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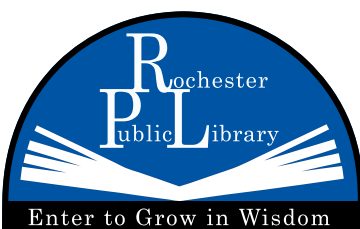
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## LIVES CHANGE @your library®

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

### APRIL 14-20, 2014

If you are a library groupie you probably know that sometime in April each year there is an official National Library Week. This year it is the week of April 14 – 20. The theme this year is Lives Change @ Your Library.

In honor of National Library Week, we interviewed five people who's lives have been changed by the library. Look for their pictures and an excerpt of their stories during National Library Week. Their full stories will be published in upcoming newsletters.



#### **ABBY PORTER**

Abby Porter is a first year student in the University of Minnesota, Rochester (UMR) in the Health Science, program. Abby works at the library a few hours a day, three days a week through the UMR work study program. She feels that this work study opportunity has allowed her to gain knowledge in both people and computer skills.

- Look for the full story in the May Newsletter

#### **ARIANE BROMBERG**

The bookmobile stops every other week at Ariane Bromberg's daycare. Ariane feels that the bookmobile is a very important part of the children's educational experience. She explains to the children that the bookmobile is an example of what the community offers to the children and more importantly the bookmobile allows the children to pick out and handle real paper books.

- Look for the full story in the June Newsletter



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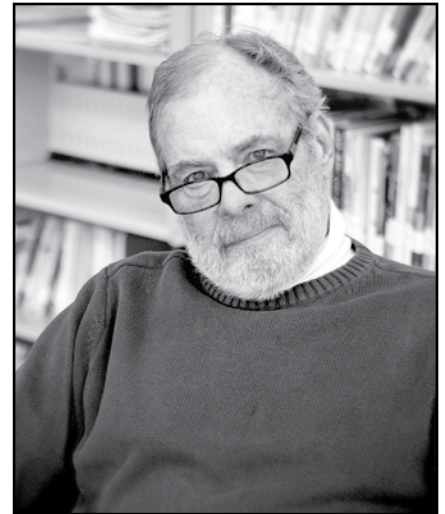
### **DAVID BARRY**

David is moving to Rochester primarily for the Rochester Public Library.

To him, a library is the key to any well run city. After all of his travels and an 18-month long camping trip around the United States, he says that Rochester has a great library!

In his own words, he is an avid, even voracious reader. He has been reading since he was six and has loved almost every word, sentence and paragraph of the thousands of books he has read in his sixty-one year literate life.

- Look for the full story in the July Newsletter



### **BRYAN GRAVES**

Bryan started off in the PossAbilities school to work program in 2006. After graduation in 2008 he transferred into the Possibilities adult program. He is the son of Ginny and John Graves and faithfully comes twice a week to scan books and documents for the library so that they can be loaded onto the internet.

Bryan is doing something the Library couldn't afford to do without his help. To have the directories professionally prepared would cost about \$320 per book. Bryan is making a valuable contribution to preserving the history of the community and making it available worldwide.

- Look for the full story in the August Newsletter



### **PAULA THOMAS**

Paula Thomas knows what it is like to start over again. Sometimes more than once. As a result of a being in more than one car crash, she has suffered brain trauma and memory loss which can make learning (and retaining knowledge) difficult.

She regularly attends the twice-weekly Computer & eBook Drop-In sessions on Mondays and Thursdays to get answers to her technology questions.

"The Rochester Public Library has made a tremendous difference in the quality of life for me. I have had to retrain my brain to not only learn about technology again, but to use it," says Paula.

- Look for the full story in the September Newsletter



## **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

**12:30PM** Doors open for entrants to drop off edible books

**1:00PM** Doors open for public

**1:30PM** Announce winners



Wellness Corner Health Screening events are added daily. Check our online calendar to see upcoming events. [www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/wellness](http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/wellness)



## Tuesday, April 1

### Spring Break at the Library: LEGO® Fun! Auditorium, 10AM-12PM

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.

### Armchair Traveler Bookgroup Meeting Room A, 11AM-12PM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - *The Dove Keepers* by Alice Hoffman. 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.

### Walk a Mile in My Shoes Meeting Room B, 1:30PM-2:30PM

No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

Enjoy playing with your food? Tantalize your taste buds with a good title at RPL's 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 primarily of edible materials with the subject pertaining to books in shape or content. "Punny" entries welcome!



