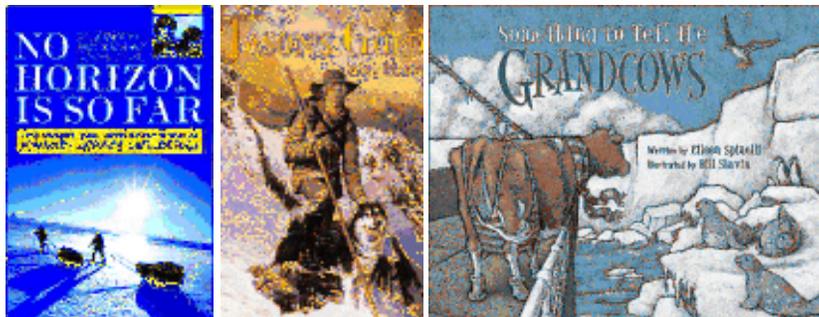


Rochester Reads - 2006 Here are the books!



Rochester Reads Events

- Mon Jan 30** Sit...Stay...Read - 6:30-7:30 pm
- Fri Feb 3, Sat Feb 4 & Sun Feb 5** No Horizon is So Far: An original Play at Hill Theater, University Center Rochester (851 30th Ave SE) 7 pm on Fr & Sat, 2 pm on Sun
- Sat Feb 4** Family Funfest Film Balto at 10:30 am
- Sat Feb 4** Explore Antarctica A presenter from the Science Museum of MN will tell the story of Antarctica's amazing wildlife and distinct physical features with stunning photography & props. 2 pm
- Mon Feb 6** Sit...Stay...Read 6:30-7:30 pm
- Mon Feb 6** Ann Bancroft: Rochester Reads 2006 Author - John Marshall High School discussing diversity, women's empowerment, overcoming obstacles 7 pm
- Tue Feb 7** Armchair Travelers discussion No Horizon is So Far by Liv Arnesen and Ann Bancroft. Mtg Rm A 11 am
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- Wed Feb 15** Children's Storytime - Something to Tell the Grandcows Barnes & Noble, Apache Mall 11 am
- Sat Feb 18** Nature in Winter: Outdoor Activities To register, go to www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org and click on the "events" link or call 285-8006. Quarry Hill Nature Center (701 Silver Creek Road NE) 2-4 pm
- Mon Feb 27** P-B Dialogues - Local Explorers 7 pm

Sat Mar 4 Great Speakers - Famous Explorers - Local actors will portray famous explorers who will speak about their adventures. History Center (1195 Circle Drive SW) 10 am to noon

Sat Mar 18 A Time to Talk: Dialogue on Sexism. Location to be announced, check www.diversitycouncil/events or call 507-271-8543 for more details. 9 am to 11 am 

Friends Can Profit From Your Purchases



If you follow a simple procedure, the next time you make a purchase from Amazon.com the *Friends* will receive a percentage of the sale. At the November meeting the *Friends* board voted to become an "associate" of Amazon.com which gives the *Friends* about five percent of each sale made through the procedure. To join the fun, go to the RPL web site (www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org), click on *Friends*, scroll to the bottom of the first screen, click on the banner that refers to Amazon, and proceed with your purchase. Nothing pops up to tell you that the donation is occurring but we know it works. In the first month of activity approximately \$1500 in purchases were made this way, netting the *Friends* \$77 in referral fees. Of course Amazon.com isn't just selling books. Cameras, electronics, DVDs, almost anything you can think of is available. Try it. Other *Friends* have.

Al Dollerschell
Friends' Board President

Sister Humbeline Aulik



Sister Humbeline Aulik passed away on Thanksgiving Day 2005. Sister Humbeline, a former staff member and a dedicated volunteer was active in the setting up of the bookstore and served on the Friends board for several years, she cared deeply about our library. Many of us will remember Sister's sense of style and fashion and all of us will remember her love of books and reading. We will miss Sister Humbeline, but, she has left us with countless fond memories of time spent with her.

Gail Harris

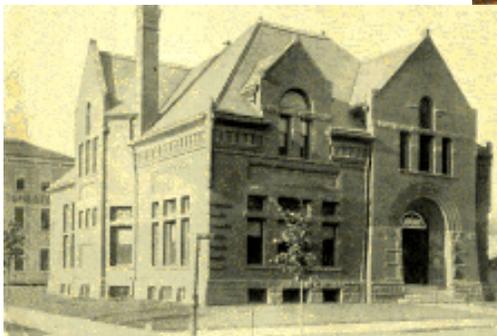
Annual Meeting 2006

As we munched on the goodies, Al Dollerschell chaired a short business meeting during which he accepted reports from the



secretary, the treasurer and the nominating committee. He introduced the board members. We had short presentations by Sue McMillan, Gail Harris and Audrey Betcher.

John Hunziker, Director of the Olmsted County Historical Society presented a slide show, Wish You Were Here: Lost Rochester Landmarks. Among them was the



old Rochester Public Library. Did you know that Rochester once sported a light house? Many interesting buildings are now only a memory.



