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Wit, Wisdom & Wine 2014

An interesting thing happens the third Saturday in January at the library. Out of the public eye, a small group of people, staff and volunteers; scramble to get everything in order for the spectacular evening event. The library closes at 5:30 and people begin arriving by 6:15.

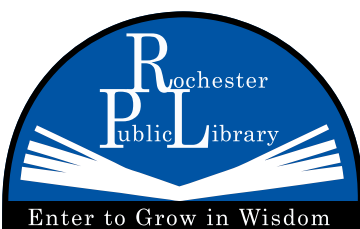
The Rochester Public Library Foundation does one large fundraiser each year; this year was the 13th Annual Wit, Wisdom and Wine. Preparations for the event begin in July but everything seems to always fill whatever time is allowed for it and climaxes the last few hours on Saturday afternoon. It is always a challenge to change a library into classrooms for over two hundred visitors. Tables, chairs, projectors, and screens need to be ready to move quickly into place, the bookmobile needs to be out of the garage and on the street. That in itself is a challenge as finding three empty parking spots in a row by the library is next to impossible. Display areas, raffle tables and food and wine tables need to be placed.

This year, due to the space reconfigurations at the library, was actually a little easier as Meeting Room C was available with a ceiling mount projector as was the new computer lab and the new TeenScape area.

This year we had ten excellent speakers discussing a variety of subjects. Alan Calavano told new stories about old Rochester; Father Nick talked about timeless experiences in "The Immeasurable Toolbox". Local author P.S. Duffy had an interesting topic focusing on WWI, discussing kilts, trousers and other challenges in writing historical fiction. Tim Penny changed the pace a little from previous talks he has done, focusing on nationally significant legacy of southern Minnesota leaders. Teen librarian Sarah Joynt laid out a plethora of new teen fiction for an audience of non-teens which saw numerous audience members taking



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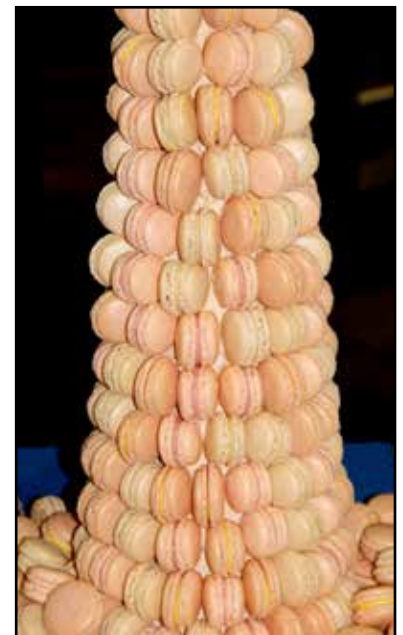
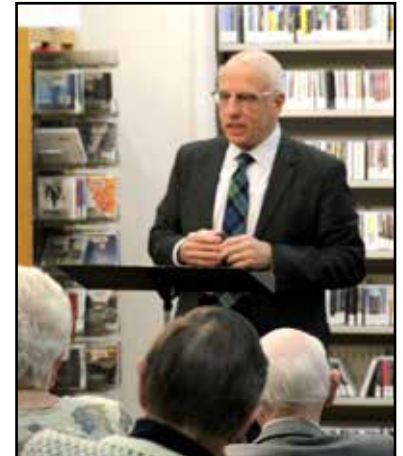


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note of titles and authors. Most of the books I had thought would be fun to read from the list were gone by Tuesday. Larry Mascotti spoke about the long, rich history of the human species relationship with the cosmos. Food and wine talks were available for the enjoyment of all.

While not all of the final numbers are in, it looks like this will have been a very good 13th WW&W. We were fortunate to have over \$10,000 in sponsorships, numerous business donated merchandise and in kind services. We had 200 guests. Our best guess is that we will clear \$25,000.

The money raised all comes back to the library in one form or another. There are always more exciting, creative ideas and needs than the library can budget for. So we are indeed fortunate to have an energetic Foundation Board working to supplement the library budget. The library would not be what it is without their help. They do indeed change lives.





USING YOUR IPAD

Tuesday, March 25th • Computer Lab - 2nd Floor • 3PM

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.



Healthy Eating for Kids

Tuesday, March 25th • Meeting Room B, 5:30PM

A hands on program for kids and their parents on child nutrition. Presented by the Winona State University Nursing students.

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



Saturday, March 1

Hooray for Saturday! Art Club Auditorium, 10:30AM

Stop by the library to create torn paper landscapes!

Monday, March 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 sign up for this class.

March 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 6:00 - 8:45 pm during the academic year. The study table is staffed by volunteers. The goal of the Homework Assistance Study Table is to provide individual assistance to students with specific questions regarding their daily homework assignments. Although all students in the community are welcome, the academic levels of the students who attend are generally grades 4 to 12. Students do not need to register ahead of time -- just come at the scheduled time.

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. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

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 - *The Child's Child* by Barbara Vine. 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.

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.

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

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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.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

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

What are the signs for early reading problems? Is your child at risk? Sign up for a free assessment for your 4-6 year old child with Reading Center staff at the library. Registration is required. Please call 507.328.2303 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, March 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.

