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Spreading the Joy of Reading -by Gail Harris

When you have a hard time reading, you often have a hard time in life.

As Library Director Audrey Betcher noted, "Only 5% of people who read well live in poverty. It is important for our community to help those who struggle to read."

Enter Rochester Reading Champions (RRC) - a forward-looking community initiative that brings trained volunteers who are passionate about literacy together with members of our community who are struggling to read and do not have the means to access help.

The program is a collaboration between the Rochester Public Library, The Reading Center, The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester and the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center. Our volunteers have all completed Orton-Gillingham (O-G) training - a specialized program that trains instructors to dramatically increase the literacy skills of their students - at The Reading Center.

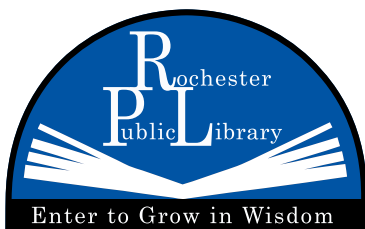
The collaboration's goal is to provide this individualized tutoring to young people on-site at the Boys & Girls Club and to detainees at the Adult Detention Center, free of charge.



Even during in the early stages, RRC has had dramatic results. One parent of an RRC student reports that, "My son is excited to go to tutoring and to show us what he has been working on. He wants to read with us now."

One of the keys to the success of RRC is making sure that volunteers can meet the students in locations that they already frequent.

"Not all families have the financial resources, transportation, or schedules to get to their children to another location to make this program happen," notes one RRC volunteer. "Going to where the child already is, such as a school or the Boys & Girls Club, takes away a barrier to access."



RRC Partners

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Audrey Betcher, Director • John Hunziker, Editor • Nicole Henry, Layout/Design

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Reading difficulties aren't limited to school-aged children. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), 70% of prison inmates read at below 4th grade level. Rochester Reading Champions (RRC) will also be working with the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center to help inmates improve their reading proficiency.

Our goal of improving literacy in Rochester will not only benefit individuals, but ultimately the whole community. As the program grows, we plan to expand RRC to include support for English Learners and young adults. Training for new volunteers is planned on a twice yearly schedule.

Seeing a struggling reader succeed is an amazing experience for both the student and the volunteer. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Gail Harris at 507.328.2373.

The partners for Rochester Reading Champions received crucial funding to support the program during its first year. Local support totaling \$20,350 was received from: Rochester Area Foundation General Fund, Jim and Judy Sloan Donor Advised Fund, Charles and Barbara Withers Donor Advised Fund and the Van De North-Knight Family Donor Advised Fund, American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Rochester, and James and Ann Judisch. Additionally, the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Children's Foundation provided \$4,930.

The Rochester Public Library applied for and received a one-time grant award of \$32,661 for program start-up costs and capacity building of the Rochester Reading Champions Program. The grant activities run through June 30, 2015 and are administered by the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Library Services and Technology Act [LS 00-14-0024-14].

**Thank you to our volunteers,
partners and funders.**



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11AM-5PM** *and* **SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6
9:30AM-4PM**

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Homework Help
Mondays - Thursdays
Meeting Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

Homework got you down? Don't stress-get help from our volunteers on school nights! All grades are welcome. Check the RPL calendar for schedule changes.

December 2014

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

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

Monday, December 1

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.)



World Aids Day: Down to Zero

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 11AM-2PM

Series of activities and community displays to raise awareness

11:00 Welcome announcement Angela Davey from the Dharma Center

11:15 Mayor will be introduced & sign proclamation

11:30 Tina Liebling -- the government's role in addressing AIDS

12:00 Videos

12:15 Sharing

1:00 Moment of silence

1:50 Closing

There will be a number of displays from community organizations researching AIDs and serving AIDS patients

Homework Help, Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6PM-8:30PM

Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers on school nights! All grades are welcome. Check the RPL calendar for the most up-to-date schedule.

Tuesday, December 2

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 11AM-12PM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - The Tale of Halcyon Crane by Wendy Webb. 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.

Get to Know Me.. Building Relationships & Developing Contacts,

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

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. Make a commitment to network and stay connected. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Art Club for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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 make torn paper landscapes. Grades K to 5.

Drop In for Career Counseling

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 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.

Art Club

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

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Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors! Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 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.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6PM-8:30PM

See description on this page.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

Wednesday, December 3

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

Staff from Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center will be available to answer questions and provide information on homelessness, mental health and chemical dependency issues.

