



Library Construction: Time for a New Roof

A dry library is a happy library. As you may know, the Rochester Public Library hasn't always been dry. With random leaks in the roof, it was finally time to take the steps needed to keep the library dry moving forward. Since construction of the facility in 1995, the roof has only had small updates completed over the years. However, the library's roof was clearly beyond its life, and will now be replaced to seal up any weather-related problems and contribute to the energy efficiency of the building.

This two-month project began on August 15, when Merit Construction rolled up with a larger-than-life vacuum system, crane, and scaffolding. To begin the process, all the rocks covering the library's roof – which had been used to hold down the multiple layers that make up the seal on the roof – had to be removed through a large vacuum. With the loss of the rock weight on the roof,

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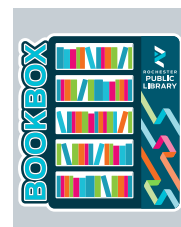
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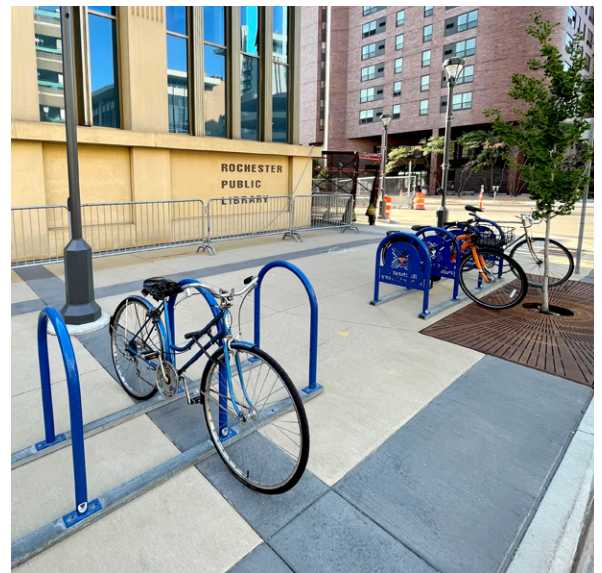
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Merit hoisted used tires to take their place and spread them across the top of the building. Library Director Karen Lemke shared that, "We're grateful for this important work, knowing it will protect one of the city's most-visited assets."

The library has been a bit noisy at times during this work so please be aware of your surroundings when walking in and out of the building. However, the library continues to be available as normal. To help ease the loss of parking out front, disability parking has been added around the corner on 1st Ave SE and we've moved our bike racks as well. If you want to watch the construction process or have questions, be sure to visit www.rplmn.org/roof or follow us on social media.



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Update from the Director

In my first six months as director at Rochester Public Library (RPL), it's only fitting that we, as an organization, are also experiencing several other "firsts."

This was our first full summer of the current 7 day a week schedule with all-day Sunday hours. The

move to offer additional hours on the weekends, and on Sundays in particular, was supported by community members' feedback about their preferred times to use the downtown library. An overwhelming majority of respondents in a 2021 Hours Survey indicated that weekend hours are preferred over other days of the week. Fifty percent of respondents chose Saturday or Sunday as the best time for them or their families to use the library.

Having these hours provides us a chance to be a space that individuals and families can enjoy when work schedules and other commitments don't allow for library visits during the traditional workweek. One survey respondent shared "I love that the library is open more hours...especially on Fri/Sat/Sun. The hours it was closed before were often the exact ones I wanted to visit... The new schedule is great!"

Later this year we will also be launching our first-ever BookBox, a library vending machine that will offer free access to books, CDs, and DVDs for all library card holders. The box will reside inside City of Rochester Fire Station #4 (1875 41st Street NW).

We are also celebrating a community-led initiative to provide Community IDs. Community members first approached the library board in 2020, and the Rochester City Council approved an ordinance to operate a community ID program in August of this year. These identification cards will require the same documentation used to obtain a library card (and will even work as a library card!).