Dogs at the Library?

Sit...Stay...Read School-age children, grades 1-5, may sign up to read aloud to dog/handler teams.



Children may bring their own book to read or choose from our selections.



All dogs are certified Therapy Dogs with Therapy Dogs International. A library staff member will be present during each 15 minute reading session. For a positive reading experience, only a registered child and accompanying parent/adult should attend. Advance sign-up is required and space is limited. You may register at www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org.

Go to Kids Page to see pictures of the Therapy Dogs and click on the dog of your choice to register or call the Children's



Information Desk at 285-8012.

Sessions will be held on Mondays: January 30, February 6 and February 13 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



News from the Friends' Board



While in Italy last October I was reminded of the important role patrons played in their support, especially financial, of artists, authors, and libraries in centuries past. But in the library world of today a patron is another name for a user, like customer or client. One could argue that we are all library patrons in that old meaning of the word since we all support the library through our tax dollars. But the patrons of the past supported their causes out of love, not obligation.



And maybe that is what makes a *Friend of the Library* special: we support the library out of love for its mission, its services, its collections. We choose to give the library time and money beyond what is obligated.

The public was informed of a part of our support in a generous editorial on October 20, 2005 when it called the *Friends' Bookstore* "a Rochester treasure" and cited the \$268,700 given to the library from bookstore profits in the past ten years. But we also support library programming and volunteer thousands of hours of behind-the-scenes support that few beyond the library staff know about.

We have a story to tell. Tell it to your friends. Ask a friend to be a *Friend*.

Al Dollerschell, president Friends' Board

Winterfest

What? Nice quality, used books will be sold by *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* at the **Winterfest Bag of Books Sale**. Enjoy a cup of coffee with a friend and fill up a bag with books. Pay per bag with a donation. All proceeds from this sale will benefit Rochester Public Library.

When? 11 am to 7 pm on Thursday, February 9th.

Where? The Judith Taylor Auditorium 



Holiday Book & Bake Sale

The 2005 Book & Bake Sale on December 4 was another fun success. We were able to match last year's profit of \$1700, enjoy it just as much, and get some Christmas shopping done as well.



Thank you to John Hulsizer for providing non-stop Holiday music that drew a crowd in and of itself.

Our Bakers outdid themselves, filling last

year's requests for "more chocolate cookies". We resisted the temptation to eat the profits from 1:30 - 5 pm.



We had many new customers this year who heard about our event on KTTC that very morning when Tom Overlie interviewed Jean Michaels about

the sale. We even recruited a few new members.

A special thanks to all our volunteers, especially those who proved to be our best customers. Please mark your calendars for this year's Holiday Book & Bake Sale on Sunday, December third.



Theresa Friedhoff

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From the Director

The 5th Annual Wit, Wisdom, and Wine, Rochester Public Library Foundation fund raiser, was held on Saturday, January 14, 2006. The head liners of the night were Coleen Rowley, FBI Whistle Blower, who spoke about Ethics and James Russell, whose topic



were present sipping wine and nibbling on hors d'oeuvres as they engaged with intellectually stimulating and entertaining speakers. The guests also browsed the silent auction items that were donated by Rochester Public Library supporters. The *Friends* donated two items, a patriotic basket, which sold for \$50, and an Audubon Bird Coffee Table book which sold for \$65. The total funds raised by this event were approximately \$13,000.



The Rochester Public Library Foundation supports the library primarily through personal solicitations, planned giving and memorials, business sponsorships and direct mail annual fund drives. In 2002 the Foundation received a major gift from the Mayo Clinic Foundation to initiate an endowment fund. Mayo gave the Library Foundation \$250,000 in 2002 and pledged an additional \$50,000 Matching donations per year for the subsequent five years. The Foundation is charged with raising at least \$50,000 each year to match the \$50,000 pledged by Mayo; from 2003 to 2005 the Foundation has been successful in doing so. In 2005 the Foundation raised \$77,248.41. These funds were invested in the endowment fund and some funds were used to purchase library materials and to directly support certain projects and programs such as Story Time Kits and Rochester Reads speaker fees. The endowment fund is currently valued at over \$660,800.

We, at Rochester Public Library, are grateful to both the *Friends* and the Foundation. With your support we are transforming from a good library into a great library! Thank you!

Audrey Betcher



Friends' Bookstore News



We have had another successful year in the Bookstore, thanks to our dedicated volunteers and to all of you who donate your wonderful books to the Friends. Once again we have contributed

to the Library a check for \$40,000 for the purchase of new



materials. Through the efforts of our volunteers who sort the donations, the library was able to add over 6800 items to their collection, at an estimated value of over \$162,000. Due to the generosity of our customers, the little donation jar in the store brought in \$924.00.

We have a new computer in the bookstore, thanks to IBM and their continued support of our community. This was made possible through the IBM Employee/Retiree On Demand Community Grants program. Our ten year bookstore volunteer and IBM retiree, John Hulsizer, logged the necessary volunteer hours and applied for the grant. Thank you, John.

