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The Re-Education of Paula Thomas

-by *Brian Lind*

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.

"I lost my engineering knowledge, which included computer skills," says Paula. "I moved to Rochester for treatment at the Mayo Clinic. I was in a hotel, on the waiting list for a local apartment, and needed something to do. I decided to check out the local library."

Since discovering the Rochester Public Library, she has checked out many books, music CDs and DVD movies, and even taken two library-funded field trips to see a Shakespearean play in Winona and visit the Minnesota Historical Society.

However, Paula is best known to library staff as a regular attendee of the library's computer and technology classes.

"I have enrolled in most of the computer classes offered through the library: Senior Techies, Digital Cameras, Photo Editing, Gmail, eBooks, Facebook, Photoshop and more."

"I needed to start with basic computer classes in a non-threatening environment where I could ask questions, and for a low cost. The library met my needs and surpassed them!"



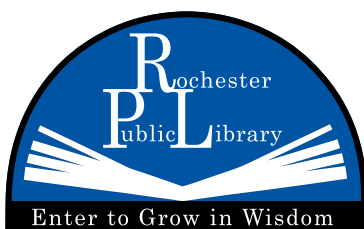
She regularly attends the twice-weekly Computer & eBook Drop-In sessions on Mondays and Thursdays to get answers to her technology questions.

"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

She is impressed with the library's technology programming for adults.

"I worked and traveled as an engineer and visited a lot of libraries around the country. There are a lot of libraries out there with good programs for children and teens, but few with good programs for seniors," says Paula.

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The Re-Education of Paula Thomas continued from page 1

She appreciates that the library's staff takes the time it takes to make sure she learns what she needs to know.

"I needed to start with basic computer classes in a non-threatening environment where I could ask questions, and for a low cost. The library met my needs and surpassed them! Also, you can repeat a class if you did not learn all the information the first time. For me now, technology does not seem so threatening and I no longer fear I will be left behind."

She uses different kinds of software available on the library's computers.

"The library also has computers loaded with a variety of software programs like Microsoft Word or Adobe Photoshop Elements for your use. Increasing your knowledge in computer technology can only benefit you. Don't get left behind. Start your learning now!"

Paula advises others to "take advantage of the computer learning center and the classes they offer and the drop in computer question sessions. The classes and open lab question sessions are free! These are great programs, and that is rare. Even if you don't have your own computer, don't let that stop you."

COMPUTER & EBOOK DROP-IN

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.



Computer Lab - 2nd Floor

Mondays: 9:30-10:30AM & Thursdays: 1-2:30PM

JOIN A BOOK GROUP TODAY

The library has many options for people who like to get together and discuss good books.

There are currently six book groups run by library staff that meet monthly to discuss books of various genres:

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS Meeting Room A • First Tuesdays at 11AM

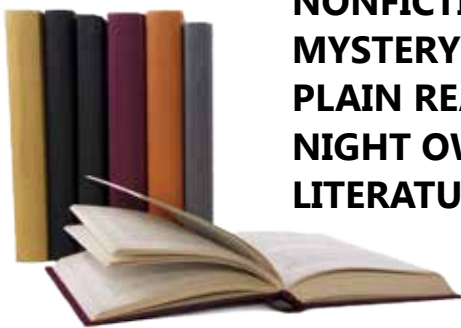
NONFICTION READERS Meeting Room B • Second Wednesdays at 2PM

MYSTERY READERS Meeting Room A • Third Mondays at 1PM

PLAIN READERS Meeting Room A • Third Tuesdays at NOON

NIGHT OWL BOOK GROUP Meeting Room A • Third Tuesdays at 7PM

LITERATURE INTO FILM Meeting Room B • Fourth Tuesdays at 1PM



WRITING GROUP

Second Tuesdays of the Month • Meeting Room A, 6:30-8:30PM

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, or call 507.328.2305.





KNITTING BASICS

Courtney Rogge will be here to lead an introductory knitting class. During this four part class you will have a chance to learn some basic techniques of knitting and create a cotton wash cloth. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Each Monday in August from 6:30-7:30PM
Rochester Public Library, Makerspace**

August 4 • August 11 • August 18 • August 25

Austin Public Library: Register Now for Grant Blackwood Writing Workshop “The Secrets of Writing Best Selling Thrillers”

Registration is open for an amazing opportunity to participate in a 1 day writer’s workshop with best-selling author Grant Blackwood Wednesday, August 20th at the Austin Public Library, sponsored by Friends of the Library. Blackwood will teach the hands-on class from 9 AM to 5 PM sharing the secrets of writing best-selling thriller. The cost is just \$25 per person and includes snacks, water, coffee or tea and lunch. Tap into the expertise of this talented, bestselling author. Register on line at austinpupliclibrary.org.