These "firsts" will have a lasting impact on our community. I am grateful for the talented teammates, volunteers, and library supporters who have invested additional time and energy into these initiatives to create first-class experiences for our community.

"I love that the library is open more hours... especially on Fri/Sat/Sun."

Karen Lemke
Rochester Public Library,
Director

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Letter from the Foundation Director

Everything our foundation can accomplish for our library is due to YOU in our community - from the volunteers who give their time, to the patrons whose gifts help fund pilot projects, books, and technology, to the businesses that pledge their support. Many of you fall into more than one of these categories giving both time and treasure. We know how fortunate we are. Thank you for making our community stronger!



Together, we were able to get the Bookmobile out on the road with a new awning, get new internet enabled laptops for library users to check out, purchase new books for the BookBike and BookBox, and much more.

Brenda Kardock
Rochester Public Library Foundation,
Executive Director



Charter House Sidewalk Sale Gift –
Erin Pagel and Joanne Rosener



Packaging for Wit, Wisdom & Wine at People's Food Co-op –
(Left) Ann Nicometa, Joanne Swenson, Brenda Kardock,
Shelley Mahannah, Catherine Davis



Silent Auction Planning Meeting –
(Back) Brenda Kardock, Annie Schmidt, Erin Pagel
(Front) Beth Nienow, Catherine Davis

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AUCTION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 to
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in appreciation of Brenda
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in appreciation of RPL & Staff
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in appreciation of RPL Staff
Erin Pagel
in appreciation of RPLF & its awesome Executive Director
Phyllis & Sherwin Goldman
in appreciation of the library staff

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in honor of Audrey Betcher's phenomenal leadership
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in honor of Austin & Leah Willis
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in honor of Kristy Hoffman
Carol & Charles Smyrk
in honor of Margie Brumm
Alan & Nancy Johnsrud
in honor of Sarah Johnsrud
Jane & Mary Campion
in honor of RPLF staff & volunteers
Gwen Riggin
in honor of Sue Chipman
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in honor of Tammy Joy Rider



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Saturday,
January 28th
Rochester Public Library

A new twist on a
21-year classic.



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Friends Support Various Programs Through Auditorium Sales

The June Rochesterfest Book Sale was a phenomenal success! The Friends of the Library made \$8000 which covers Friends' contributions to the Seed Library and the Summer Playlist program. We have two sales left this year. We hope to raise enough money to fund our support of the "Read with Me" book bags for babies program in October and other library programming.

Oh, the treasures we find!

The Friends are lucky to have several online booksellers willing to sell valuable donated books on our behalf. One of our sellers, Al Dollerschell, recently received feedback from a pleased buyer who purchased *Keeper of the Peace Pipe* by Evan Henry Jones published in 1967: "Hello, My great great grandpa Jones wrote this and I'm trying to collect all of his works. Thank you for having it." Al appreciated the feedback, and responded, "Booksellers are always pleased to learn of different ways their sales are important to their buyers." Friends' online sales generate enough money to fund various online databases and the volunteer management software for the library. Friends are accepting donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games (complete sets, no missing pieces). Drop off donations during library hours in the bin near the Bookstore entrance or in the bins outside the library garage door on 1st Ave SE.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 5-7PM*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 10AM-5:30PM

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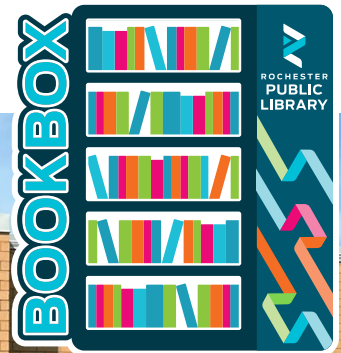
Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
10AM-8PM

Friday - Sunday
10AM-6PM

Sneak Peek: RPL BookBox

Have you ever wondered what a vending machine full of books would look like? You won't have to wait much longer to find out! RPL will be installing a BookBox in the lobby of Fire Station #4 (1875 41st Street NW) very soon. We're excited about what this new technology will mean for access to library resources and can't wait to share more with you soon!



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