Science Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories and fingerplays based on a science theme, with hands-on activities after story time is finished. Science fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Tai Chi Chih - Part 1

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:20PM

A seven week class learning basic Tai Chi Chih movements - moving meditation practice, gentle and easy to learn. Benefits may include stress reduction, increased creativity, heightened energy and improved physical and emotional well-being. Taught by certified Tai Chi Chih instructor. Dress comfortably. Part 2 will be offered in January. Register online or by calling 507-328-2309.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on this page.



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.

Wednesday, December 3

Zine*O*Cide

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 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. Can't make the meeting but want to contribute? Submit your original art, writing and ideas to zineociderpl@gmail.com.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3.

Make-N-Take: Felted Ornaments

Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 6-9PM

Come and make a holiday ornament made from old wool sweaters that have been felted. Then take them home to use and enjoy or share as a holiday gift. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Faith Talk Show: Where Religions Meet

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7:30PM

"A Tale of Two Christians" is the first of a series of interfaith dialogues presented by CIDI (Community Interfaith Dialogue on Islam). Explore the beliefs of our community in a relaxed atmosphere. See cidimn.org for more information.

Thursday, December 4

Baby Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25AM

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

Toddler Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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 3.

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Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 6-7:30 PM

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Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors! Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30 PM

See description on page 3.

P-B Dialogues

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7:30PM

Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback. This program is free and open to the public.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, December 5

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on this page.

Gift Quality Book & Bake Sale Friends of RPL, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 11AM-5PM

Holiday Book and Bake Sale by Friends of Rochester Public Library

Saturday, December 6

Gift Quality Book & Book Sale Friends of RPL, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 9:30AM-4PM

Holiday Book and Bake Sale Friends of Rochester Public Library

MnSure Enrollment Assistance

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10AM-3PM

A trained navigator will be available to help with the enrollment process for Mnsure health insurance.

Hooray for Saturday! Orange You Excited? Creative Activities with Color Youth Services - 1st Floor, 10:30-11:30AM

Join us in Youth Services to explore colors. We will offer a variety of colorful creations, activities, and fun. There will even be a color scavenger hunt!

Sunday, December 7

Origami Club

Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 3-4PM

Anyone interested in the traditional Japanese art of paper folding is invited to meet for 1 hour each month. Whether you are a beginner or a master folder, all are welcome. The Origami Club meets regularly on the first Sunday of each month. Registration is preferred, but not required for attendance. Register online or by calling 507-328-2305.



Monday, December 8

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 2.

TeenScape Crafternoon

Teenscape - 1st Floor, 4-5:30PM

Make your own mini buttons & magnets using recycled books & magazines, scrapbook paper, or create your own design!

Recycled Books Projects

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 5-7PM

Make a journal and a holiday book decoration out of recycled or "found" materials. I will have samples, tools and supplies 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 by calling 507-328-2305.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3.

Tuesday, December 9

Library Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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.

Are You Feeling Lucky? Words of Wisdom from "What Color is Your Parachute?", Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Richard N. Bolles continues to be the most respected author in career development circles. Richard Bolles recognized that LUCK is part of the job search process. Discover why LUCK favors the prepared mind and discuss other key points from this book. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Drop In for Career Counseling

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 3.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

Learn the basics or improve your game! Chess enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome. Grades K to 5.

Chess Club

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

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Tuesday, December 9

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3

Writing Group

Meeting Room A -

1st Floor, 6:30-8:30PM

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 - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.



Wednesday, December 10

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

Staff from Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center will be available to answer questions and provide information on homelessness, mental health and chemical dependency issues.

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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!

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 2-3PM

We're reading a classic - The Power of Myth, by Joseph Campbell.

Tai Chi Chih - Part 1

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:20PM

See description on page 3.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on page 3.



TeenScape Scribblers

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 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.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3.

iFilms: International and Independent Films, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM

ILO ILO Directed by Anthony Chen Singapore / 2013 / Mandarin, Tagalog & English with English subtitles SYNOPSIS: Set in Singapore during the 1997 Asian financial crisis. Ilo Ilo chronicles the day-to-day drama of the Lim family - troublesome grade-schooler Jiale and his overstressed parents, Heck and Leng. Comfortably middleclass and with another baby on the way, they hire Teresa, a Filipino immigrant, as a live-in maid and nanny. An outsider in both the family and Singapore itself, Teresa initially struggles to manage Jiale's antics and find her footing in her new community. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

Thursday, December 11

Baby Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25AM

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

Toddler Time, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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 3.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors! Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3.

