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### Slatterly Park Mini-libraries

Through the Neighbors Read: Slatterly Park grant provided by United Way of Olmsted County, Rochester Public Library placed thirteen mini-libraries in the Slatterly Park neighborhood this past year. This early literacy focused program allowed the library to provide small doll house sized libraries for the yards of participating families. The goal is to have books available for free for anyone in the neighborhood to take home and read.

Two designs were chosen, a typical farmhouse style and an octagon shape. Nigon Woodworks in Rochester did CAD drawings of the designs and cut out the pieces; Rochester Area Builders constructed them as a community project. Friends of Rochester Public Library generously provide free books to supply

the libraries. Other community members who have mini-libraries or community bookshelves can receive free books from RPL and Friends of Rochester Public Library by calling 507.328.2353.

Families participating in Neighbors Read: Slatterly Park were invited to the library for six family events. The events included dinner and early literacy activities. During these events families painted the mini-libraries, wrote family books, made letterboxing stamps and many other fun activities.

One participating family's story follows with family photos and pictures of a few finished mini-libraries.



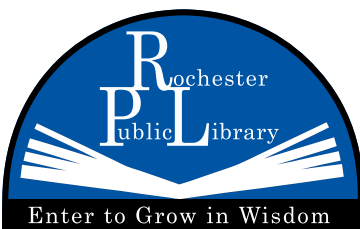
Our family has always enjoyed reading so when we heard about the mini-library program, we were pretty excited to sign up for one. The Rochester Public Library made the process very easy and really fun. The kids LOVED going to the family events at the library for choosing the mini-library and paints, making the family book, learning new songs and poems, and meeting other families who share a love for reading.

Since the mini libraries have been installed, we've enjoyed driving and seeing the different ones around the neighborhood. It truly creates a sense of community and makes the neighborhood less intimidating. I think, "Hey, there's another family who loves reading and is willing to share that with their neighbors!"

It's also been nice to say to the kids when they're a bit squirrely: "Run out to the mini library and grab 2 books to read!"



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**Mini-libraries** continued from page 1.

It's easy for us to incorporate reading into our daily lives because we love it and can easily get to the public library. However, it's not like that for all families so this has been a very inviting way for many families to have access to books, and all kinds of books. We've seen many kids stopping by, taking books, and also putting books in our mini library. The option to return the book or to keep it without penalty is so nice. We are excited for the warmer months to take walks to visit the other mini libraries and meet some of our neighbors with mini libraries.

Thank you, Rochester Public Library and sponsors, for taking on this endeavor. We have had so much fun creating this as a family, growing our love for reading, and are looking forward to seeing the results of a stronger neighborhood full of families who value reading and community.

*Julie Rice*



## Public Libraries Are Better Than Congress, Baseball, and Apple Pie, Say Americans

**Public approval polls reveal the amazing truth!**

-Robinson Meyer



Every so often, a grave and concerned person will ask (as, in fact, the New York Times asked last year): "Do We Still Need Libraries?" Hasn't the Internet kind of, you know, ended all that? Aren't libraries falling behind?

Tellingly, the Times could find no one to argue against libraries, and that mirrors American sentiment pretty much exactly. A new Pew study finds that not only do Americans adore libraries, but a majority of us think they're adjusting to new technology just fine.

