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Library School Hours Start Saturday, September 6

Monday-Thursday.....9:30AM-9:00PM

Friday & Saturday.....9:30AM-5:30PM

Sunday 1:30PM-5:30PM

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Watching the leaves of health grow...

A recent immigrant was concerned about the pain in her ankle, but didn't have a healthcare provider or health insurance. She stopped by the wellness corner at the public library to chat with a Winona State Nursing student. She was elated to learn of the "Good Sam" clinic (Salvation Army's Free medical clinic). She was also referred to the county social services as a possible place to get health insurance. (student journal)

"I asked my chiropractor about the free bone builders class at the library and they said it was the best thing I could do for myself." (class participant)

A library user exclaimed, "I would never have known I had a problem with high blood pressure if I wouldn't have stopped by the Wellness Corner to get a free blood pressure check and talk with the student nurses." (library user)

A man came to visit us with a medical issue. We referred him to Olmsted Medical Center nurse triage after some assessment. When he left I worried he may not get help. This is the hard part

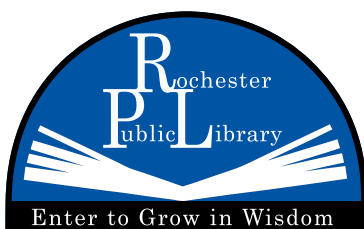


of helping others, realizing that my responsibility for that other person only goes so far and they take it the rest of the way. One of the best life moments was hearing that he got help because of us and was grateful for it. (student journal)

"Health equity is achieving the highest level of health for all people. Health equity entails focused societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities by equalizing the conditions for health for all groups, especially for those who have experienced socioeconomic disadvantage or historical injustices." *From Healthy People 2020*

In July, 2013, the Rochester Public Library received a one year grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation to address health equity in our community. The library built a space for private conversations and enlisted the help of community partners to provide health and occupational information in the "human format", especially to those who might have barriers to accessing

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- Brennan Family Chiropractic
- Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of MN
- ExercisAbilities
- Health Access MN
- Healthcare Discharge Planning Resources
- Mayo Clinic Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy
- Mayo Clinic Hearing Center
- Mayo Clinic Libraries
- Mayo Medical School
- Mayo Clinic office for Community Engagement in Research
- MN Academy of Dietetics & Nutrition SE MN
- MN Council of Churches
- MnSure
- Olmsted County Community Services
- Olmsted County Public Health
- Olmsted County Social Services

traditional services, have low wealth or be homeless. Over 150 people visited the Wellness Corner over a 21 week period and an additional 760 people attended a class or program.

The Public Library would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to the following organizations that together contributed over 1400 hours and their expertise to share health, nutrition, occupational, and mental health information with our residents this past year.

- Olmsted Medical Center
- One World Advisory Council
- Rochester Community Dental
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) – Catholic Charities
- SELCO (Southeastern Libraries Cooperating)
- Southern MN Regional Legal Services
- Tall Grass Talent
- Three Rivers
- University of Minnesota - Extension
- University of Minnesota – Rochester
- United Way
- Winona State University – Nursing Programs
- Workforce Development Inc.
- Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

While the grant may have ended, the work toward health has not. The Winona State University student nurses will be back starting mid-September with regular hours for screenings as well as doing educational programs throughout the year. The Mayo Clinic students in the Doctoral program for Physical Therapy will be providing information on Tuesdays, before the Bone Builder's class,

on being "Active all your life". Career classes and career counseling sessions will start again in mid-October. Keep your eye on the library events calendar for other upcoming opportunities with tax filing assistance, MnSure enrollment, computer classes and many other 'humans' that will help your leaves grow and flourish.

Celebrate the freedom to read!
September 21-27, 2014

TOWARD A MORE  PERFECT UNION
TALKING ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION?

Wednesday, June 17 - Built to Last
Heintz Ctr Commons at 1-3 PM or Rochester Public Library at 6:30-8:30PM

Toward a More Perfect Union is supported in part with funds from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created by a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008, and by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

September 2014

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

Monday, September 1

Library Closed All Day - Library closed in observation of Labor Day.