NAMI: Community Discussion on Mental Health, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM

Join with others to discuss how our community can better address the needs of those living with mental illness, as well as the needs of their families.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal Setting. The group is free and open tall non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, December 12

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 3.

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11AM

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

Saturday, December 13

MnSure Enrollment Assistance

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10AM-3PM

A trained navigator will be available to help with the enrollment process for Mnsure health insurance.

Hooray for Saturday! Choral Arts Ensemble Family Holiday Concert

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11AM

Please join us for this festive annual event! The Choral Arts Ensemble presents a delightful concert of holiday music for the entire family.

Artist In Residence -

**Jennifer Jessep
Maker Space - 2nd Floor,
1:30-4:30PM**

During this residency, Jennifer will be sharing her talents as a knitting artist. She will be setting up stations and displays about knitting for people to view and try. There will be a casting on station, knit, purl, then some basic patterns like a checkerboard and cable. This project was funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.



Sunday, December 14

Artist In Residence - Jennifer Jessep

Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 1:30-4:30PM

See description above.

Monday, December 15

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

See description on page 3.

Monday, December 15

Healthy Holidays by Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - Southeastern Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-6:45PM

Healthy holiday baking and mindful eating during the holidays - it can be done! Courtney Meier, dietetic intern from Mayo Clinic, will present ideas on how to make simple swaps in your holiday baking to avoid an excess of fat, sugar, and calories in your favorite sweet treats without compromising flavor. Caroline McKinney, a dietetic intern from Mayo Clinic, will present on how to eat mindfully to avoid overeating and prevent dreaded holiday weight gain.

Tuesday, December 16

Plain Readers

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 12-1PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - [Home Safe](#) by Elizabeth Berg.

Behavioral Interviews: STAR and SHARE Approaches, Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

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. Behavioral interviewing is not just about actions and results, but it is also about evaluating your outcomes. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

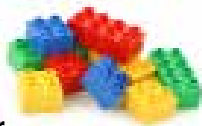
Drop In for Career Counseling

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM
See description on page 3.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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. Grades K to 5.



LEGO® Fun,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

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Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM
See description on page 3.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

Night Owl Book Group

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok.

Wednesday, December 17

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
See description on page 3.

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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!

Tai Chi Chih - Part 1

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:20 PM
See description on page 4.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM-5PM
See description on page 3.

Zine*O*Cide

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 4PM-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. Can't make the meeting but want to contribute? Submit your original art, writing and ideas to zineocoderpl@gmail.com.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6PM-8:30PM
See description on page 3.

Thursday, December 18

Baby Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25AM

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

Toddler Time

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30 & 11AM

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

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1PM-2:30PM
See description on page 3.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30PM-5:30PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6PM-8:30PM
See description on page 3.

q club

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 6PM-7:30PM

A safe and welcoming meet-up for LGBTQ teens and allies.... For ages 13-18! Hang out, make friends and have fun at this club just for you. In partnership with GLCS.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, December 19

Homeless Outreach Worker Available

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
See description on page 3.

Dance Party!

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Put on your dancing shoes for 30 minutes of non-stop dance madness.

Saturday, December 20

MnSure Enrollment Assistance

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10AM-3PM

A trained navigator will be available to help with the enrollment process for Mnsure health insurance.

Hooray for Saturday! Create a Miniature Book with Fiona Schultz

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11:30AM

Local artist Fiona Schultz will give a brief talk about her art and lead a workshop where participants can learn how to make their very own mini-book.

Monday, December 22

Computer & eBook Drop-In
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
 See description on page 3.

Homework Help

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6PM-8:30PM
 See description on page 3.

English Conversation Group

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 Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Tuesday, December 23

Science Club for Homeschoolers
Auditorium - 1st Floor
2:30-3:30PM

Join us for Science Club at the library! Grades K to 5.



Drop In for Career Counseling
Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM
 See description on page 3.

Science Club

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Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors! **Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM**
 See description on page 3.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM
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Wednesday, December 24



LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 1:30PM IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

Homeless Outreach Worker Available
Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
 See description on page 3.

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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!

Thursday, December 25

LIBRARY CLOSED ALL-DAY IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY.