# April 2014

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

## Wednesday, April 2

### Preschool Storytime Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

### Spring Break at the Library: Fantastic Flingers and Flyers, Auditorium, 1-3PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we create things that we can fling or fly! Examples include (but are not limited to): paper airplanes, catapults, and straw rockets. Supplies will be provided.

### Tax Filing Assistance Computer Lab, 5-8PM

Clinic helping income-eligible persons to use myfreetax.co. Tax preparers will be available to assist if you have questions while filing your taxes online for free. Volunteers provided by United Way. To register, call 507.287.1958

### Rochester Issues Forum: Bullying Auditorium, 6:30-8PM

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussions. 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.

### MuV Chat, Meeting Room C, 6:30-9PM

Movie night with a twist! Text in your comments and they will pop up on the screen. Bring your phones or iPads and get ready to express your love or hate. Any phone that can send texts will work.

### Drop in for Career Counseling Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM

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 Wellness Corner is on the second floor, in the southwest corner.

### Chess Club Auditorium, 2:30-3:30PM

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.

### Reading Center: Free Reading Assessments, Meeting Room A, 5-8PM

What are the signs for early reading problems? Is your child at risk? Sign up for a free assessment for your 4-6 year old child with Reading Center staff at the library. Registration is required. Please call 328.2303 to make an appointment.

### Bedtime Stories Auditorium, 6:30-7PM

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

### Know your numbers: BMI and nutrition Meeting Room B, 7-8PM

Program presented by the Winona State University Nursing students on Body Mass Index and Nutrition.



## Wednesday, April 2

### English Conversation Group Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. This is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share cultures and have fun. The group is open to all non-native English speaking adults.

## Thursday, April 3

### Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25AM

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

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

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

### Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab, 1-2:30PM

Bring your computer and eBook reader questions to this drop-in class. Librarians will be there to answer your basic questions about computers (e-mail, internet, digital photos, etc.) and library eBooks. Our computer lab has 10 computers with access to the internet for you to use. Please bring in your own devices (laptops, tablets, eBook readers, smartphones, etc.) and we will be there to help answer your questions. No signup for this class.

### Spring Break at the Library: Grossology Auditorium, 1-3PM

If you love all things gross, you won't believe the wonderfully disgusting activities we have in store for you!

## Friday, April 4

### MnSure Enrollment Assistance Computer Lab, 9:30AM-2PM

A trained MnSure navigator will be available to answer questions and assist with signing up for health insurance.

### Spring Break at the Library: Game On! Auditorium, 10AM-12PM

Drop in for a morning of gaming. Challenge your friends (or the librarian) to cool board games and challenging card games.

### English Conversation Group Group Study, 11AM-12:15 PM

See description above.

### Spring Break at the Library: Game On! Auditorium, 1-3PM

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## Saturday, April 5

### Carbon Monoxide Screening and Smoking Cessation Information Wellness Corner, 10AM-1PM

We offer non-invasive CO monitoring to evaluate carbon monoxide poisoning, a health hazard of smoking. We will also be answering questions and providing information about the Smoking Cessation Clinic, a free clinic in Rochester that offers a smoking cessation program.

### Hooray for Saturday! Storyteller and Musician Jack Pearson!

#### Auditorium, 10:30-11:30AM

Mr. Song-Strummin' Storyman, Jack Pearson, visits the library to present tales and tunes for the entire family! This program was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

### Know your numbers: BMI and nutrition Meeting Room B, 11AM-12PM

Program presented by the Winona State University Nursing students on Body Mass Index and Nutrition.

### Family Fun with Butterfly Gardening Auditorium, 2-3:30PM

Learn about the butterflies that live in our area, their life cycle and what they need to thrive. Then learn to create and maintain your own butterfly garden so that you can enjoy them up close in your own yard. Appropriate for ages 10 and above.

## Monday, April 7

### Computer & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 9:30-10:30AM

See description above.

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

The Homework Assistance Study Table is held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the 2nd floor of the Rochester Public Library from 6:00 - 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. Students do not need to register ahead of time -- just come at the scheduled time.

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

Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to practice reading aloud for 20 minutes with a certified therapy dog. For a positive reading experience, only the child should attend. Parents are asked to remain in the library. Registration online or call 507.328.2303. Registered participants will receive notification of their appointment time prior to the program.