Tuesday, September 2

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

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - *Dear Life* by Alice Munro. 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. 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.

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

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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, September 3

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!

Teen Zines!, Meeting 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.

Thursday, September 4

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 - 2nd Floor, 1PM-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 sign-up for this class.

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

See description on this page.

English Conversation Group, Group Study, 7PM-8:30PM

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

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



Friday, September 5

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

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

Saturday, September 6

Hooray for Saturday! Cardboard Robots, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11AM

Get creative with recycled supplies as we make cardboard robots!

Monday, September 8

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

See description on this page.

Homework Help, 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.

P-B Dialogues: Proposed Police Oversight Committee, 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.



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.

Tuesday, September 9

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.

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.

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Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 1, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 6PM-7:30PM

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 call 507.328.2309.

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 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, September 10

Preschool Storytime with Clifford the Big Red Dog!, Auditorium, 10AM-10:30AM

Join Clifford the Big Red Dog and his friend Dawn Devine, Director of the Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester, for songs, rhymes, and Tales About Dogs! Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child! Sponsored by Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester in partnership with Rochester Public Library.

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

Nature writing somewhere between poetry and science, join us for *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature*, by David George Haskell.

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM-5PM

See description on page 3.

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

We're getting creative with poetry in September. Meet informally with other teens to workshop your writing, or start something new. Bring your creativity and ideas.

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

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

WILL YOU STILL LOVE ME TOMORROW?
Directed by Arvin Chen Taiwan /Romantic Comedy/ 2013 / Mandarin with English subtitles
Synopsis: In this madcap and lighthearted comedic romp, introverted optometrist Weichung begins to question his marriage with his wife Feng, upon learning of her desire to have another baby. At his sister's engagement party, Weichung bumps into an old friend, Stephen, a wedding photographer who, though also married, is living the high life of a younger, single gay man. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults. Please provide guidance to your children. Admission is free.

Rochester Spanish Conversation Group, Meeting 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, September 11

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

See description on page 3.

Ancestry and Heritage Quest Genealogy Databases, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4PM-5:30PM

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.

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

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

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Make-N-Take: Found Poetry Collage, Maker Space, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Express yourself through art and poetry. Join us as we find poetry in discarded book pages and incorporate them into a collage made from recycled magazines. Come anytime between 6:30 and 8:30PM. Sponsored by the Friends of RPL.

English Conversation Group, Meeting 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, September 12



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, September 13

Artist In Residence Program - Cheryl Finnegan, Maker Space, 10AM-1PM

"Junk Artist" Cheryl Finnegan will be here to share her talents to help you create your own junk art mandala, wind chimes or jewelry from found materials in an effort to better reduce, reuse and recycle things into works of art. Come anytime between 10AM-1PM. This project was funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

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Sunday, September 14

Artist In Residence Program - Cheryl Finnegan, Maker Space, 2PM-5PM

"Junk Artist" Cheryl Finnegan will be here to share her talents to help you create your own junk art mandala, wind chimes or jewelry from found materials in an effort to better reduce, reuse and recycle things into works of art. This project was funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Monday, September 15

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

See description on page 3.

TLC - Teen Library Council, Meeting Room A, 4PM-5PM

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 Help, Meeting 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.

Tuesday, September 16

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

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - Farewell Summer by Ray Bradbury.



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.

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

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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 328.2303 to make an appointment.

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

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Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 2, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 6PM-7:30PM

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 call 507.328.2309.

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

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-8PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini.

Wednesday, September 17

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!



Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM-5PM

See description on page 3.

Teen Zines!, Meeting 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.

Toward a More Perfect Union, Auditorium, 6:30PM-8:30PM

No matter how we feel about it, the Constitution serves our democracy not only as our nation's legal foundation, but also as an essential historical guide and a living work in progress. The goals of Toward a More Perfect Union's lively, respectful conversations are to foster greater understanding of the United States Constitution, deepen our understanding and appreciation of both the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and inspire citizen engagement. Co-sponsored by: Rochester Public Library, Rochester Issues Forum, Rochester Public Schools Community Education Rochester League of Women Voters Rochester Tea Party Patriots.

