

“I really appreciate the encouragement to step out and explore more, to read more and to engage more with others. Sometimes we need a nudge, and the Summer Playlist gives me the push I need.”

- 2018 Summer Playlist Participant



## HOW RPL & THE SUMMER PLAYLIST ARE CHANGING SUMMER

With summer break in full swing, Rochester Public Library is encouraging kids, teens, and adults to read, connect, explore, and discover this summer.

“Summer Playlist is about experiencing summer and trying new things,” says Heather Acerro, Head of Youth Services at RPL. “Participants last year overwhelmingly reported trying new things because of Summer Playlist.”

In fact, 78% of participants surveyed in 2018 said they tried something new. With over 3,600 people participating in 2018, this free, all-ages program is providing a valuable resource for the community.

While Summer Playlist is meant to encourage more than just reading, Acerro says many people who participate say

their time spent reading increases.

“One person reported that they read 17 books last summer compared to just one the previous summer,” states Acerro, adding, “Another participant said that because of the program their son- quote- took off in reading.”

The program first started in 2017, replacing the more traditional summer reading program that focused heavily on reading and did not include all ages.

Last summer, the program was enhanced by an additional activity: The Golden Bookmobile Search. Paper golden

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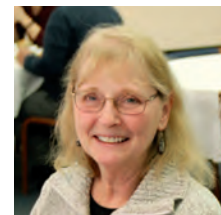
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## LIFEHACK: VISITING THE BOOKBIKE AND ARTCART

When Rochester-area residents encounter the RPL BookBike (a cart of books pulled by a bicycle) they are often delighted and surprised. The cart, along with the ArtCart, can be found throughout the summer at neighborhood parks, the Rochester Downtown Farmers' Market, and local events.

What people don't often realize is they've just completed a great lifehack: accessing a BookBike-only collection of popular materials.

"Oftentimes the books on the BookBike are newer, high-demand items," explains Jon Allen, Youth Services Librarian. "This means these items cannot be reserved. Instead, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis."

In addition, the ArtCart provides free art activities for families visiting local parks. With all supplies provided, the only thing left to do is show up and make art.

For more information and a schedule of upcoming BookBike and ArtCart stops, visit: [rplmn.org/bookbike](http://rplmn.org/bookbike)

## "How RPL & the Summer Playlist is changing summer" (continued from cover)

bookmobiles were hidden in mini-libraries throughout Olmsted County during the first week of the Playlist. The program was such a hit that Summer Playlist planning staff decided to expand the program by hiding the golden bookmobiles in more locations and extending the search for the entire 12 weeks of Summer Playlist.

"Last year we placed them in mini-libraries," says Acerro. "This year we'll hide them in mini-libraries, the downtown RPL building, and on the library's Bookmobile and BookBike."

Margie Brumm, part of RPL's Bookmobile staff, says last year's search generated a lot of excitement about both the Summer Playlist program and about the Bookmobile itself.

"Not everyone knows that the Bookmobile works just like the library and that it has a set schedule where it visits many places in the community," says Brumm. In all, the Bookmobile makes about 70 stops every two weeks at places throughout Olmsted County.

For more information about Summer Playlist or the Golden Bookmobile search, visit [rplmn.org/playlist](http://rplmn.org/playlist).



## GOLDEN BOOKMOBILE SEARCH

Each week throughout Summer Playlist, two Golden Bookmobiles will be hidden in the Library, mini-libraries, the Bookmobile, or the BookBike.

Find one to win a \$25 Target gift card and other goodies. Claim your prize before Friday, August 30, 2019.

More details at [rplmn.org/playlist](http://rplmn.org/playlist)

## BOOKS WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT

### *The Wedding Party* by Jasmine Guillory

Maddie and Theo hate each other as much as they both love their best friend Alexa. After an “oops we made a mistake” night they both try to avoid each other, but with Alexa’s wedding coming up they keep being thrown together. Two people this different can’t possibly have a connection other than the purely physical, right?