## Tuesday, April 8

### Library Time, Auditorium, 10-11AM

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

### Online Applications & Online Assessments, Meeting Room B, 1:30-2:30PM

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 necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

### Drop in for Career Counseling Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 3,

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

### LEGO® Fun!, Auditorium, 4-5PM

See description above.

### Small Business Assistance - SCORE Wellness Corner, 5-7PM

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 above.

## Tuesday, April 8

### Stress Management

#### Meeting Room B, 6-7PM

Program presented by the Winona State University Nursing students on stress management.

### Bedtime Stories

#### Auditorium, 6:30P-7PM

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

### Writing Group

#### Meeting Room A, 6:30PM-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://writanon.com/>. If you have any questions for Mike prior to your first meeting, please email [kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us](mailto:kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us), or call 507.328.2313.

## Wednesday, April 9

### Preschool Storytime,

#### Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

### English Conversation Group

#### Group Study, 11AM-12:15 PM

See description on page 4.

### Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion

#### Meeting Room B, 2-3PM

Seems like it's often either too wet or too dry. Explore the future of water in *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*, by Charles Fishman.

### Magnetic Poetry Wall,

#### Maker Space, 2-9PM

Create with us a magnetic poetry wall during this National Poetry Month program. The words we cut out and attach to recycled magnets will be used to create our Makerspace poetry wall that everyone can use to create fun, imaginative and profound works of poetry.

### TeenScape Scribblers

#### Meeting Room A, 4-6PM

Get ready to be creative with poetry, fiction, songs and more! Meet informally with other teens to workshop your writing, or start something new. Bring your latest poems, short stories and ideas.

### iFilms: International and, Independent Films, Auditorium, 6-8PM

WATCHTOWER Directed by Pelin Esmer / Turkey, France and Germany Synopsis: Haunted by a tragic incident, Nihat isolated himself by becoming a fire warden in a remote observation tower far out in the wilderness. Seher lives in a makeshift room at a rural bus station, and she has taken a job as a bus hostess to escape her own traumatic past. Destined to come to a crossroads, they go about their solitary lives until their fates collide.

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

See description on page 4.

### English Conversation Group

#### Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

See description on page 4.

## Thursday, April 10

### Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25AM

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

### Magnetic Poetry Wall

#### Maker Space, 10AM-1PM

Create with us a magnetic poetry wall during this National Poetry Month program. The words we cut out and attach to recycled magnets will be used to create our Makerspace poetry wall that everyone can use to create fun, imaginative and profound works of poetry.

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

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

### Computer & eBook Drop-In

#### Computer Lab, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 4.

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

See description on page 4.

## Friday, April 11

### MNSure Enrollment Assistance

#### Computer Lab, 9:30AM-2PM

A trained MnSure navigator will be available to answer questions and assist with signing up for health insurance.

### Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!

#### Auditorium, 10-11AM

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

### Housing options - by Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

#### Wellness Corner, 2:30PM-3PM

Drop in for information on housing options in Rochester

## Saturday, April 12

### Hooray for Saturday!

#### Auditorium, 10:30-11AM

Please join us for stories and rhymes about food!

### Stress Management

#### Meeting Room B, 11AM-12PM

Program presented by the Winona State University Nursing students on stress management.

### 2nd Annual Edible Book Festival

#### Auditorium, 12:30-1:45 PM

Enjoy playing with your food? Tantalize your taste buds with a good title at RPL's Annual Edible Book Festival! All community members and businesses are welcome to submit their most creative - and edible - literary work of art. Entries must be made primarily of edible materials with the subject pertaining to books in shape or content. "Punny" entries welcome! 12:30PM Doors open for entrants to drop off edible books 1:00PM Doors open to the public 1:30PM Announce winners

## Sunday, April 13

### Best Site for a Vineyard

#### Auditorium, 2-3:30PM

Selecting the best site and soil type are the first steps toward successfully growing grapes. This presentation will focus on the fundamentals of soil, how it was formed in SE Minnesota, how and where to find information about your soil and how to determine key characteristics of your soil. Once these attributes are determined, your chances of success will improve tremendously by taking the appropriate actions.

## Monday, April 14

### Computer & eBook Drop-In

#### Computer Lab, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 4.

### Make-N-Take: Painting and Poetry

#### Maker Space, 10AM-12PM

Local artist and poet, Mary Lou Devlin will be here to present a painting and poetry workshop. During the workshop, participants will create a painting inspired by poetry. Participants can bring a poem they like, either that they have written or found.