Thursday, September 18

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, September 18

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

See description on page 3.

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

See description on page 3.

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

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q club, Meeting 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, Group Study, 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, September 19

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

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

Saturday, September 20

Hooray for Saturday! Play-dough, Auditorium, 10:30AM-11:25 AM

Play with play-dough! Fun for everyone in the family.

Monday, September 22

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

See description on page 3.

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

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - What I Read Last Summer.

TeenScope Crafternoon, , 4PM-6PM

Make a cell phone holder or a new wallet with duct tape!

One World Advisory Council, Meeting Room B, 4:30PM-7PM

Facilitate active understanding of health and wellness needs and experiences of culturally diverse patients and families. Partner with staff to enhance the patient experience at Mayo Clinic.

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

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Sit Stay Read, Auditorium, 6PM&7PM

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Tuesday, September 23

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

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

Active All Your Life, Meeting Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

Information sessions on fall prevention, arthritis, balance, exercise for the older adult. Presented by the students of the Mayo Clinic Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.



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

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Our voices and Views, Meeting Room B, 6PM-8PM

Our voices and Views are concerned community members that seek to explore current and future Rochester relevant issues. In doing so, it is our hope that we can become more informed, involved and stewards to the future of the Rochester community.

Intro to Photoshop Elements - Part 3, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 6PM-7:30PM

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

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Wednesday, September 24

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

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Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3PM-5PM

See description on page 3.

TeenScope Scribblers, Meeting Room A, 4PM-6PM

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

5:30PM Screening of Academy Award-winning film Dallas Buyers Club (2013, Rated R) 7:30PM Dinner break (food will be for sale courtesy of Dunn Brothers) 8:00PM Presentation by Dr. Stacey Rizza, head of Mayo's HIV Clinic, followed by a Q&A. The Rochester Public Library and Rochester Civic Theatre are partnering to pair screenings of classic and contemporary films and documentaries with lively presentations by notable science and technology experts. Each film is used as a jumping-off point for a speaker to introduce current research or technological advances in a manner that engages popular culture audiences.

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

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Thursday, September 25

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).

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English Conversation Group, Meeting 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, September 26

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

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

Saturday, September 27

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

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Monday, September 29

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Tuesday, September 30

Literature into Film Bookgroup, Meeting 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 Ultimate Gift by Jim Stovall. 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.

Active All Your Life, Meeting Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

Information sessions on fall prevention, arthritis, balance, exercise for the older adult. Presented by the students of the Mayo Clinic Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.

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Rochester Issues Forum: Topic to be announced, Auditorium, 6:30PM-8PM

The Rochester Issues Forum will sponsor a presentation and facilitated round table discussions. The goal of this event is to create an opportunity for dialog. Attendees will be encouraged to think critically about the issue and gain insights by listening respectfully to others' points of view.

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Thursday, October 2

Thursday, October 02, 2014

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, 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.

q club, Meeting 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, Meeting Room B, 7PM-8:30PM

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

Friday, October 3

Friends Autumn Book Sale, Auditorium, 9AM-9PM

Friends of the Rochester Public Library Autumn Book Sale

Saturday, October 4

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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

Friends of Rochester Public Library Autumn book sale

Monday, October 6

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

See description on page 3.

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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 call 507.328.2303.

Tuesday, October 7

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup, Meeting 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. Grades K to 5.

Active All Your Life, Meeting Room C, 4:10 PM-4:30PM

Information sessions on fall prevention, arthritis, balance, exercise for the older adult. Presented by the students of the Mayo Clinic Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.

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

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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.

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

Library School Hours Start Saturday, September 6

Monday-Thursday..... 9:30AM-9:00PM

Friday & Saturday..... 9:30AM-5:30PM

Sunday 1:30PM-5:30PM

Homework Help

**Begins September 8
Mondays - Thursdays
Meeting Room C,
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