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AmAZING Woman: Pat Stephenson

This month's story recognizes a long-time library volunteer, Pat Stephenson, who was nominated by Cathie Armstrong, another Library Friend, for the KTTC AmAZING woman award. Pat was selected as the February winner and KTTC came and filmed Pat at the Library and gave her a package of prizes. The segment about Pat will air throughout February.



Below is
Cathie's nomination.



Tell us about this AmAZING Woman. Focus on the number one reason why she should be recognized: Pat Stephenson is, without a doubt, the "literacy guru" of Rochester, MN. This woman (now retired) puts in the equivalent of a full-time job volunteering at the Rochester Public Library. In her "free time" away from the library, she volunteers in any other capacity for any organization that needs assistance with books or literacy. She seems to be on a one-woman mission to make sure that people of all ages have access to books, and it really does seem to encompass every aspect of her life. I've known Pat for more than 10 years, since she was a Library Para at Bamber Valley. While there, she spent her days finding ways to encourage children to read simply for the love of reading. She even identified students with younger siblings and made families aware of the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library that gives free books each month to children under the age of 5...that's up to 60 free books per child! What an amazing way to encourage reading! Since retiring, Pat has dedicated her time to the Rochester Public Library and Friends of the Library Bookstore where she most certainly works a full time job without pay. She volunteers to work the bookstore, organizes 2nd Saturday Sales,

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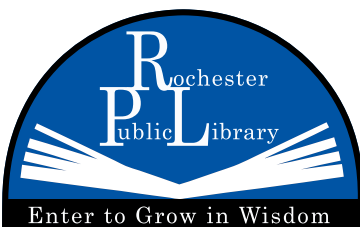
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helps with the huge auditorium sales, and even signs up yearly for World Book Night and dispenses copies of free books to non-readers. And it doesn't stop there. In addition to her time at the library, I know Pat has spent hundreds of hours collecting, organizing and distributing books for a variety of other local places where books might be utilized. Places like the Ronald McDonald House and (I believe) the Women's Shelter and Dorothy Day House. When she's not volunteering at the library or distributing books for those in need, she can often be found at one of the local elementary school libraries - often in costume - supporting whatever their needs might be. If it involves books (and especially children and books), you can be sure that Pat will pick up the gauntlet and run with it. You don't even have to "ask" her for help. Frequently you just need to mention that something is going on and that volunteers might be needed and she jumps into the fire to help make it happen. Pat is truly an amaZING woman and has single-handedly done more for literacy in Rochester than any other individual or group combined."

Cathie Armstrong

Pat joined the library as a volunteer in 1978, she has served on the Friends Board and is a Past President, over the years she has given us thousands of hours of her time. One of Pat's signature achievements is the Read with Me Program established over 20 years ago, in collaboration with Carolyn Stanson another wonderful Friend's member. The program ensure every baby born in Rochester receives a free book paid for by the Friends and information about the Library and it's programs. Over the years Pat has probably put together and distributed over 50,000 packets.

One of the more visible items that Pat added to the library in the past year or so was Paige Turner a life sized mannequin that she dresses depending on the season and events going on at the library and in the Friends area and the bookstore.

The other notable accomplishment is on-line book sales. After books are donated to the library the Friends sort the books and then the library staff choose quite a number to put back on the shelves as books to be checked out by patrons which means that they don't need to be purchased. The sorters then put books on a cart that Pat and a helper scan looking for titles that book companies are offering to buy. This has turned into a very lucrative source of money for the library both as real money and credit for staff to use to purchase more books for the library this was a complete Pat idea that was been awesome.

Pat is a true book lover, loves helping the library and has found unique and creative ways to bring funds to the library which allows the library to purchase more materials for the people that use the library.



**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
WINTERFEST
BOOK SALE
2014**

The huge three-day Friends' Winterfest Book Sale will be on

**Friday & Saturday
OCTOBER 11 & 12
9:30AM - 5:30PM**

**Sunday
OCTOBER 13
1:30PM - 4PM**

**Friends' Members
Special Preview
Sale**

**Thursday
OCTOBER 10
5PM - 7PM**



If you are not yet a Friends' member, you may join by asking at the bookstore, filling out the online form found on the Friends' website or by calling 507.328.2341.
*C*ash or check only at the Friends' Auditorium sales.*

FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE

**QUALITY USED BOOKS
AT REASONABLE PRICES**


Stock includes children's books, fiction, non-fiction and foreign language fiction.

