



Rochesterfest 2007 Garage Sale

The Rochesterfest Garage Sale has been extended to two and a half days of book shopping pleasure. On Wednesday, June 20th and Thursday, June 21st, the Sale will run from 9:30 am until 6 pm. On Friday, June 22nd, the Sale will run from 9:30 until 1 pm. We have books, DVDs, CDs, audiocassettes, videotapes and other assorted items. *Friends* are invited to begin their shopping 30 minutes before the sale is open to the public (See page 3 for coupon). All proceeds benefit our *Rochester Public Library*. Pat Stephenson

Unusual & Special

Unusual and Special Books will be on sale Wednesday, June 20 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. During the past year we have featured special books for purchase during each of the auditorium bookstore sale and will continue that tradition during Rochesterfest. The sale will replace the Silent Auction and will feature *Unusual and Special Books* at great prices. We hope you will visit our table located in the library lobby.

Carol Smyrk & Sylvie Nickel

Operation Paperback Recycled Reading for Our Troops

Since January, *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* has been sending paperback books to a group of soldiers serving in Iraq. Recently we have expanded our effort by joining the non-profit program called Operation Paperback. We receive addresses of individual soldiers serving in many countries overseas and send paperback books of their chosen genres. Just last month, *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* has sent over 300 books to our soldiers. Pat Stephenson

Rochester Reads 2008

During the month of June, we will be voting for next year's Rochester Reads selections. There will be a place for you to vote at the Garage Sale. These are the four books to choose from:



Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science by Atul Gawande.



Sweet Land: A book of short stories about Minnesota by Will Weaver.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.



Year of Wonders: A Novel of survival of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks

Recycle printer cartridges

It benefits both the environment, and the *Rochester Public Library*. That is the purpose of an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Recycling Project designed by Bruce Gregoire, a member of Boy Scout Troop 29, sponsored by Rochester Central Lutheran School. He met with several businesses who've agreed to donate used printer cartridges to the Library. Book marks describing the program are available at the Library. The public is invited to put used ink jet, laser printer cartridges or old cell phones in labeled bins in library entrance or outside near the bookmobile garage door after hours. A volunteer will send the cartridges away to be recycled. The *Friends* will get an average of \$1.50 per cartridge. The funds will be used to support the library. "A few businesses I talked to did not have a plan to recycle their cartridges," Bruce said. "I hope my project benefits the environment and the Library." Any individual, business, or organization that wants to participate should drop their cartridges off at the library.



From the Director

The Library has been working hard to promote online resources.



- You may have seen the billboards up around town promoting some of the online resources, including genealogy, car repair, online tests, and online newspapers. The billboard art work was generously created for us by Think. Think and Magic Media have donated some billboard space.
- Carrie and I have been out talking to service clubs about online resources.
- There was an editorial in the Post-Bulletin during National Library Week that focused on online resources.

I hope all of you know about these treasures. They are funded by your tax dollars, so no additional contribution is required.

Did you know that from the library website you can:

- Read more than 150 newspapers online. This includes the Wall Street Journal, New York Times (you can even read the New York Times back to 1851), and the Minneapolis Star Tribune.
- Consult car repair manuals. You have access to information on every major manufacturer of domestic and imported vehicles.
- Get articles from thousands of magazines and journals.
- Research your genealogy with such well known resources such as Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest.
- Research legal information with WestLaw.
- Obtain many, many useful resources for students to use for school work such as biographies, literary criticism, and encyclopedias.
- Take practice tests for the ACT, SAT, GED, nursing, fire fighting, TOEFL, elementary, middle school, and high school skills, and many more.

If you are seeking fast, convenient, and accurate information, then I would argue that the most powerful search engines are the professional librarians that staff our reference desk. All of the librarians have a master's degree in Library and Information Science and they are specialists in information seeking. They will help you find the information that you are seeking whether it is available on the Internet, in licensed online resources, or in a book at the library.

With the right tools and know-how, most information requests can be satisfied.

Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director

Friends' Bookstore News



It is hard to believe that summer has arrived! Can we be back to the beach reads already? We have great books for summer reading, and many new ideas to entice you into the Bookstore. Essential Writers / Authors will be a continuing theme over the summer – with authors / books changing each week. These will include some of the classics you always meant to read, or simply want to revisit. We will also include a variety of prize winning authors, and once again the best sellers and word of mouth books. If you have any suggestions for authors or books, please write them down and leave them at the display.

We will be changing the \$2 cart to **Buy one Get one Free** – with fiction and non-fiction displays, alternating. Many of these books are first editions, in nearly new condition or are compelling subject matter. This will be a great way to add to your collection of good books!

A reminder that the Bookstore is looking for volunteers to expand our hours for Saturday morning. If you would like to join our group of volunteers, or change your existing schedule, please contact Carol Stucki or Gail Harris or pick up a brochure in the bookstore.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Garage Sale during Rochesterfest on Wednesday, June 20th, Thursday, June 21st and Friday, June 22nd!

