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Hope & Inspiration -by Jay Bunke

A few weeks ago I attended an event where the Rochester Public Library provided an informational display. When I saw the RPL staff I rushed over and started to gush about what I thought of our library, the work they do and the impact it has had on my life and the lives of others. They asked if I would consider sharing some of those thoughts with you.

Sometimes I wonder if anything is easier to take for granted than a well-run public library. It's remarkably easy to walk in and out of the building with an armful of treats for mind, body and soul without giving much thought to what's really going on there. Over the years I've made a transition from occasional visitor to one of the bigger fans of Rochester Public Library. I now visit the library at least once each week and have become a vocal proponent and supporter of RPL.

My transition to proponent came about as I realized how my life was being shaped, enhanced and yes, changed, by my weekly visits. Even during some very difficult times in my life the library remained a foundational constant. In fact, during the most difficult times it was all the more important for me to get to the library. It has become one of my main sources of hope and inspiration.

As I've shared my passion with family and friends I've observed the same outcomes of positivity and hope in the lives of these new library goers. Amazing stuff really, watching the positive impact the library was having on loved ones lives after they simply applied for



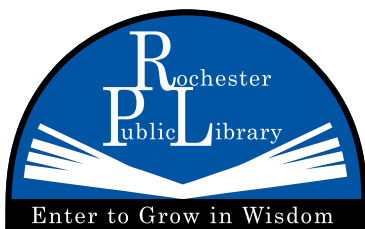
a membership card. The changes didn't happen overnight nor did they happen in dramatic fashion but happen they did!

I've often thought there are very few places where donating money can have such widespread and profound impact for good as donating to the library. The list is very short of organizations that reach across so many boundaries with the grace that the library does.

Not only do I plan to continue using and supporting our first rate public library but I will also continue to tell others about the hope and possibilities to be found within those walls. It's actually pretty easy to start a conversation when they see me with an armful of CDs, DVDs and books once each week.

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Jay is currently using library media resources to listen to the music recommended in the book, 1000 Recordings To Hear Before You Die. He plans to complete the list within three years.





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.

**Cash or check only at the Friends' Auditorium sales.*

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

Thursday October 2 (Friends' Preview)
5PM - 5:30PM

Friday & Saturday October 3 & 4
9:30AM - 5:30PM

Sunday October 5
1:30AM - 4PM

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Grupo de Conversación de Español

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

Rochester Public Library Meeting Room A

Second Wednesday of the month 7-8:30PM

¡Yo



español !



Saturday, October 11 Auditorium, 2PM-3PM

Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. Join us at this open house event featuring Star Wars themed games, crafts and music. Costumes encouraged.

Homework Help

Begins September 8 Mondays - Thursdays Meeting Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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



October 2014

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

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



Wednesday, October 1

Science Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab, 3PM-5PM

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.

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

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

Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Thursday, October 2

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

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

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

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

Thursday, October 2

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

See description on page 2.

Friends' Preview of Autumn Book Sale, Auditorium, 5PM-7PM

The huge three-day Friends' Autumn book sale Friends' members are invited to a special preview sale on Thursday, October 2 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. 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. Cash or check only at the Friends' Auditorium sales.

Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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q club, Mtg Room A, 6PM-7:30PM

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

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

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

Friday, October 3

Friends Autumn Book Sale, Auditorium, 9:30AM-5PM

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Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

Saturday, October 4

Friends Autumn Book Sale, Auditorium, 9:30AM-5PM

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Hooray for Saturday! Letterboxing, 10:30AM-11:30AM

Did you know there is treasure hidden in the library? Carve a personalized stamp, create a journal and start hunting for hidden letterboxes! Fun for the entire family. This program will take place in the children's area.

Stamp Collecting, Maker Space, 1PM-3PM

Discover stamps and the fun of collecting! Learn history, geography, trivia and have an enjoyable, informative hobby. Find out more about what is collectable, the "tools" of the hobby and sources of material. Sponsored by the 1st Tuesday Stamp Club. Stop in anytime between 1-3 PM.