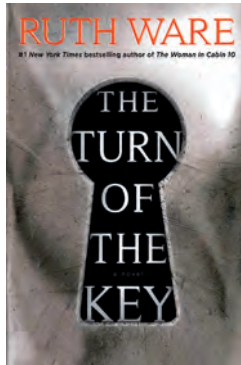
Jasmine Guillory writes perfect beach reads – upbeat, funny, and sweet. If you can’t get your hands on *The Wedding Party*, check out *The Proposal* or *The Wedding Date*, also by Guillory.

### *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware

If a thriller is more your style, check out the latest from Ruth Ware (*The Woman in Cabin 10*).

When Rowan stumbles across the ad, she’s looking for something else completely. But it seems like too good an opportunity to miss--a live-in nanny post, with a staggeringly generous salary. As she arrives at Heatherbrae House, she is smitten--by the luxurious “smart” home fitted out with all modern conveniences, by the beautiful Scottish Highlands, and by this picture-perfect family.

What she doesn’t know is that she’s stepping into a nightmare--one that will end with a child dead and herself in prison awaiting trial for murder.



### *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

If you’re looking for something more cerebral, check out Colson Whitehead’s follow up to his Pulitzer Prize-winning *Underground Railroad*. *The Nickel Boys* follows two boys in a hellish reform school in the Jim Crow-era South. Based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that operated for one hundred and eleven years and warped the lives of thousands of children, the novel is a moving piece of historical fiction.



## MIND MATTERS

A new exhibit at the Rochester Art Center is drawing awareness about mental health. The Friends of the Rochester Public Library is one of many local organizations supporting the “Mental Health: Mind Matters” exhibit.



The focus of the exhibit is to “make it OK” to talk about mental health, according to exhibit organizers. Hosted by Mayo Clinic and presented by Olmsted Medical Center and Rochester Area Foundation, the “Mind Matters” exhibit runs through September 10.

Additional programs and activities about mental health will also be offered throughout the summer, including one event featuring the author behind *Post Secret*, an art installation comprised of secrets written on postcards. Details about the event will be shared through the library’s website at [www.rplmn.org](http://www.rplmn.org).



## A VENEZUELAN PERSPECTIVE

When Cora Páez de Topel visits Rochester, she also visits the library.

Topel is from Venezuela, but visits Rochester often.

Recently she shared her thoughts about the library in an opinion piece for Agencia Carabobeña de Noticias, a news agency based out of the Carabobo State of Venezuela. In the piece she says the library’s collection of books is so large it “covers all subjects of knowledge.”

<http://www.acn.com.ve/la-biblioteca-publica/>



ROCHESTER  
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FOUNDATION



## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION

The last few months have been a period of transition for the Foundation. Our Executive Director, Vicki Allen, resigned in February. Vicki is pursuing a great opportunity with another local non-profit that is near and dear to her heart. We wish Vicki the best in her new endeavor. Necessarily, this has left us looking for a new Executive Director. I am happy to say that after a wide search, and many qualified applicants, we narrowed our search down to two excellent candidates that met with our full board at the end of May. I am confident that we will have a strong and capable Director leading us into the summer. In the meantime, our Executive Assistant, Malea Schroeder, continues to do a superlative job maintaining the day-to-day operations of the Foundation.

While we are currently without a Director, that does not mean the work of the Foundation stops. We continue to partner with the Library and Friends of the Library, as well as solicit donations and advocate for the Library in the community. Earlier this year, the Foundation and Library presented to residents at Charter House about the amazing resources available to residents there. Kim Edson, Head of Readers Services at the Library, even taught me about many new services available for free!

As we move forward with new leadership, it will remain our goal to continue the mission of advancing the interests of the Rochester Public Library, working alongside Library supporters, and financially assisting the Library to continue to be the outstanding, nationally recognized resource it is today.