Grant Blackwood is the bestselling author of the Briggs Tanner series, (The End of Enemies, The Wall of Night, and An Echo of War). He is also the co-author of the Fargo Adventure Series (Spartan Gold, Lost Empire, and The Kingdom) with Clive Cussler, as well as the #1 New York Times bestseller, Dead or Alive, with Tom Clancy. His latest thriller is the *The Kill Switch*, written with James Rollins. I was just released and here are excerpts of the rave reviews rolling in so far. VERDICT: The taut and complex story sprints across the globe from Russia to Istanbul to southern Africa to the United States, and offers a diverse cast of well-developed characters and a tightly woven plot that intrigues, excites, and doesn’t let go. This is the first volume in a new subseries of the Sigma Force novels focusing on Tucker Wayne and loyal and fearsome Kane. Highly recommended for thriller readers. — *Library Journal*

A starred review for *The Kill Switch*, (An) “exceptional military thriller... introduces U.S. Army Ranger Tucker Wayne and his four-footed partner, a small Belgian shepherd named Kane. Rollins and Blackwood succeed brilliantly at depicting interspecies communication.” — *Publishers Weekly*

Blackwood is U. S. Navy veteran, Grant spent three years aboard a guided missile frigate as an Operations Specialist and a Pilot Rescue Swimmer. He lives in Colorado, where he is working his own standalone series starring a new hero. Visit his website for more details at grantblackwood.com.

Grant Blackwood will also be a presenter during the 3rd Annual Austin ArtWorks Festival August 23 and 24 on the site of former Downtown Power Plant. Go to website for full details at austinareaarts.org and choose Austin Artworks Festival link.



Wellness Corner Health Screening events are added daily. Check our online calendar to see upcoming events. www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/wellness



Friday, August 1

Family Storytime, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

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

Monday, August 4

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

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 sign-up for this class.



Teen MuV Chat, Auditorium, 2PM

Movies with a twist! Vote on an awesomely bad movie when you arrive, and we'll show the winner! 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.



A homeless outreach worker is available every Wednesday and Friday in the Wellness Corner from 9:30-10:30AM to assist with finding housing, food, and other services.

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

Knitting Basics, Maker Space, 6:30-7:30PM

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Tuesday, August 5

Math Skills Help, Group Study, 10AM-1PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

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 Confidant* by Helene Gremillon. 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 507.328.2324.

LEGO® Fun!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

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.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Auditorium, 4:30-5:30PM

Strengthen your bones! Improve your balance! Have more energy! This free twice-a-week activity program to prevent osteoporosis is led by RSVP volunteers. Please bring signed medical and consent forms to your first session, if possible.

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 507.328.2303 to make an appointment.

Belgian Binding, Meeting Room B, 5-8PM

You will create your own hard cover blank book using an unusual "Belgian Binding." Belgian Binding is a unique binding that allows your pages to lay flat and features a free floating spine. Samples, tools and supplies will be available. If you happen to have these tools, please bring them: bone folder, decorative papers, sturdy threads, hole punching tool, cutting mat and x-acto knife, metal ruler. Register online or call 507.328.2309. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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, August 6

Summer Fun at the Library: CLIMB Theatre presents Fizz and Boom Read!, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Can little mice turn the pages of a book to read? One summer day Fizz and Boom are chased into the library by a cantankerous cat that refuses to let them leave until they have performed a number of impossible tasks. Thank goodness the little mice can find just what they need in the library's many science books! An original play performed by CLIMB Theater. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Summer Fun at the Library: Chester Woods Naturalists!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

What can you discover when you visit Chester Woods? Naturalists will bring interesting artifacts and present fun stories about animals that live in the park! Create your own a nature art using stencils and rubbings.

Teen Zines!, Meeting Room A, 4-6PM

We're making our own TeenScape zine this summer! Collaborate with other Rochester teens to make a zine to share your passions and interests! Bring your ideas and creativity - we'll provide the supplies and snacks.

Wednesday, August 6

Make-N-Take: Zentangle, Maker Space, 6:30-9PM

Instructor Bonnie Seifert will demonstrate the Zentangle Method. Zentangle is an easy, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use it to create beautiful images. It also increases focus and creativity, and provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well-being. Come anytime between 6:30 and 8:30PM. Sponsored by the Friends of RPL.

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

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Thursday, August 7

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for 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 - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 4.

Math Skills Help, Group Study, 2-5PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 4.