Sunday, October 5

Friends Autumn Book Sale, Auditorium, 1:30PM-4PM

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Monday, October 6

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

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Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Sit Stay Read, Auditorium, 6PM & 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 should attend. Caregivers are asked to remain in the library. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

Tuesday, October 7

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup, Mtg Room A, 11AM-12PM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - City of Thieves by David Benioff. 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.



Art Club for Homeschoolers, Auditorium, 2:30PM-3:30PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will have fun with a collaborative drawing game! Grades K to 5.

Facebook Part 1 - Introduction, Computer Lab, 3:30PM-5PM

Learn how to set up your own free Facebook account and connect with your family and friends online. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Active All Your Life - Recovering after falling, Mtg Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

How to recover after you've fallen? Doctoral students in Physical Therapy from Mayo Clinic will be on hand to offer suggestions.

Art Club, Auditorium, 4:30PM-5:30PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will have fun with a collaborative drawing game. Grades K to 5.

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

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

Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM-7PM

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



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

Wednesday, October 8

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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

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

You thought slavery ended with the Civil War? Think again with Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black People in America from the Civil War to World War II, by Douglas A. Blackmon.

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab, 3PM-5PM

See description on page 3.

TeenScope Scribblers, Mtg 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.

Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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

THE AUCTION Directed by Sébastien Pilote Canada / Drama / 2013 / French with English subtitles Synopsis: A man of few words, Gaby manages his family's farm - Buchard & Sons - on his own, despite his advancing age. When his eldest daughter, Marie, appears at the family homestead to share news that she's finally getting divorced and in desperate need of money in order to keep the home where she and her children live, Gaby's quiet life begins to unravel. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

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

Want to improve your Spanish conversation skills? Drop in, no matter what your skill level, and learn by doing.

Thursday, October 9

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

See page 3.

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

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Thursday, October 09, 2014 Visiting Author: THOMAS MALTMAN, Auditorium, 7PM-8PM

Thomas Maltman's essays, poetry, and fiction have been published in many literary journals. He has an MFA from Minnesota State University, Mankato. His first novel, The Night Birds, won an Alex Award, a Spur Award, and the Friends of American Writers Literary Award. In 2009 the American Library Association chose The Night Birds as an "Outstanding Book for the College Bound." He's taught for four years at Normandale Community College and lives in the Twin Cities area. Little Wolves is his second novel. Lecture will be followed by a book signing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

English Conversation Group, Group Study - 2nd Floor, 7PM-8:30PM

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

Friday, October 10

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

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

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

Saturday, October 11

Wild About Reading Event!, Auditorium, 9:30AM-12PM

This free event brings Imagination Library books to life with a variety of fun activities for families with children up to 8 years-old! Sponsored by United Way of Olmsted County.



Star Wars Reads Day III, Auditorium, 2PM-3PM

Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and Star Wars. Join us at this open house event featuring Star Wars themed games, crafts and music. Costumes encouraged.

Sunday, October 12

Artist In Residence Program - Yan Li, Maker Space, 2PM-5PM

Yan Li, born in China, will share her talents as an artist of traditional Chinese painting. Her students will learn how to use Chinese rice paper, paints, brushes and inks to paint flowers, animals and calligraphy lettering. This project was funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Monday, October 13

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

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Homework Help, Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Sit Stay Read, Auditorium, 6PM & 7PM

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Tuesday, October 14

Library Time, Auditorium, 10AM-11AM

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

Tuesday, October 14

Bouncing Back: Your Chances of Finding Work Improve When....,

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

Remember that your chances of finding a job improve once you take the label off yourself, and begin to think in terms of your skills, qualifications, and accomplishments. Realize that looking for work need not be any more difficult than looking for information. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium, 2:30PM-3:30PM

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

Drop In for Career Counseling,

Wellness Corner, 2:30PM-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.

Facebook Part 2 - Intermediate,

Computer Lab, 3:30PM-5PM

Now that you've set up your Facebook account (from the previous week's class), learn more about some of the things you can do and get more tips for being safe on Facebook. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Active All Your Life - Healthy Eyes = Better Balance?, Mtg Room C,

4:10 PM-4:30PM

Can healthy eyes make a difference in your balance? Doctoral students in Physical Therapy from Mayo Clinic will be on hand to offer suggestions.