*Justin Davis*

Foundation Board President,  
Rochester Public Library Foundation  
Market President, Associated Bank

## ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

### ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CURRENT ASSETS	2018	2017
Bank Accounts		
US Bank Checking	\$13,293	\$77,875

#### FIXED ASSETS

Furniture & Equipment	1,898	1,898
Leasehold Improvements	11,275	11,275
Total Fixed Assets	13,173	13,173
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	4,153	3,590
Total Fixed Assets	9,020	9,583

#### OTHER ASSETS

Investment Portfolio	2,548,337	2,644,568
Accrued Interest	2,163	5,065
Total Other Assets	2,550,500	2,649,633

Total Assets	2,572,813	2,737,091
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#### EQUITY

	2018	2017
Beginning of year net assets	2,737,091	2,445,097
Change in net assets	(164,278)	291,994

Total Equity	\$2,572,813	2,737,091
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The above balances are unaudited and presented for informational purposes only. The 12/31/17 balances are restated to agree with the completed IRS Form 990.

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# FRIENDS' ROCHESTERFEST BOOKSALE



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Preview sale is for members only.  
You may join at the door.

**Tues. & Wed., June 25 & 26**

Public Sale, 9:30AM-7PM

**Thur., June 27**

Public Sale, 9:30AM-6PM

**\$5 BUY YOUR  
BUTTON IN THE  
BOOKSTORE**

## BOOKS AND BREWS

Friends of the Rochester Public Library teamed up with local coffee shop owner Lynn Wong to present the first-ever “Books and Brews” event in Rochester.

Held at Dunn Brothers Elton Hills, “Books and Brews” featured local celebrities who shared their favorite books with local readers. The event was part of several activities during the spring to help raise money for a Grant Match for Rochester Reading Champions (RRC). Jen Koski, Tom Overlie, Mayor Kim Norton, Danielle Teal, and John Hunziker each shared their favorite books at the event.

Dunn Brothers provided both the space and donated a portion of the day’s sales to RRC.

After the event, Wong presented a check to RRC for \$700.





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## LETTER FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESIDENT

I believe that most of you are familiar with the library program Rochester Reading Champions. The program has been ongoing for four years and has helped numerous children, teens, and adults vastly improve their reading skills. The program has been fortunate in that the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Children's Foundation has offered a matching grant opportunity for program funding. This past November they offered a \$22,500.00 dollar-for-dollar matching grant.



The Friends of the Rochester Public Library stepped up to the challenge to beat that goal and raise \$25,230. The support came through a grant from the Schmidt Foundation, donations from Gael Entriakin and Ray Schmitz, Knutson Construction, Merchants Bank, numerous other community members, a new fundraiser partnering with Dunn Brothers Elton Hills, Whistle Binkies on the Lake, ("Books and Brews"), and support from library staff.

*John Hunziker*

Friends of the Rochester Public Library, President



## FRIENDS ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Michael Jones was selected as the recipient of the first-ever Friends Scholarship. The award for \$1,000 was presented at the May Library Board meeting.

Open to library employees, the Friends Scholarship aims at supporting current RPL shelevers and other part-time staff as they pursue higher education.

Jones, a communications major, says the library has always played a special role in his life. When asked why he's so passionate about working at the library, Jones says:

"Working at RPL has been a dream come true, and has truly driven home how much I love libraries and what they do for our community as a whole. Especially in regards to the work that RPL does to support LGBT+ youth, which I confess holds a special place in my heart. My sincerest desire is that working at RPL is a start to a long library career, so I can continue this good work."



## STANDOUT FRIEND: PHYLLIS HAMBRIGHT

Over the past decade, Phyllis Hambright has logged more than 5,000 volunteer hours for the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. That's the equivalent of 125 work weeks, or nearly two and a half years of "full time" work, to better the Rochester Public Library. As is so often the

case, Phyllis's time commitment grew, and her responsibilities evolved over time. She started as a book sorter in 2008, and formally joined the Book Sale Committee the following year. In 2010, she started working with the team's Internet Sales Division. A few months later, Phyllis joined the Friends Board – eventually assuming the roles of both vice president and president.

In 2018, Phyllis was selected as one of 12 Friends in the state of Minnesota to win the award. We are lucky to have you as a Friend, Phyllis!

## FRIENDS' BOOK STORE HOURS

MONDAY 10AM-7PM

TUESDAY 10AM-4PM

WEDNESDAY 10AM-7PM

THURSDAY 10AM-7PM

FRIDAY 10AM-4PM

SATURDAY (summer) 10AM-1PM

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