To learn more or view store hours, visit rochesterpubliclibrary.org/supporting/bookstore

The Bookstore is operated by the *Friends of the Rochester Public Library*. All proceeds go to the Rochester Public Library.

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Friends of the Rochester Public Library




HERE AND THERE: TRAVEL, HOME, AND OTHER WRITING ABOUT PLACE

**A literary reading featuring Minnesota writers
Yuko Taniguchi, Bronson Lemer, Katie Hae Leo,
and Danny Solis.**

Sunday, February 23

Rochester Public Library Auditorium • 2PM



USING YOUR IPAD

Tuesday, February 4 • Computer Lab - 2nd Floor • 7PM

Have you just gotten an iPad? Interested in getting one? Or want to learn more about the one you have? In this class we will explore how iPads work, some of ways to use and maintain an iPad to it's fullest capabilities. Feel free to bring your own iPad to the class.

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



Saturday, February 1

**Hooray for Saturday! Stories and Musical Fun presented by Miss Kristin!
Auditorium, 10:30AM**

Special guest Miss Kristin visits the library with songs and stories just right for a cold February day! Sponsored by Friends of the Library

February 2014 *All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public*

Sunday, February 2

**Prescribed Grazing: Are Herbivores the "Natural" Choice?
Auditorium, 2PM - 3PM**

Presented by Jesse Bennett, Driftless Land Stewardship LLC, Bagley, WI Farmers and land managers have long understood that grazing animals impact the plant community upon which they graze. Additionally, it is well understood that managed grazing (i.e. altering stocking rate, type of livestock, timing and duration of grazing, and return interval) can be used to achieve specific ecological results. Jesse will provide a general overview of Rx grazing and detail how Driftless Land Stewardship LLC's goat herd has provided an additional resource for managing natural communities.

Monday, February 3

**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 signup for this class.

Monday, February 3

Kids and Nutrition - MN Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics SE MN Auditorium, 5:30PM

How can you involve children in the kitchen? Want a better understanding of nutrition? What small changes can you make to eat healthier? Drop in as Mayo Clinic dietetic interns answer these questions and more about healthy eating.

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 6-9PM during the academic year. The study table is staffed by volunteers. The goal of the Homework Assistance Study Table is to provide individual assistance to students with specific questions regarding their daily homework assignments. Although all students in the community are welcome, the academic levels of the students who attend are generally grades 4 to 12. No registration required.

Tuesday, February 4

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup Meeting Room A, 11AM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - Nothing Daunted by Dorothy Wickenden. 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.

Games People Play

Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

That old song lingers in our mind. "The Games People Play Now... Every night and every day now... never saying what they mean now... never meaning what they say." Sometimes when it comes to friends, families, acquaintances, and employers, we might wonder if we are getting the runaround. Retreating into isolation will leave you unhappy and unproductive. Your job search will end sometime, but your relationships will hopefully last a lifetime. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30PM

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. It'll have you saying "Check, mate!" This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6.

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! 4pm Auditorium, 4PM

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

See description above.

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

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



Using your iPad

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 7PM

Have you just gotten an iPad? Interested in getting one? Or want to learn more about the one you have? In this class we will explore how iPads work, some of ways to use and maintain an iPad to its fullest capabilities. Feel free to bring your own iPad to the class.

Family Fun Night: Game On!

Auditorium, 7:30PM

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

Wednesday, February 5

Preschool Storytime

Auditorium, 10AM

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

Art Club: Markers & Watercolors

Auditorium, 2:30PM & 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 using markers and watercolor paints! Grades K to 5.

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

See description above.

P-B Dialogues: ROCHESTER HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Auditorium, 6:30PM

Join us for a discussion on Rochester's new Heritage Preservation Commission -- what it is, how it's working and where it's headed. There are a lot of people with strong opinions on Rochester's commitment to historic preservation, and the HPC was intended to be an effective step forward. Has it been? Panel will include Rochester City Council President Randy Staver, HPC Chairman and Rochester developer Jeff Allman, and Olmsted County District Judge Kevin Lund, a longtime leader in the local preservation community. Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

Thursday, February 6

Baby Time,

Auditorium, 10AM

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 - 2nd Floor, 1PM - 2:30PM

See description on page 3.