Chess Club, Auditorium, 4:30PM-5:30PM

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Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C,

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Homework Help,

Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Writing Group,

Mtg 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 328-2313.

Bedtime Stories,

Auditorium, 6:30PM-7PM

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

Wednesday, October 15

Homeless Outreach Worker Available,

Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

Preschool Storytime,

Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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

Sensory Storytime,

Auditorium, 1:30PM-2PM

Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges or those on the Autism spectrum. Library staff will use preschool-level materials, including books, songs, and activities to stimulate all five senses. This six week program will take place every Wednesday at 1:30pm in the auditorium starting on October 15th and running through November 19th. The outline of sensory storytime activities will be posted online prior to each session along with a social story to help children know what to expect from the event. Registration for the six week program is required and children must attend with a caregiver. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab, 3PM-5PM

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

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

Candidate Forum: City Council W3,

Mayor, City Council W5,

Auditorium, 5:30PM-9PM

The Rochester League of Women Voters will be hosting a candidate forum. 6:15 City Council Ward 3 7:00 Mayor 7:45 City Council Ward 5 The debate will be available via live streaming from the library's web site. The debate will also be accessible in Mtg Room C.

Homework Help,

Mtg Room A, 6PM-9PM

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Artist In Residence Program - Yan Li,

Maker Space, 6PM-9PM

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Thursday, October 16

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

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

Toddler Time, Auditorium,

10:30AM & 11AM

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

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab, 1PM-2:30PM

See description on page 3.

Bone Builders - Not just for women or seniors!, Meeting Room C,

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Visiting Author: MARK ALLISTER, Auditorium, 7PM-8PM

Mark Allister is professor of English, environmental studies, and American studies at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He hosts a weekly radio show, Prof Rock with Mark Allister. His latest book, "Chasing the Light: The Cloud Cult Story," details the band's defining moments, beginning with the death of Craig and Connie Minowa's two-year-old son and the hundreds of songs that grew out of the tragic loss. Allister also describes the band's unique philosophy and principles, including how Minowa created a zero carbon footprint for the band's recording and touring, adopting DIY and green-sustainable practices well before the ideas became mainstream. Join us for a reading from the book, followed by a Q&A and book signing.

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

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

Friday, October 17

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

Kids Talent Fair, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

Saturday, October 18

Hooray for Saturday! Makerspace Family Event, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11:30AM

We invite you to this family Makerspace open house where there will be different art activities at each table. Join us as we create and learn together!

Practice ACT, Mtg Room C, 12PM-4PM

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

Make-N-Take: Happy Green Owl, Auditorium, 2PM-5PM

Join artist Bernadine Jax to make your own Happy Green Owl using acrylic paints and gold colored pens. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Science at the Cinema with Dr. Lawrence Steinkraus, Event Location: Rochester Civic Theatre, 5:30PM-9:30PM

5:30PM Screening of Academy Award-winning film Gravity (2013, Rated PG-13)
7:00PM Dinner break (food will be for sale courtesy of Dunn Brothers)
7:30PM Presentation by Dr. Lawrence Steinkraus, Mayo Clinic Division of Preventive, Occupational, and Aerospace Medicine, followed by a Q&A.

Monday, October 20



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

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Tuesday, October 21

Plain Readers, Mtg Room A, 12PM-1PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - English Creek by Ivan Doig.

Interviewing for Success, Mtg Room B, 1:30PM-2:30PM

Discuss how to eliminate Fear and Doubt in the mind of the employer. Once a job seeker can eliminate the Fear and minimize the Doubt in the mind of the employer – the closer the job seeker is to being hired. There will be discussion on "Proof by Example" and "Quantified Selling Points." A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers, Auditorium, 2:30PM-3:30PM

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. Grades K to 5.

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

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Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 1, Computer Lab, 3:30PM-5PM

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. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Active All Your Life - Keep moving with Arthritis, Mtg Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

How to keep moving when you have arthritis? Doctoral students in Physical Therapy from Mayo Clinic will be on hand to offer suggestions.

LEGO® Fun, Auditorium, 4:30PM-5:30PM

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. Grades K to 5.