Family Fun Night: Game On!

Auditorium, 7:30PM

Game On! Try your hand at a variety of awesome games! Challenge your family and friends to card games or cool board 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

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Rochester Issues Forum: Immigration, a system in crisis?, 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.

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

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

Thursday, 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!, 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.

Art Club: Fun with Collage

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 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 3.

Friday, March 7

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

See description above.

Make-N-Take: Collage & 6 Word Memoir Art, Maker Space, 2-4PM

Dana Johnson, local collage artist, will be demonstrating how to make a collage and 6 Word Memoir art project using collage techniques. Attendees will then be able to make their own collage projects to take home with them.

Saturday, March 8

Practice ACT

Meeting Room C, 10AM-1:30PM

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

Hooray for Saturday! Children's Dance Theatre preview: Sleeping Beauty, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11:30AM

The Children's Dance Theatre presents an introduction to ballet and tells the enchanted fairy tale Sleeping Beauty. Costumed dancers will perform excerpts to music from this enchanting ballet.

Make-N-Take: Soulcollage & 6 Word Memoir Art, Maker Space, 2-4PM

Dana Johnson, local collage artist, will be demonstrating how to make a Soulcollage and 6 Word Memoir art project using collage techniques. Attendees will then be able to make their own collage projects to take home with them.

Monday, March 10

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 3.

Japanese "Stab" Book Binding Maker Space, 3PM

You will create two variations of a Japanese "Stab" Binding book. One will be a traditional 4-hole binding and you can choose which more complicated style you would like. I will have samples and tools and supplies available. We will discuss some history of book binding as well as what tools and supplies are useful, and where to find them. If you happen to have these tools, please bring them: bone folder, decorative papers, sturdy threads, hole punching tool, cutting mat and x-acto knife, metal ruler. Register online or call 507.328.2305.

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

See description on page 3.



Sit Stay Read with Shiner, KodaJ and

Parker, Auditorium, 6PM

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 online or call 507.328.2303. Registered participants will receive notification of their appointment time prior to the program.

Sit Stay Read with Bonnie, Andes, and KodaS., Auditorium, 7PM

See description above.

Tuesday, March 11

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.

Job Search Skills Needed for Success Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

The most successful job seekers develop, practice and utilize state-of-the-art job search skills. They also know more about themselves, the job, the company, their occupational field and how the labor market works than their competition. Discuss what can be done to put the odds in your favor. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

Tuesday, March 11

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.

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. Registration not is required. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library

LEGO® Fun!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

Intro to Photoshop Elements Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4PM

Learn how to edit, repair, enhance, and add effects to your digital photos. Feel free to bring your own digital photo to practice with. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

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 3.

Writing Group

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

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

Wednesday, March 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-12:15 PM

See description on page 4.

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion Meeting Room B, 2PM

Sure, we're talking, but we're talking about Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking, by Susan Cain.



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.

iFIlms: International and Independent Films, Auditorium, 6PM

KEY OF LIFE Directed by Kenji Uchida /Japan
Synopsis: A case of stolen identity and one determined bride-to-be intersect in this comedic escapade from famed Japanese filmmaker Kenji Uchida. Struggling actor Sakurai is out of work, out of luck and can't even succeed at taking his own life. When a mysterious man slips and falls at the bathhouse, Sakurai switches locker keys and identities with the man, who turns out to be a hit man named Kondo. His memory lost in the fall, Kondo begins piecing 'his' life as Sakurai back together with the help of Kanae, a young woman he meets in the hospital, who is determined to find a husband. 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.

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

See description on page 4.

Thursday, March 13

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.

Instagram It!

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4PM

Create bookmarks, magnets and more with photos from your Instagram account. Bring your smartphone or mobile device. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

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

See description on page 3.

Friday, March 14

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art! Auditorium, 10AM

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

Saturday, March 15

Hooray for Saturday! Hans Mayer's Silly Concert for Kids!, Auditorium, 10:30AM

Feeling silly? Children's recording artist, Hans Mayer, will have you laughing and singing along to his humorous tunes. Join us for some musical fun! Sponsored by Friends of the Library

SEMYO Fiddlers, Auditorium, 1:30PM

Fiddle music is found in many cultures throughout the world and is currently enjoying a resurgence in popularity. The Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras (SEMYO) will present an educational program which includes information about the various types of fiddle music including Celtic, Scottish and Old Thyme (North American) fiddle music, and the importance of fiddle music in community life, before the invention of electronic media. The presentation will include a performance of these different genres of music by the SEMYO Fiddlers.

Sunday, March 16

Historical Craft Workshop: Civil War Sewing Kit, Auditorium, 2PM

Portable sewing kits were an essential accessory during the Civil War that could be rolled up and fit easily into pockets. "Housewives" would securely store thread, pins, needles and notions. During this workshop, participants will create modern versions of the popular kits. Presented by the Minnesota Historical Society. This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Register online or call 507.328.2305.

Monday, March 17

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 3.

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!

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

See description on page 3.