Helen McIver, Bookstore Co-Manager

Rochesterfest



Be sure to get your Rochesterfest button on sale in the *Friends Bookstore*! Once again we will be giving out free books to people wearing a Button during the week of Rochesterfest. Be sure to stop into the store - the great selection will be changing daily!



News from the Friends' Board



Thank you to everyone who was involved in the National Library Week Sale in April.

We are currently gearing up for our biggest sale of the year - the Rochesterfest Garage Sale on June 20, 21 and 22. Our co-chairs, Pat Stephenson and Mary Leppala, are working hard to provide more and better books. There will be some changes, going to 3 days and staying open later, till 6 pm on the first two. Our sales are works in progress and we will be asking for feedback. Don't be shy!



Following the Sale, the *Friends Board* will be providing the Library with funds to purchase new furniture for the Children's Division.

The *Friends Board* is in the midst of a big change. Jenni Hulsizer has competently and creatively taken care of putting out this newsletter for many years. For several reasons, she now needs to pass on that job after this issue. Although this sounds inadequate, all of us need to thank her for providing us with *Friends'* updates and entertaining material in a professional manner. It has been a job she has done without complaint, and with a real flair. Thank you from all of us, Jenni!

I look forward to seeing many familiar faces during Rochesterfest - volunteering and shopping.

Theresa Friedhoff, President, Friends of the RPL

Successful Sale

We thought the best way to celebrate National Library Week was to give everyone more opportunities to read. So we had a Book Sale on April 20!

Twenty two *Friends* were waiting at the door for their early admission at 9:30. By 3 pm we'd counted almost 150 customers. Thanks to their generous donations we raised \$900 for *Friends'* projects.

Nineteen volunteers put in about 73 hours of work to make this happen. We moved tables, boxes, books and more books. There was a special section of rare and unusual books that sold briskly. People visited, shopped and then went on to shop in the Bookstore. Our book donations this year have been outstanding, and we needed to make room in the sorting area. We were fortunate to make money in the process.

We asked customers to fill out a short survey. Out of 74 responders: 22 were *Friends*, 18 had not been to a *Friends'* book sale before, and all but 2 felt there was a good selection of material. All agreed they liked payment by donation, 3 wrote they liked suggested prices. Other comments included appreciation for the volunteers and for the *Friends'* sponsorship.

The sale was a gratifying experience on many levels. It could not have happened without our hard-working volunteers - some of them first timers, the library staff, particularly the custodians, and all our generous patrons. Thank you all again for coming out!

Theresa Friedhoff

News from Friends

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Garage Sale



Good for one
9:00 am admission
to the Garage Book Sale
to be held in the
Bookmobile Garage at the
Rochester Public Library
on Wednesday, June 20th

Summer Calendar – 2007

(all events will take place in the *Judith Taylor*

Auditorium unless otherwise noted)

(All Bookgroups meet in Meeting Room A unless otherwise noted)

(® indicates **advance registration needed** at <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/> or 285-8006)

® **Mondays June 11, 18, 25** Sit..Stay..Read with Milo, Jack & Kelsey 6:30 to 7:30

3rd Monday each month GOAT meeting (Group of Advising Teen's) 4 to 5 pm

Tuesdays through July 10th: Bedtime Stories from 6:30 to 7 pm

1st Tuesday each month Armchair Traveler Bookgroup 11 am to noon Meeting Room A

2nd Tuesday each month Writing Group 6:30-8:30 in Meeting Room A

4th Tuesday each month Literature into Film Bookgroup 1:30-3 pm in Meeting Room A

Wednesdays June 13th through July (except July 4) Summer Program 10 am and 1pm

2nd Wednesday each month iFilms 6 - 8 pm

4th Wednesday each month Writing Group 6:30-8:30 pm in Meeting Room A

® **Sat June 9** Amazing Race - family Scavenger hunt, based on the reality show, "Amazing Race". Check-in and orientation 7:30 am. Begin race 8:30 am and end race with award picnic.



Wed June 20 *Unusual & Special Book Sale* 10 - 5 Library Lobby

Wed, Thu, Fri Jun 20,21,22 *Friends of the Library* Rochesterfest Garage Sale 9:30 am - 6 pm except Friday with early closing.

Mon Aug 27 Articles for Fall issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* due.

Tue Sep 4 Fall issue in the mail.

Classes at the Library

® indicates that you must register for a class. To register call 285-8002 or stop at the Reference Services Desk on the 2nd floor of the library or register online at the library's website under events-events calendar. Classes are held in Meeting Room B.

Fridays June 8 & 22 Senior Techies - Computer Practice refresher course - 9:30- 11:30 am

Mon Jun 25 & Fri Jun 29 Clay Art Class for Young Teens - Register by June 18. Ages 12-14: 10 am to noon, Ages 15-18: 1 - 3 pm

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