Friends of the Library Preview Book Sale

Auditorium, 5PM - 7PM

Preview sale for Friends of the Library members. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

Homework Assistance Study Table,

2nd Floor, 6-9PM

See description above.

Nourishing Traditional Diets: The Key to Vibrant Health, Meeting Room B, 6PM

Nourishing Traditional Diets: The Key to Vibrant Health. This class is designed to educate participants on nutrition that will promote healthy weight loss, increase energy and restore vibrant health. Brought to you by Brennan Family Chiropractic and Nutrition Center.



Friday, February 7

Friends of the Library Winterfest Book Sale, Auditorium, 9:30AM - 5PM

All types of used books for sale!

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

Practice your English in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. We'll start out with a topic and see where the conversation goes. Practice your English in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. We'll start out with a topic and see where the conversation goes. Group meets every week, alternating Wednesdays and Fridays.

Saturday, February 8

Friends of the Library Winterfest Book Sale, Auditorium, 9:30AM - 5PM

All types of used books for sale!

Hooray for Saturday! Friendship Cards, 10:30AM

Roses are red. Violets are blue. This is a card I made for you. Join us in youth services to make your own card for a friend. Supplies are provided.

Sunday, February 9

Friends of the Library Winterfest Book Sale, Auditorium, 1:30PM - 4PM

All types of used books for sale!

Monday, February 10

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

See description on page 3.



Doing more with Gmail Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3:30PM
Learn about a few of the Gmail products that can make your busy life a little easier. We will learn about Google+, Drive, and Calendar. We will touch on a couple more, if time allows.

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

See description on page 4.

Tuesday, February 11

Library Time, Meeting Room A, 10:30AM
This program for disabled adults is an opportunity for participants to enjoy reading books, watching films, making crafts and other fun learning activities.



J.U.M.P to land that new job Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Job Retention/Understanding/Motivation/ Problem Solving J.U.M.P. to land that new job and reach higher for the next job opportunity. Prove to your new employer that they didn't make a mistake by hiring you. You will have to earn that promotion, so let's get serious about making a difference in the workplace. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers! Auditorium, 2:30PM

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while LEGO Fun is in session. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library

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

See description on page 4.

Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 1 Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM

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.

LEGO® Fun! Auditorium, 4PM

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while LEGO Fun is in session. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library

Small Business Assistance - SCORE Wellness Corner, 5PM - 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.

Writing Group, Meeting Room A, 6:30PM

Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out. Once a month we will meet to read and critique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment. Mike Kalmbach will help to facilitate the meetings. Mike is a freelance writer and editor, and manages the online writing community <http://writanon.com/>. If you have any questions for Mike prior to your first meeting, please email kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us, or call 328-2313.

Bedtime Stories Auditorium, 6:30PM

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 12

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM
Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

English Conversation Group Group Study, 11AM
See description above.

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion Meeting Room B, 2PM

We're talking about life in a slum in India - read *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*, by Katherine Boo.



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: THE DEFLOWERING OF EVA VAN END, Auditorium, 6PM

THE DEFLOWERING OF EVA VAN END
Directed by Michiel ten Horn Netherlands / 2012 / Dutch, English & German with English subtitles
Synopsis: In this perfect blend of satire and sincerity, a dysfunctional family gets turned on its head when the 'perfect' exchange student moves in. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

Wednesday, February 12

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

See description on page 4.

English Conversation Group Group Study, 7PM

See description above.

Thursday, February 13

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

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

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

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

See description on page 4.

Friday, February 14



Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!, Auditorium, 10AM

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

Saturday, February 15

Hooray for Saturday: Kids Talent Fair Auditorium, 10:30AM

Explore the Kids Talent Fair to learn a new skill, a cool magic trick or some other amazing thing taught by other kids!

Monday, February 17

Library Closed All Day - President's Day

Tuesday, February 18

Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Round House by Louise Erdrich

Solutions to Overcome Employers Objections (SOLAR)

Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

The SOLAR Acronym can be credited to authors Debra Angel MacDougall and Elizabeth Harney Sanders-Park. Come and find out what these simple 5 letters are all about, and how powerful these 5 proactive solutions are to overcoming any barrier to employment – real or imagined. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30PM

Learn the basics. Improve your game. Master strategies. Play other chess enthusiasts. It'll have you saying "Check, mate!" This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. Parents are asked to remain in the library while Chess Club is in session.