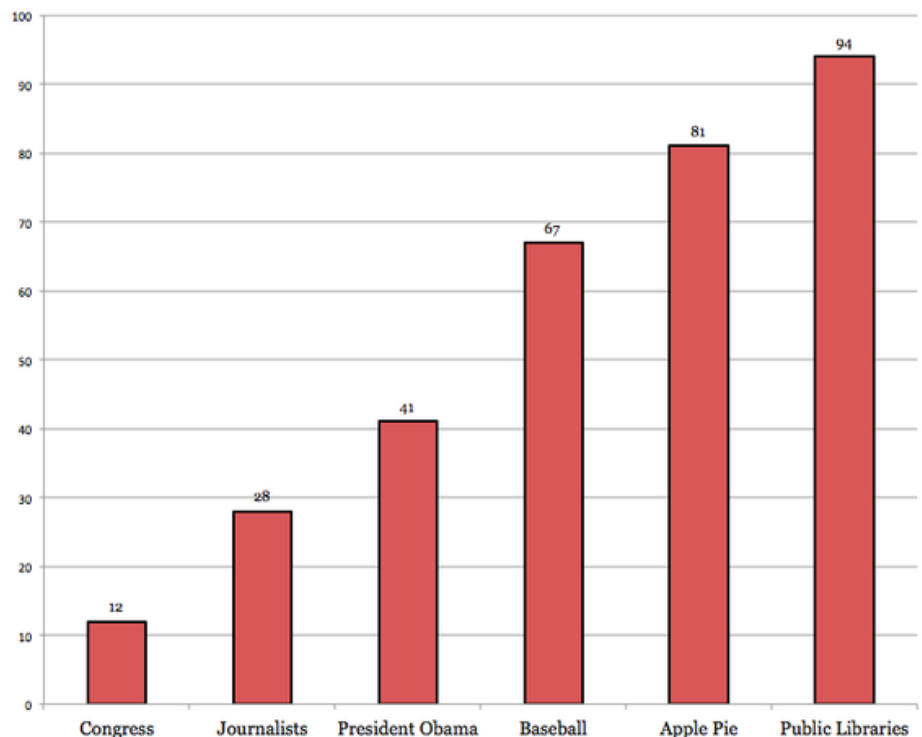
As my colleague Svati Narula reported, some 94 percent of Americans say that having a public library improves a community and that the local library is a "welcoming, friendly place." 91 percent said they had never had "a negative experience using a public library, either in person or online."

These sound like incredible approval ratings for any U.S. public institution. So I wondered: Just how incredible are they? How do other icons of Americana compare?

Using exclusive and highly accurate statistical analysis techniques, I endeavored to find out. Here are the results:

That's right. Public libraries not only rank more highly in the American psyche than Congress, journalists, and President Obama, but they also trump baseball and apple pie. **Public libraries are more beloved than apple pie.**

**Approval Ratings for American Institutions**



# BYOE

Bring Your Own eReader

Bring your new eReader and get one-on-one help checking out free library eBooks.

Bring your eReader, the cord that came with it, your laptop computer (if you have one) and your library card. Even if you don't have your eReader with you (or have not bought one yet), we can help answer your eReader questions.



## BYOE to the 2nd Floor Computer Lab!

Thursday, December 26 - 1-4pm  
 Monday, December 30 - 9:30am-12:30pm  
 Thursday, January 2 - 1-4pm  
 Friday, January 3 - 9:30am-12:30pm  
 Monday, January 6 - 9:30am - 12:30pm  
 Tuesday, January 7 - 4-7pm  
 Wednesday, January 8 - 1-4pm  
 Thursday, January 9 - 1-4pm  
 Friday, January 10 - 9:30am-12:30pm  
 Monday, January 13 - 9:30am - 12:30pm  
 Wednesday, January 15 - 4-7pm  
 Thursday, January 16 - 1-4pm

## ADULT WEIGHT LOSS AND HEALTHY EATING CLASS

Meeting Room B at 6PM

Need help with that New Year's Resolution to lose weight? Join the dieticians as they offer suggestions on healthy eating and appropriate weight loss.



### Visiting Author:

## ALISON MCGHEE

Auditorium, 7PM

Alison McGhee is a Pulitzer Prize nominee and a #1 New York Times bestselling author. She writes for all ages and in all forms, from poetry and stories to novels and picture books and essays, and her books are popular with critics and readers alike. Her novel *Shadow Baby* was a Today Show Book Club pick, and her picture book *Someday* was featured on NPR. This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



## TEENScape

### SCRIBBLERS

### Meeting Room A at 4PM

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.

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



## Wednesday, January 1

### Library Closed - New Year's Day, All Day

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

## Thursday, January 2

### 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).

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-4PM

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.

## January 2014

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

### 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.

## Friday, January 3

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30AM-12:30PM

See description above.

## Saturday, January 4



### Practice ACT, Meeting Room C, 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. Registration Required. Call 507.328.2303 to register.

### Hooray for Saturday! Winter Story Time Fun, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Please join us for fun winter stories to celebrate the beginning of a bright new year!



### First LEGO® League Team Demonstrations!, Auditorium, 2PM

Please join us as area First LEGO® League teams share their LEGO® creations and innovative solutions to challenges caused by natural disasters! First LEGO® League is a sport for the mind for kids ages 9 to 14. This event is hosted by Robot Squad, FTC Team 7152.

## Monday, January 6

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30AM-12:30PM

See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 3.

## Tuesday, January 7

### 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 - Broken Harbor by Tana French. 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.

### Bingo, Bango, Bongo - Goal setting & accountability, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

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

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

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 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.