Friday, August 8

Family Storytime!,

Meeting Room C, 10-10:30AM

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



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

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

Saturday, August 9

Family Storytime at Quarry Hill Nature Center, Quarry Hill Nature Center: 701 Silver Creek Road, 10-10:30AM

Please join Rochester Public Library Children's staff at the Quarry Hill Pond Pavillion for stories, songs, puppets, rhymes and more!

Monday, August 11

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 4.

Make-N-Take: Origami, Maker Space, 12-2PM

Sue Wang will demonstrate the basic elements of origami folding to make a crane or fish. Come anytime between 12:00 and 2PM. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Knitting Basics, Maker Space, 6:30-7:30PM

Courtney Rogge will be here to lead an introductory knitting class. During this four part class you will have a chance to learn some basic techniques of knitting and create a cotton wash cloth. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Tuesday, August 12

Math Skills Help, Group Study, 10AM-1PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

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.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. You'll be saying "Checkmate!" This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Auditorium, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 4.

Writing Group, Meeting Room A, 6:30-8:30PM

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, or call 507.328.2305.

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, August 13

Summer Fun at the Library: Marionettes and Magic with Jim Jayes!, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Jim Jayes and his dancing marionettes present a colorful show filled with music, laughter, and summer fun! Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.



Email Basics, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10-11:30AM.

Set up your own free email account, learn how to send and receive emails from any computer with internet access. Practice time will be included in this class. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Summer Fun at the Library: Art Club, Auditorium, 1-1:30PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials.

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion, Meeting Room B, 2-3PM

We're trying something different - words and drawings explore America's "sacrifice zones" in *Days of Destruction, Days of Revolt*, by Chris Hedges and Joe Sacco.

World Music Series: Calle Sur Latin Music, Auditorium, 3-4PM

Calle Sur is what happens when you combine man and woman, Black and White, urban and rural. Hearing Calle Sur gives you that gorgeous feeling that something just left you breathless and tingling, but you can't say exactly why. Brought to you in partnership with Rochester Civic Music. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund. The Kahler Grand Hotel is the official hotel of Riverside Concerts.

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.



Wednesday, August 13

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

2 AUTUMNS, 3 WINTERS Directed by Sébastien Betbeder France /Romantic Comedy/ 2013 / French with English subtitles Synopsis: Arman is 33 and ready to make a change, starting with a run in the park. When he literally bumps into Amlie - slightly cynical but nevertheless lovely - on the jogging path, he's dead-set on making a connection with her. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

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

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Rochester Spanish Conversation Group, Meeting Room A, 7-8:30PM

Improve Spanish your conversation skills.

Thursday, August 14

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for 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).



Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Auditorium, 1-3PM

Got game? Prove it. Test your skills against other teens and see if you have what it takes to come out on top! For teens in grades 7-12.

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

See description on page 4.

Math Skills Help, Group Study, 2-5PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

Make-N-Take: Origami, Maker Space, 2-4PM

Cecily Sample will demonstrate the basic elements of origami folding to make a crane or fish. Come anytime between 2:00 and 4PM. Sponsored by the Friends of RPL.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Auditorium, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 4.

Japanese Stab Binding, Meeting Room B, 5-8PM

You will create two variations of a Japanese "Stab" Binding book. One will be a traditional 4-hole binding and you can choose which more complicated style you would like. Samples, tools and supplies available. We will discuss some history of book binding as well as what tools and supplies are useful, and where to find them. If you happen to have these tools, please bring them: bone folder, decorative papers, sturdy threads, hole punching tool, cutting mat and x-acto knife, metal ruler. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Friday, August 15

Family Storytime, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

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

Saturday, August 16

Make-N-Take: Origami, Maker Space, 10-11AM

Sue Wang will demonstrate the basic elements of origami folding to make a crane or fish. Come anytime between 10:00 and 11AM. Sponsored by the Friends of RPL.

Monday, August 18

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 4.

Practice SAT, Auditorium, 10AM

Take a free, proctored practice test to help identify your strengths and weaknesses before the real thing! Kaplan will provide analyzed results. Remember to bring two #2 sharpened pencils and an approved calculator. Space is limited. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

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!

Knitting Basics, Maker Space, 6:30-7:30PM

Courtney Rogge will be here to lead an introductory knitting class. During this four part class you will have a chance to learn some basic techniques of knitting and create a cotton wash cloth. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Tuesday, August 19

Math Skills Help, Group Study, 10AM-1PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12-1PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - *So Long, See You Tomorrow* by William Maxwell.

LEGO® Fun!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

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.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Auditorium, 4:30-5:30PM

Strengthen your bones! Improve your balance! Have more energy! This free twice-a-week activity program to prevent osteoporosis is led by RSVP volunteers. Please bring signed medical and consent forms to your first session, if possible.