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

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Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 2 Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM

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.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

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

See description on page 4.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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, 7PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn.

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

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. This program is best suited for children in Grades 2 to 6. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library



Wednesday, February 19

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM

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

Art Club: Tracing, 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 have fun with tracing! Grades K to 5.

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

See description on page 4.

English Conversation Group Group Study, 7PM

See description above.

Thursday, February 20

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10AM

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

Toddler Time! Auditorium, 10:30AM & 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.

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

See description on page 4.

Friday, February 21

English Conversation Group Group Study, 11AM

See description above.

Saturday, February 22

Hooray for Saturday: Lego® Fun, Auditorium, 10:30AM

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, February 23

Here and There: Travel, Home, and Other Writing About Place Auditorium, 2PM

A literary reading at Rochester Public Library on Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m., featuring Minnesota writers Yuko Taniguchi, Bronson Lerner, Katie Hae Leo, and Danny Solis.

Monday, February 24

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

See description on page 3.

Mystery Book Group, Meeting Room A, 1PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Civil War Mystery.

TLC - Teen Library Council Meeting Room A, 4PM

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!



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 and accompanying adult should attend. Registration is required. Registered participants will receive notification of their appointment time prior to the program. Register online or by calling 328.2303.

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

See description on page 4.

RPL Kids Advisory Board Meeting Room A, 7PM

We need your help. No, aliens haven't taken over the library...yet. We need your help coming up with programs and activities throughout the year. Is there something you'd like to see done at the library? What would make the library even more fun? Let us know. If you have any questions, contact Ally at 328.2303.

Tuesday, February 25

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

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book and film to be discussed - The Quiet American by Graham Greene. 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.

Whistle While You Work Meeting Room A, 1:30PM

Don't wait for fun to come to you. Consciously choose your attitude and behavior to embrace enthusiasm, joy and fun. The atmosphere in the workplace has a direct impact on our productivity. Positive energy that allows you to refresh, renew and recharge between bouts of concentrated effort can be invigorating. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30PM

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LEGO® Fun! 4 to 5pm Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

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

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

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Bedtime Stories Auditorium, 6:30PM

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 26

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM

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

English Conversation Group Group Study, 11AM

See description on page 5.



Video Editing Basics Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1PM

Learn the basics of putting together your video footage using the Microsoft Movie Maker program. You'll learn the basic about adding together video, music, audio and titles to make a finished DVD. Practice files and blank DVD will be provided.

TeenScape Scribblers Meeting Room A, 4PM - 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.

Tax Filing Assistance Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 5PM - 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

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

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English Conversation Group Group Study, 7PM

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Thursday, February 27

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10AM

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

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

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

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March 2014

Saturday, March 1

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Monday, March 3

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



Homework Assistance Study Table,
2nd Floor, 6-9PM
 See description on page 4.

Tuesday, March 4

Ancestry and Heritage Quest Genealogy
Databases, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor,
10AM - 11:30AM

An exploration of the genealogical value of two databases offered at the Rochester Public Library. Dig through census records, read family histories, or find immigration records online using these popular tools.

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Meeting Room A, 11AM

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The 4 Corners of Leadership
Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Recognize that leadership can be found within you. You have already accepted the opportunity to lead in many aspects of your life. Along with leadership comes responsibility in families, in community, and in the workplace. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.



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Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM
 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.

Homework Assistance Study Table,
2nd Floor, 6-9PM
 See description on page 4.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM
 Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

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

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

Wednesday, March 5

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM
 Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Intro to Pinterest,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3:30PM

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

Homework Assistance Study Table,
2nd Floor, 6-9PM
 See description on page 4.

Rochester Issues Forum: Case for
Immigration Reform, Auditorium, 6:30PM

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussions. The goal of 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
Group Study, 7PM
 See description above.

Thursday, March 6

Baby Time, Auditorium, 10AM
 Bring in your baby for fingerplays, rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time! 10:30am
Auditorium, 10:30AM & 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.



Art Club: Fun with Collage
Auditorium, 2:30PM & 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 making a drawing that starts with a cut out photo. Grades K to 5.

Homework Assistance Study Table,
2nd Floor, 6-9PM
 See description on page 4.

Friday, March 7

English Conversation Group
Group Study, 11AM
 See description above.

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