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

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Tuesday, October 21

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Bedtime Stories, Auditorium, 6:30PM-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. The Jumpstart Read for the Record book "Bunny Cakes" by Rosemary Wells will be featured at story time this evening! Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Night Owl Book Group, Mtg Room B, 7PM-8PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore.

Wednesday, October 22

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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Preschool Storytime, Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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Sensory Storytime, Auditorium, 1:30PM-2PM

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Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab, 3PM-5PM

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TeenScape Scribblers, Mtg Room A, 4PM-6PM

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Candidate Forum: School Board 5 and 6, Olmsted Co. Sheriff, Auditorium, 5:30PM-9PM

The Rochester League of Women Voters will be hosting a candidate forum. 6:15 School Board Member Position 5 7:00 School Board Member Position 6 7:45 Olmsted County Sheriff The debate will be available via live stream from the library's website at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org. The debate will also be accessible in Mtg Room C.

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

See description on page 3.

Candidate Forum: State Rep. 26 A and 26 B, Olmsted County Commissioner, Auditorium, 5:30PM-9PM

The Rochester League of Women Voters will be hosting a candidate forum. 6:15 State Representative 26A 7:00 State Representative 26B 7:45 Olmsted County Commissioner, District 4 The debate will be available via live stream from the library's website at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org. The debate will also be accessible in Mtg Room C.

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

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Homework Help, Mtg Room A, 6PM-9PM

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

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Friday, October 24

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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

Dance Party!, Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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

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

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

Saturday, October 25

Hooray for Saturday! LEGO® & DUPLO® Fun, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

Sunday, October 26

Family Program: Gustafer Yellowgold's Show!, Auditorium, 2PM-3PM

Gustafer Yellowgold's Show is a unique blend of live music, colorful illustrations, and storytelling! Gustafer Yellowgold is an animated character created by talented songwriter and illustrator, Morgan Taylor. This imaginative performance features songs from his newest DVD/CD release Gustafer Yellowgold's Tooth of Wisdom!

Monday, October 27

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

See description on page 3.

Mystery Book Group, Mtg Room A, 1PM-2PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Mysteries Set in the West.

TeenScape Crafternoon, Teenscape, 4PM-5:30PM

Make a terrarium with an undead twist, just in time for Halloween!

Monday, October 27

Homework Help,

Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Sit Stay Read, Auditorium, 6PM & 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 should attend. Caregivers are asked to remain in the library. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

Tuesday, October 28

Literature into Film Bookgroup,

Mtg Room C, 1:30PM-2:30PM

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book and film to be discussed - The Turn of the Screw by Henry James. 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.

Skills Triad: Self-Management... Job

Content..., Mtg Room B, 1:30PM-2:30PM

Every job seeker is required to know themselves better than anyone else. An informal self-assessment can move this along if the job seeker can identify their own Self-Management Skills; Transferable Skills, and Job Content Skills. Learn which of these three skill sets are the "Hire Me" skills employers are looking for. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Science Club for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium, 2:30PM-3:30PM

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

Drop In for Career Counseling,

Wellness Corner, 2:30PM-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.

Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 2,

Computer Lab, 3:30PM-5PM

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. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Active All Your Life - Walking Fitness,

Mtg Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

Using trekking/hiking poles or walking aids to stay fit. Doctoral students in Physical Therapy from Mayo Clinic will be on hand to offer suggestions.

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Homework Help,

Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Bedtime Stories,

Auditorium, 6:30PM-7PM

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

Wednesday, October 29

Preschool Storytime,

Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

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

Sensory Storytime,

Auditorium, 1:30PM-2PM

See description on page 6.

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab, 3PM-5PM

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Homework Help,

Mtg Room C, 6PM-8:30PM

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Thursday, October 30

Baby Time,

Auditorium, 10AM-10:25 AM

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P-B Dialogues: Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust,

Auditorium, 6:30PM-7:30PM

Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, with P-B Managing Editor Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

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Friday, October 31

Homeless Outreach Worker Available, Wellness Corner, 9:30AM-10:30AM

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Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!,

Auditorium, 10AM-11AM

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

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