum, Auditorium, 7PM

This forum moderated by the League of Women Voters will include questions from LWV Rochester, the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Post-Bulletin as well as the audience. Confirmed Candidates: Mark Hickey and Shaun Palmer Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce and the Post-Bulletin.

Tuesday, Sept 10

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.

J.U.M.P. to Land That New Job, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

J.U.M.P. (Job Retention / Understanding / Motivation / Problem Solving) to land that new job and reach higher for the next job opportunity. Prove to your new employer that they didn't make a mistake by hiring you. You will have to earn that promotion, so let's get serious about making a difference in the workplace. No registration or fees required.

Open for Drop in Career Counseling, 2nd Floor Career Corner, 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, 2:30-3:30PM

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. Parents are asked to remain in the library while LEGO Fun is in session. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library

LEGO® Fun!, Auditorium, 4-5PM

See description above.

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.

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.



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.

Family Fun Night: Art of Science!, Auditorium, 7:30PM

Embrace your inner mad scientist as we combine science with art. This could get messy.

Wednesday, Sept 11

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!

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion, Meeting Room A, 2PM

North Korea likes to make a lot of noise. Let's see what life is really like in *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea*, by Barbara Demick.

Wednesday, Sept 11

iFilms: SHUN LI AND THE POET, Auditorium, 6PM

Directed by Andrea Segre Italy / 2011 / Italian & Mandarin with English subtitles

Synopsis: Shun Li works in a textile factory near Rome, slowly paying off the broker that brought her from China to Italy, while saving money so she can bring her young son to join her. She is suddenly transferred to work as a bartender at a pub in a small town along the Venetian Lagoon.

Short: SHANGHAI LOVE MARKET Australia / Mandarin with English subtitles

Thursday, Sept 12

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

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Film & Discussion: BORN INTO BROTHELS, Auditorium, 6:30PM

Set in Calcutta's notorious red-light district, *Born Into Brothels* explores the lives of its most vulnerable citizens. While documenting life in the brothels Calcutta, New York-based photographer Zana Briski embarked on a project by which she gave cameras to the children of prostitutes and taught them photography, awakening hidden talent and giving them a means to transform their lives. The movie will be followed by a facilitated discussion. This program is co-sponsored by the Rochester Franciscans and Mission 21 as part of their Human Trafficking Awareness Education efforts.

Saturday, Sept 14

Hooray for Saturday!: Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Love the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Room Extended! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Sunday, Sept 15

Teen Film Trailer Contest Awards Program, Auditorium, 2PM

Join us as we show the film trailers of our five finalists. The audience will then have a chance to vote for their favorite. After the votes have been tabulated, our winner will be announced.

Monday, Sept 16

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.

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.

Tuesday, Sept 17

Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - *Lost in the Wild* by Cary Griffith.

Solutions to Overcome Employers Objections (SOLAR), Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

The SOLAR Acronym can be credited to authors Debra Angel MacDougall and Elizabeth Harney Sanders-Park. Come and find out what these simple 5 letters are all about, and how powerful these 5 proactive solutions are to overcoming any barrier to employment – real or imagined. No registration or fees required.

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Chess Club! 4pm, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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Tuesday, Sept 17

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 End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe.

Family Fun Night: LEGOs® Fun!, Auditorium, 7:30PM

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



Wednesday, Sept 18

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM

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Art Room Extended: Homeschool Edition, Auditorium, 2:30PM

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Art Room Extended, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

P-B Dialogues, Auditorium, 6:30PM

Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with P-B Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

Thursday, Sept 19

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Shelf Portrait, Auditorium, 5PM

Celebrate the library's new garage door mural by Peter Lex of Lex Customs! View the mural and create your own shelf portrait for a temporary installment inside the library. Open House 5-7pm

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.

Friday, Sept 20

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!, Auditorium, 10AM

Calling all young artists: Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials.

Saturday, Sept 21

Hooray for Saturday!: Build a Race Track, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Create race tracks and see how fast your cars can race! Mini-vehicles and all other supplies will be provided by the library. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Monday, Sept 23

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

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Visiting Author: WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Auditorium, 7PM

William Alexander studied theater and folklore at Oberlin College and English at the University of Vermont. His short stories have been published in many magazines and anthologies, including *Weird Tales*, *Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet*, *Interfictions 2*, and *Fantasy: The Best of the Year 2008*. His debut novel, *Goblin Secrets*, was awarded the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 2012. William Alexander currently lives, writes, and teaches in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tuesday, Sept 24

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 - A Gravestone Made of Wheat [short story] also in *Sweet Land: New and Selected Stories* by Will Weaver.

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.

The 4 Corners of Leadership, Meeting Room A, 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 or fees required.

Tuesday, Sept 24

Open for Drop in Career Counseling, 2:30PM

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Family Fun Night: Get Global!, Auditorium, 7:30PM

Join us on a journey around the world as we explore different countries with snacks, crafts, and games. Then vote for the next country at the end of the previous session. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6.

Wednesday, Sept 25

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!

Thursday, Sept 26

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Saturday, Sept 28

Hooray for Saturday!: Family Storytime, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Let's Move! Listeners will want to get up and move to action rhymes, participation stories, and even some silly dancing fun!

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.

Monday, Sept 30

Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description on page 4.



Sit, Stay, Read!, Auditorium, 6PM & 7PM

Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to practice reading with a certified therapy dog. For a positive reading experience, only the child and accompanying adult should attend. Registration is required. Registered participants will receive notification of their appointment time prior to the program.

VISITING AUTHOR WILLIAM ALEXANDER

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