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 - *Thirty Rooms to Hide In* by Luke Sullivan.

Wednesday, August 20

Summer Fun at the Library: Mixed Nuts! Family Fun with Mark and Lori Hurley, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join family entertainers, Mark and Lori Hurley, for silly fun and hilarious hijinks sure to tickle your funny bone! Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Auditorium seating is limited to 250 people.

Email - Just Beyond the Basics, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10-11:30AM

Find out how to use email to share digital photos, send documents, how to create a list of email contacts with your existing email account. Be sure to bring your email address and password so we can log onto your account from library computers. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Summer Fun at the Library: Science @ Your Library!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

Explore some hands-on science fun for families at the library!

Wednesday, August 20

Teen Zines!, Meeting Room A, 4-6PM

We're making our own TeenScape zine this summer! Collaborate with other Rochester teens to make a zine to share your passions and interests! Bring your ideas and creativity - we'll provide the supplies and snacks.

English Conversation Group,

Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Thursday, August 21

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for 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 - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM

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Math Skills Help, Group Study, 2-5PM

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Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 4.

Friday, August 22

Family Storytime, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

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

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

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

Saturday, August 23

Make-N-Take: Paper Stamping Crafts, Maker Space, 10AM-12PM

Want to learn how to make your own greeting cards, bookmarks and gift bags using paper and stamping techniques? Lisa Wenzel, local stamping craft demonstrator, will be here to help you create 5 fun paper crafts to make and take home with you. Come anytime between 10AM and 12PM to make and take home some great craft projects. Class sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Monday, August 25

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

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Knitting Basics, Maker Space, 6:30-7:30PM

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Celebrate Dakota! with Peter Razor, Auditorium, 7-8PM

Peter Razor is an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwa, and winner of the 2002 Minnesota Book Award.

His memoir WHILE THE LOCUST SLEPT chronicles his survival of abuse and bigotry at the State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children in Owatonna.

Sponsored by the Celebrate Dakota! Mayo Employee Resource Group (MERG), Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters (GRADS), and the Rochester Public Library.

Tuesday, August 26



Math Skills Help,

Group Study, 10AM-1PM

Math problem solving practice for elementary to high school students.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. You'll be saying "Checkmate!" This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6.

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 - *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace. 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 507.328.2305.

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30-7PM

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Wednesday, August 27

Summer Fun at the Library: Amazing Rock Science Show!, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

Join us for an amazing trip through the world of rocks in this interactive science show from the Zumbro Watershed Partnership. You'll learn about rocks that float like wood, flow like water, explode like fireworks, and rocks with fossils twice as old as the dinosaurs! See an indoor volcano and learn why rivers flood. Get ready to rock and roll at your library! This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Summer Fun at the Library:

Rock Painting!, Auditorium, 1-2PM

Create your own pet rock! Supplies will be provided.

TeenScape Scribblers,

Meeting Room A, 4-6PM

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English Conversation Group,

Meeting Room B, 7-8:30PM

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Thursday, August 28

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Friday, August 29

Family Storytime, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

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Monday, September 1

Library Closed All Day - Library closed in observation of Labor Day.



Tuesday, September 2

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Wednesday, September 3

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10-10:30AM

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

Teen Zines!, Meeting Room A, 4-6PM

Collaborate with other Rochester teens to make a zine to share your passions and interests! Bring your ideas and creativity - we'll provide the supplies and snacks.

Rochester Issues Forum: Topic to be announced, 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.

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

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Thursday, September 4

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for 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 - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 4.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 4.

Friday, September 5

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

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

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

Library School Hours Start Saturday, September 6

Monday-Thursday..... 9:30AM-9:00PM

Friday & Saturday..... 9:30AM-5:30PM


Sunday 1:30PM-5:30PM

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Grupo de Conversación de Español

All Spanish speakers, from beginner to native speaker, are welcome to participate in a Spanish conversation group.

**Second Wednesday of the month
7-8:30PM
Rochester Public Library
Meeting Room A**

¡Yo  español !



Got game? Prove it. Test your skills against other teens and see if you have what it takes to come out on top! For teens in grades 7-12.

**Thursday, August 15
Auditorium, 1-3PM**



Summer Fun at the Library: AMAZING ROCK SCIENCE SHOW!

**Wednesday, August 27
Auditorium, 10-10:30AM**

Join us for an amazing trip through the world of rocks in this interactive science show from the Zumbro Watershed Partnership. You'll learn about rocks that float like wood, flow like water, explode like fireworks, and rocks with fossils twice as old as the dinosaurs! See an indoor volcano and learn why rivers flood. Get ready to rock and roll at your library!