Friday, December 26

Homeless Outreach Worker Available
Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
 See description on page 3.

Saturday, December 27

MnSure Enrollment Assistance
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 10AM-3PM
 A trained navigator will be available to help with the enrollment process for Mnsure health insurance.

Hooray for Saturday! Dance Party
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11AM
 Put on your dancing shoes for 30 minutes of non-stop dance madness.

Monday, December 29

BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

For one-on-one help setting up your eReader to check out Library eBooks, drop by the Library with your device (Nook, Kindle, iPad, Sony Reader, etc.), the cord that came with it, your library card, (and if you have a non-tablet Nook your laptop computer, if you own one). We will sit down with you and walk you through the whole process. Even if you don't have your device with you (or don't own one yet), feel free to drop in with any questions you may have. Please call 507-328-2305 if you have any questions about these sessions.

Mystery Book Group

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 1-2PM
 Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Cozy-Christmas Theme or Cooking.

English Conversation Group
Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM
 Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Tuesday, December 30

Game On!

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11:30AM
 Join us for a variety of card, board and video games in the auditorium.

Teen MuV Chat

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2-4PM
 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.

Drop In for Career Counseling

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM
 See description on page 3.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors! **Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM**
 See description on page 3.

BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 6-8:30PM

For one-on-one help setting up your eReader to check out Library eBooks, drop by the Library with your device (Nook, Kindle, iPad, Sony Reader, etc.), the cord that came with it, your library card, (and if you have a non-tablet Nook your laptop computer, if you own one). We will sit down with you and walk you through the whole process. Even if you don't have your device with you (or don't own one yet), feel free to drop in with any questions you may have. Please call 507-328-2305 if you have any questions about these sessions.

Bedtime Stories

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM
 Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children. No registration is required.

Wednesday, December 31



LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 1:30PM IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS EVE.

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 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!

January 2015

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

Thursday, January 1



**LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE
OF NEW YEARS DAY**

Saturday, January 3

**Hooray for Saturday! Marshmallow
Building, Auditorium - 1st Floor,
10:30-11AM**

Marshmallows are not just for eating anymore! Build a skyscraper, a constellation, a car, or anything else you can think of.

Sunday, January 4

**Origami Club,
Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 3-4PM**

Anyone interested in the traditional Japanese art of paper folding is invited to meet for 1 hour each month. Whether you are a beginner or a master folder, all are welcome. The Origami Club meets regularly on the first Sunday of each month.

Monday, January 5

**BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the
Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor,
9:30-10:30AM**

See description on page 7.

**Homework Help, Meeting Room C - 1st
Floor, 6PM-8:30 PM**

See description on page 3.

**BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the
Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor,
6-8:30PM**

See description on page 7.

Tuesday, January 6

**Armchair Traveler Bookgroup
Meeting Room A - 1st Floor,
11AM-12PM**

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - The Boy From Baby House 10 by Alan Philips. 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.

**Bingo, Bango, Bonga: Goal Setting &
Accountability, Meeting Room B -
2nd Floor, 1-2:30 PM**

It's a NEW YEAR! Take specific actions toward goal setting and accountability in your job search. It's time to get some new ideas that will seriously challenge YOU to take a look at yourself and your thoughts, beliefs, and effectiveness as a job seeker. Starting today... You can take control of your goals, activity level and effectiveness in your job search. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.



**Art Club for Homeschoolers
Auditorium - 1st Floor,
2-3:30 PM**

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 making collages with maps. Grades K to 5.

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**Bone Builders - Not just for women or
seniors! Meeting Room C - 1st Floor,
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. Get Forms [HERE](#)

**Bedtime Stories
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Wednesday, January 7

Science Storytime

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories and fingerplays based on a science theme, with hands-on activities after story time. Science fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

**BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the
Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor,
3-5PM**

See description on page 7.

**Community Interfaith Dialogue on Islam,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM**

Learn about world religions.

Library Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, Dec 24

Library closes at 1:30PM

Thursday, Dec 25

Library closed all-day

Wednesday, Dec 31

Library closes at 1:30PM

Thursday, Jan 1

Library closed all-day

SOCK COLLECTION YOU can help!



Bring in NEW, white socks (cotton/
poly blend preferred) in men,
women, and children's sizes.

Donated socks will be handed out to
those in need at

Project Community Connect event.
Donation bin will be in the lobby.

Please donate by January 16th.