## Monday, April 14

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

See description on page 4.

### Brain Fitness Basics

#### Meeting Room B, 6:30-8PM

This workshop highlights the key elements involved in keeping your brain fit for life. We will underscore the importance of strong cognitive skills and share fun ways to implement brain-building activities into daily life.

## Tuesday, April 15

### Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12-1PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Forgotten Country by Catherine Chung

### The 4 Prove Its and 4 Steps to an Employer Saying Yes!

#### Meeting Room B, 1:30-2:30PM

The easiest way to convince an employer to hire you is proof by example. This discussion puts forth the premise that job seeker controls what information must be shared with employers. There is the traditional approach to job search, and then there is the creative way to job search. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

### Drop in for Career Counseling Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 3,

### Chess Club for Homeschoolers!

#### Auditorium, 2:30-3:30PM

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, 4-5PM

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

See description on page 4.

### Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30-7PM

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

### Night Owl Book Group Meeting Room B, 7-8PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - Saving the School by Michael Brick.

## Wednesday, April 16

### Preschool Storytime

#### Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

### Lunch & Learn: MOVED BY MUSIC Auditorium, 12-1PM

Artistic Director Rick Kvam will give a preview of the Choral Arts Ensemble's season finale Moved by Music and discuss Benjamin Britten's work Rejoice in the Lamb. For more information visit <http://choralartsensemble.org/>. Optional lunch begins at 11:30am. To purchase a \$10 catered lunch, contact Corey Henke ([rmgllunch@gmail.com](mailto:rmgllunch@gmail.com) or 507-696-2023). Bag lunches also welcome. Free program begins at noon. Lunch & Learn is a free program sponsored by the Rochester Music Guild.

### TeenScape Open Mic

#### TeenScape, 4PM

Calling all poets, musicians and other creative types! We need you for TeenScape's first-ever open mic! Bring your own original work, or read a favorite poem to celebrate National Poetry Month.

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

See description on page 4.

### English Conversation Group Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

See description on page 4.

## Thursday, April 17

### Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25AM

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 & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 4.

### Art Club: Paint & Tape Auditorium, 2:30-3:30PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will be experimenting with paint and masking tape. Grades K to 5.

### Art Club: Paint & Tape Auditorium, 4-5PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will be experimenting with paint & tape. Grades K to 5.

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

See description on page 4.

## Friday, April 18

### MNSure Enrollment Assistance Computer Lab, 9:30AM-2PM

A trained MnSure navigator will be available to answer questions and assist with signing up for health insurance.



### Dance Party Days Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Put on your dancing shoes and join the library for 30 minutes of non-stop dance madness for families.

### English Conversation Group Group Study, 11AM-12:15 PM

See description on page 4.

## Saturday, April 19

### Hooray for Saturday! LEGO® Fun Auditorium, 10:30-11:30AM

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.

## Sunday, April 20

### Library Closed - All Day

The library will be closed in observance of Easter Sunday.

## Monday, April 21

### Computer & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 4.



## Monday, April 21

### **Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 1 Computer Lab, 3-4:30PM**

Learn how to edit, repair, enhance, and add effects to your digital photos. This first class of three will introduce you to the basic functions of Photoshop Elements. Feel free to bring your own digital photo to practice with. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

### **TLC - Teen Library Council Meeting Room A, 4-5PM**

We need you to make TeenScape better! Help us plan awesome teen programs and activities throughout the year. What would make the library even more fun? Join TLC and let your opinions be heard!

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

See description on page 4.

### **Sit Stay Read, Auditorium, 6&7PM**

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### **Make-N-Take: Painting and Poetry Maker Space, 7-9PM**

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## Tuesday, April 22

### **You're In or You're Out - Why Employers Might Screen You Out Meeting Room B, 1:30-2:30PM**

No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

### **Drop in for Career Counseling Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM**

See description on page 3,

### **LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers! Auditorium, 2:30-3:30PM**

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### **LEGO® Fun! 4 to 5pm Auditorium, 4-5PM**

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### **Small Business Assistance - SCORE Wellness Corner, 5-7PM**

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.

### **Bedtime Stories**

#### **Auditorium, 6:30-7PM**

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

## Wednesday, April 23

### **Preschool Storytime Auditorium, 10-10:30AM**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

### **English Conversation Group Group Study, 11-12:15 PM**

See description on page 4.