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4-7PM

See description on page 3.

### 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 3.

### 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, January 8

### 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!

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-4PM

See description on page 3.

### Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion, Meeting Room B, 2PM

Tired of doom and gloom? We're talking about the book Abundance: The Future is Better Than You Think, by Peter H. Diamandis.



### TeenScape Scribblers, Meeting Room A, 4PM

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: THREE WORLDS, Auditorium, 6PM

THREE WORLDS Directed by Catherine Corsini France / 2012 / French & Moldovan with English subtitles Synopsis: AI, a young man from a modest background, is ten days away from marrying the daughter of his boss, along with succeeding him as the head of the car dealership where AI has been working for most of his life. One night, while coming back drunk from his bachelor party, AI commits a hit-and-run and is urged to leave the scene of the crime by his two childhood friends who are with him in the car. The next day, gnawed by guilt, he decides to go to the hospital to inquire anonymously about his victim. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

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

See description on page 3.

## Thursday, January 9

### 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).

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-4PM

See description on page 3.

## Thursday, January 9

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

See description on page 3.

### Documentary Film: GIRL RISING, Auditorium, 7PM

Girl Rising tells stories of girls around the world who face barriers to education that boys do not encounter - like early and forced marriage, domestic slavery, gender violence and discrimination. The reasons are many - cultural tradition, a lack of attention by policy leaders, poverty - but the result is that girls are left behind. Yet the girls of Girl Rising are living what research has proven time and again: that education is a pathway out of poverty, an escape from slavery, hunger and disease - and it offers the promise of a better future, not only for girls but for us all. Featuring Cate Blanchett, Priyanka Chopra, Selena Gomez, Anne Hathaway, Salma Hayek, Alicia Keys, Chloë Moretz, Liam Neeson, Freida Pinto, Meryl Streep, and Kerry Washington. This program is co-sponsored by the Rochester Franciscans and Mission 21 as part of their Human Trafficking Awareness Education efforts.

## Friday, January 10

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30AM-12:30PM

See description on page 3.

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

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

### 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. Group meets every week, alternating Wednesdays and Fridays. No registration necessary.

## Saturday, January 11

### History Hulabaloo, Auditorium, 10AM

Minnesota Historical Society staff, University Mentors and librarians will be available to help middle school and high school students with History Day Projects. Mini-sessions will be presented on how to do a project, write a thesis or do research. Librarians will be available to help with research. Open to students, parents and teachers.

### Hooray for Saturday! Puppet Party, 10:30AM

Join us in Youth Services to create your own puppets. Then play with them on a puppet stage.

## Sunday January 12

### Make-N-Take: Magnetic Calendar Project, Maker Space, 1-4PM

Make your own magnetic calendar that never goes out of date and Take it home to enjoy and use for years to come. Come anytime between 1-4 PM to complete your project



## Monday, January 13

### BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30AM-12:30PM

See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 3.

## Tuesday, January 14

### Library Time, Auditorium, 10AM

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

### Getting to Know Me--Building Relationships & Developing Contacts, Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

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

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

See description on page 4.

### 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

### LEGO® Fun, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

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

See description on page 3.

### Adult Weight Loss and Healthy Eating Class, Meeting Room B, 6PM

Need help with that New Year's Resolution to lose weight? Join the dieticians as they offer suggestions on healthy eating and appropriate weight loss.



### 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](mailto:kstecher@rochester.lib.mn.us), or call 507.328.2313.

### 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, January 15

### 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-12:15PM

See description on page 5.

### Art Club: Cardboard City, Auditorium, 2:30 & 4PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will be building a model city out of cardboard! Grades K to 5.

## Wednesday, January 15

### **BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4-7PM**

See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 3.

### **Big brother's watching. Do you feel safer?, Auditorium, 6:30PM**

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.

### **RPL Kids Advisory Board, Meeting Room A, 6:30PM**

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 507.328.2303.

## Thursday, January 16

### **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).

### **BYOE (Bring Your Own eReader) to the Library Days, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-4PM**

See description on page 3.

### **Auditorium, 4PM**

Minnesota Historical Society staff, University Mentors and librarians will be available to help middle school and high school students with History Day Projects. Mini-sessions presented on how to do a project, write a thesis or do research. Librarians will be available to help with research. Open to students, parents and teachers.

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

See description on page 3.