We are looking forward to the New Year in the bookstore, new ideas for expanding our customer base and keeping the shelves full of interesting books.

During February we will be decorated for Valentine's Day with lots of romance books available. Thanks for your support and we hope you will visit the store often.

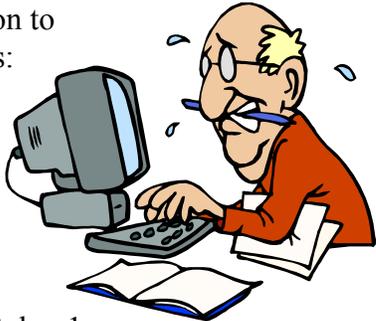
Bev Reid, Bookstore Co-Manager

Classes at the Library

Classes are free. Class sizes are limited. Call 285-8002 for more information and/or to pre-register. Classes are one hour and held in Meeting Room B unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required. You may register online (click on events & events calendar), at the Children's Desk or by phone at 285-8012

Wed Feb 1 Senior Techies

Introduction to Computers:
Computer Basics
Meeting Room B
10 am



Tue Feb 7

Online Catalog 1 pm Meeting Room B

Wed Feb 8 Senior Techies Email for

Beginners: Email. Each student will set up free email account. Meeting Room B 10 am

Tue Feb 14 Google & More Mtg Rm B 3:30 pm

Wed Feb 15 Senior Techies Taking Digital Photos: Digital Camera & Scanner. Meeting Room B 10 am

Wed Feb 15 Online Catalog Class for Kids & Parents. Please register at Children's Desk or call 285-8012. Meeting Rm A 4 pm



Wed Feb 22 Senior Techies Email Photos: Email II Meeting Room B 10 am

Wed Feb 22 Internet for the Beginner Internet User Meeting Rm B 5 pm



RSVP Funds Parking

As of January 2006 our library and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) administered by Catholic Charities are able to offer library volunteers of 55 years or older a 50% reimbursement for parking. The steps to be eligible for this program are simply as follows:

- ① Enroll in the RSVP scheme (forms on my desk in the administration office, just complete the form and leave it for me)
- ② Fill out a monthly claim form for mileage and parking (also on my desk)
- ③ Keep and attach to claim form receipts for parking (in the ramp receipts can be requested at the exit booth)
- ④ Submit claim form and receipts to me by the end of the month or the first week of following month. Catholic Charities mail reimbursements out on a quarterly basis.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me on 287-2627.

Gail Harris

Winter Calendar - 2006

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Sat Feb 25 Family Funfest Film: Three Tales for a Winter Day 10:30 am

Sun Feb 26 Yaggy Colby History Lecture Series: Greg Cook: Holabird & Root-125 Years of Architecture & Design: An Expression of Cultural Diversity. 2:30 pm

Mon Feb 27 Group Of Advising Teens (GOAT) Call Lynette at 285-8008 for more info 4 pm Meeting Room A

Tue Feb 28 Literature into Film Book Group Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. Meeting Room B 1:30 pm

Tue Feb 28 Get Ready to Read! See a film & Learn 6 pre-reading skills to prepare your child for school. To register: call 285-8012, stop by the Children's Service Desk or go on-line under Events. 6:30 pm

Mon Mar 27 Articles for Winter Issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* due

Tue Apr 4 Winter Issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* in the mail



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Thu Feb 2 Mother-Daughter Book Group Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare. 7 pm

Sat Feb 4 Family Funfest Film Balto at 10:30 am

Sun Feb 5 Movie @ Your Library - March of the Penguins 2 pm

Mon Feb 6 Sit...Stay...Read see page 4 6:30-7:30 pm

Tue Feb 7 Bedtime Stories Sleepy Time Tales Stories, puppets, and films to give you sweet dreams. 6:30 pm

Wed Feb 8 iFilms: Anytown, USA (US documentary) 2005 documentary set in Bogota, NJ looks into a mayoral race between a Democrat, Republican, and Independent - 2 of whom are legally blind. 6 pm

Thu Feb 9 **Winterfest Bag of Books Sale** Enjoy coffee as you fill a bag with quality used books and pay by donation. 11 am to 7 pm

Sat Feb 11 Family Funfest Film One Zillion Valentines at 10:30 am

Mon Feb 13 Sit...Stay...Read see page 4

Tue Feb 14 Bedtime Stories Hooray for Valentine's

Day! 6:30 pm

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Wed Feb 15 Children's Storytime - Something to Tell the Grandcows Barnes & Noble, Apache Mall 11 am

Sat Feb 18 Family Funfest Spanglish Storytime! Winter Wear/Ropa del Invierno 10:30 am

Tue Feb 21 Plain Readers Book Group Read books set in midwest by midwestern authors. Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole by Dr. Jerri Nelson. Meeting Room A at 12 noon

Tue Feb 21 Bedtime Stories Blankets & Quilts 6:30 pm

Wed Feb 22 The Letter Documentary film & discussion 6:30 pm

Thu Feb 23 Classic Novel Book Group Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson. Meeting Room A at 7 pm

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