Tuesday, March 18

Plain Readers, Meeting Room A, 12PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Thirty Rooms to Hide In by Luke Sullivan

You are the message

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

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

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

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Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

Video Editing Basics

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4PM

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. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

The Diabetic Foot

Meeting Room B, 5:30PM

Program presented by the Winona State Nursing students on caring for your feet, especially if you are diabetic.

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.

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 - A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans.

Family Fun Night: LEGOs® Fun!

Auditorium, 7:30PM

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Wednesday, March 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!

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

See description on page 3.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B, 7PM-8:30PM

See description on page 4.

Thursday, March 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, 10:30&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.

Art Club: Totem Poles

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 making totem poles out of cardboard tubes. Grades K to 5.

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

See description on page 3.

Friday, March 21



Dance Party Days, Auditorium, 10AM

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

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B, 11AM-12:15PM

See description on page 4.

Saturday, March 22

Graceful Journey - Confronting the End of Life, Meeting Room B, 10AM-1PM

Minnesota Council of Churches and Honoring Choices Minnesota presents a discussion on death and dying, how to have the end of life conversation with family, and information about an Advanced Care Health Directive. Registration required. A light lunch will be served. Register online or call 507.328.2309.

Hooray for Saturday! Spring Storytime Auditorium, 10:30AM

Believe it or not, Spring is here! Join us for 30 minutes of stories and songs to celebrate the new season.

Cambodian Film: A Moment in Time Auditorium, 1PM

Synopsis: Lina is a nineteen years old college student. She has a loving family, supporting friends, and a bright future ahead of her until the day she encountered a stranger named Sothy. There is something strange and mysterious about him. She sees him when least expected. He seems to be only interested in her. Every time they meet, time stands still, nothing else in the world matters for that few seconds. It is like they are caught in a moment in time. The filmmaker will be in attendance and can answer questions about the making of the film.

The Diabetic Foot

Meeting Room B, 1:30PM

Program presented by the Winona State Nursing students on caring for your feet, especially if you are diabetic.

Monday, March 24

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 3.

Mystery Book Group

Meeting Room A, 1PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Sherlock Holmes novels of Arthur Conan Doyle.

Monday, March 24

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

See description on page 3.

Sit Stay Read with KodaS, Kalie, KodaJ Auditorium, 6PM

See description on page 5.

Sit Stay Read with Bonnie, Ellie, and Parker, Auditorium, 7PM

See description on page 5.

Tuesday, March 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 - *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. 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.

Developing Good Answers: overcoming any concerns or barriers to employment Meeting Room A, 1:30PM

Some job seekers get stuck carrying around specific barriers to employment. These barriers might revolve around ex-offender status, high school dropout, age discrimination, etc. It is never a good idea to go out and apply for employment as a member of a group. Learn to reclaim the fact that all of us apply for employment as individuals. We may have concerns, but those concerns can be overcome. No registration necessary. A career counselor will be available after the session for one-on-one assistance.

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Healthy Eating for Kids Meeting Room B, 5:30PM

A hands on program for kids and their parents on child nutrition. Presented by the Winona State University Nursing students.

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

See description on page 3.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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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, March 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 Meeting Room B, 11AM-12:15PM

See description on page 4.

TeenScape Scribblers Meeting Room A, 4PM

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See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 4.

Thursday, March 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, 10:30&11AM

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

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Friday, March 28

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art! Auditorium, 10AM

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

Spring Break at the Library: Get Messy with Art!, Auditorium, 1-3PM

Dress to get messy and explore creative art techniques and materials.

Saturday, March 29

Hooray for Saturday! Marshmallow Building Auditorium, 10:30AM

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

Healthy Eating for Kids Meeting Room B, 12PM

A hands on program for kids and their parents on child nutrition. Presented by the Winona State University Nursing students.

Saturday, March 29

Project Hear - Breast and Cervical Cancer information for Black women Auditorium, 1PM-3PM

Project Hear research and education event. You are welcome to participate if you are a black woman, age 18+, concerned about breast and cervical cancer for your loved ones and interested in learning about local health resources and prevention and screening. A light lunch will be served. Registrater online or call 507.328.2309.

Monday, March 31

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

Spring Break at the Library: Game On! Auditorium, 10AM-12PM & 1-3PM

Drop in for a morning of gaming. Challenge your friends (or the librarian) to cool board games, challenging card games, or even the Xbox 360 or Nintendo Wii!

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

April 2014

Tuesday, April 1

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

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library.

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup Meeting Room A

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - The Dove Keepers by Alice Hoffman. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Library staff will assist participants in obtaining books for the discussion groups. Sign up at the Fiction, Movies and Music Desk at the library, or call 328-2324.

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

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

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

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.

Chess Club!, Auditorium, 4PM

See description above.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 2

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!

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

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

Tax Filing Assistance

Computer Lab - 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

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.



MuV Chat - Movie

Meeting Room C, 6:30PM-9PM

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

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B, 7PM-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. This is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share cultures and have fun. The group is open to all non-native English speaking adults. No registration required.

Thursday, April 3

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). No registration required.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 3.

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

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