## Friday, January 17



### **Dance Party Days, Auditorium, 10AM**

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

## Saturday, January 18

### **Hooray for Saturday: Paint with What?!, Auditorium, 10:30AM**

In this program we will be painting with everything except paintbrushes. Dress to get messy.

## Monday, January 20

### **Library closed all day in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day**

## Tuesday, January 21

### **Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM**

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - The Fall of Alice K by Jim Heynen. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies, and Music Desk or call 507.328.2305.

### **Are you feeling lucky? Words of wisdom from "What Color is Your Parachute?", Meeting Room B, 1:30PM**

Richard N. Bolles continues to be the most respected author in career development circles when it comes to career transition and change. Bolles is well known for his iconic book "What Color Is Your Parachute?" Yet even Richard Bolles recognized that LUCK is part of the job search process. Discover why LUCK favors the prepared mind. Prepare yourself to improve your LUCK by going out and making your own LUCK. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

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

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### **Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM**

See description above.

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

See description on page 3.

### **Adult Weight Loss and Healthy Eating Class, Meeting Room B, 6PM**

Need help with that New Year's Resolution to lose weight? Join the dieticians as they offer suggestions on healthy eating and appropriate weight loss.

### **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 - The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies, and Music Desk or call 507.328.2305.

## Wednesday, January 22

### **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!

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

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

See description on page 3.

## Thursday, January 23

### **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).

## Thursday, January 23

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

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

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

See description on page 3.

### Nutrition for Kids - by the MN Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - SE MN, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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 dieticians answer these questions and more about healthy eating.

## Friday, January 24

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

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

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

See description on page 5.

## Saturday, January 25

### Hooray for Saturday! Lunar New Year, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Hooray for Saturday! Join us for stories, crafts and activities to celebrate Lunar New Year!

## Monday, January 27

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

See description above.

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

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Ann Rule novel.

### 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!

### Nutrition for Kids - by the MN Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - SE MN, Auditorium, 5:30PM

See description above.

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

See description on page 3.

### P-B Dialogues, Auditorium, 7PM

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.

## Tuesday, January 28

### Literature into Film Bookgroup, Meeting Room B, 1PM

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book and film to be discussed - Far From the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy. 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.

### Behavioral Interviews: STAR and SHARE approaches, Meeting Room A, 1:30PM

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

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

See description on page 4.

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

See description on page 5.

### LEGO® Fun! Auditorium, 4PM

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

Confidential coaching and mentoring by SCORE volunteers. Topics include: financial options, business strategies, marketing and sales tactics, product development, cash flow and more.

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

See description on page 3.

### 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, January 29

### 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-12:15PM

See description on page 5.

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

See description on page 3.

## Thursday, January 30

### 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, 1-2:30PM

See description above.

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

See description on page 3.

### Visiting Author: ALISON MCGHEE, Auditorium, 7PM

Alison McGhee is a Pulitzer Prize nominee and a #1 New York Times bestselling author. She writes for all ages and in all forms, from poetry and stories to novels and picture books and essays, and her books are popular with critics and readers alike. Her novel Shadow Baby was a Today Show Book Club pick, and her picture book Someday was featured on NPR. This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## Friday, January 31

### Dance Party Days, Auditorium, 10AM

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

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## 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!

## Sunday, February 2

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

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. Raised in Bagley, WI, Jesse spent his formative years experiencing life through the lens of the Driftless Area. The study of philosophy and sociology helped elucidate his place in the universe, and Driftless Land Stewardship LLC was soon founded as an attempt to keep the global life support system functioning. This public presentation is co-sponsored by the Prairie Enthusiasts Prairie Smoke Chapter and the Rochester Public Library.

## Monday, February 3

### **Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM** See description above.

### **Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM** See description on page 3.

## 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 507.328.2324.

### **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.

### **Drop in for Career Counseling, Wellness Corner, 2:30-3:30PM** See description on page 4.

### **Chess Club for Homeschoolers!, Auditorium, 2:30PM** See description on page 4.

### **Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM** See description on page 4.

### **Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM** See description on page 3.

### **Bedtime Stories, 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 it's 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, 2:30 & 4PM**

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will be using markers and watercolor paints! Grades K to 5.

### **Homework Assistance Study Table, 2nd Floor, 6-9PM** See description on page 3.

### **Rochester Issues Forum: Topic to be announced, Auditorium, 6:30PM** 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.

## 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, 1-2:30PM** See description above.

### **Friends of the Library Preview Book Sale, Auditorium, 5PM** 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 on page 3.

### **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.

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.