### **TeenScape Scribblers Meeting Room A, 4-6PM**

Get ready to be creative with poetry, fiction, songs and more! Meet informally with other teens to workshop your writing, or start something new. Bring your latest poems, short stories and ideas.

### **Make Accordion Fold Books Maker Space, 4-6PM**

Come and spend 2 hours learning to make accordion (or concertina) books. I will have supplies and tools available to make 2 or 3 different types of accordions, including a mini one that fits in a matchbox. Feel free to bring your own tools and colorful papers, if you'd like. Space is limited to 10 people. Please register by visiting the website or calling 507.328.2309.

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

See description on page 4.

### **English Conversation Group Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM**

See description on page 4.

## Thursday, April 24

### **Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25AM**

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 & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 1-2:30PM**

See description on page 4.

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

See description on page 4.

## Friday, April 25

### **MNSure Enrollment Assistance Computer Lab, 9:30AM-2PM**

A trained MnSure navigator will be available to answer questions and assist with signing up for health insurance.

### **Citizenship Legal Assistance Wellness Corner, 10:30AM-2:30PM**

Drop in to see if you qualify for free citizenship legal services.

## Saturday, April 26

### **Hooray for Saturday! Dance Party Storytime, Auditorium, 10:30-11AM**

Remember to bring your dancing shoes as we enjoy stories about dance, and spend some time grooving to music!

### **Make-N-Take: Felting Projects Maker Space, 1-4PM**

Come and make one of our delightful projects made from old wool sweaters that have been felted and take them home to use and enjoy. Come anytime between 1-4 PM to complete your project. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

## Sunday, April 27

### **Perennial Tracker, Auditorium, 2-3:30PM**

Do you get overwhelmed with how to best keep track of the perennials you have purchased? Do you need a system to keep from buying plants you already have? Come to this workshop to investigate systems that might work for you. We will cover options for the non-computer user to the advanced user. We'll also talk about label suggestions for your gardens.

## Monday, April 28

### Computer & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 4.

### Make-N-Take: Painting and Poetry Maker Space, 10AM-12PM

Local artist and poet, Mary Lou Devlin will be here to present a painting and poetry workshop. During the workshop, participants will create a painting inspired by poetry. Participants can bring a poem they like, either that they have written or found.

### Mystery Book Group Meeting Room A, 1-2PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Forensic Medicine novels.

### Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 2 Computer Lab, 3-4:30PM

Learn how to edit, repair, enhance, and add effects to your digital photos. This second class of three we will look at specific ways to repair and enhance photographs. Feel free to bring your own digital photo to practice with. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

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

See description on page 4.

## Tuesday, April 29

### Literature into Film Bookgroup Meeting Room C, 1:30-2:30PM

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book and film to be discussed - The Magic of Ordinary Days by Ann Howard Creel. 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.

### Walk This Way: Moving Your Job Search From Slow Motion to Fast Track Meeting Room A, 1:30-2:30PM

Redirect your job search so that as a job seeker - you will see how to improve your odds for finding employment. An employer will look upon the job seeker as someone who is focused on the PAST... or... as someone who knows how to meet their expectations and is focused on the FUTURE. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

### Drop in for Career Counseling Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 4.

### Bedtime Stories 6:30pm Auditorium, 6:30-7PM

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

## Wednesday, April 30

### Preschool Storytime Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

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

See description on page 4.

### English Conversation Group Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

See description on page 4.

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## Thursday, May 1

### Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25AM

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 & eBook Drop-In Computer Lab, 1-2:30 PM

See description on page 4.

### Art Club: Outlines

#### Auditorium, 2:30&4PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will be tracing outlines of our bodies and painting them in. Grades K to 5.

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

See description on page 4.

## Friday, May 2

### MNSure Enrollment Assistance Computer Lab, 9:30AM-2PM

A trained MnSure navigator will be available to answer questions and assist with signing up for health insurance.



### Petite Picasso: Preschool Art! Auditorium, 10-11AM

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

### English Conversation Group Group Study, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

See description on page 4.

## Saturday, May 3

### Hooray for Saturday! Family Storytime, 10:30-11AM

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### Growing Vegetables and Flowers 101 Auditorium, 2-3:30PM

The basics of gardening in your yard will include tools, soil preparation, testing and amending your soil, plant choice, companion planting, container gardening and even edible flowers will be shared in this workshop. If you need a jump start to begin gardening, this is the class for you.



If you require accommodations in order to participate in any of the listed children's events, please contact Youth Services at 507.328.2303.