

## Bookstore Celebrating Tenth Birthday

We will be celebrating the bookstore's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday beginning Sunday, October 2, 2005 thru Sunday, October 9, 2005. Plans for this very special occasion are a drawing for 2 gift baskets, a display of "Friends Recommends" old and new favorite books from our volunteers, a cart of books with "what we were reading in 1995" and a chance to win a friends book bag by guessing the number of books in a bag.

Also during that week we will have a gift for each of our customers and balloons for kids on the first day of our celebration. The store will be festively decorated and plans are for visuals, pictures of years past and a chart showing the growth of the store over the past 10 years. If you have old pictures you would like to share, please contact Sue McMillan, 281-3507. Join us for our birthday celebration and enjoy our treats and other birthday events.

We have a 50¢ coupon below that may be used in the store during the month of October.

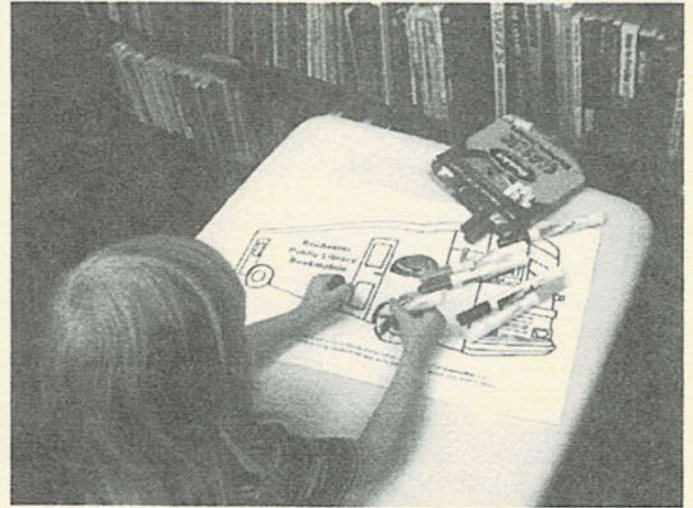
*Bev Reid, Bookstore Co-Manager*



Please clip this  
coupon and bring  
it with you to the

*Friends' Bookstore* during the  
month of October.

Good for 50¢ off your purchase!



## RPL Coloring Book

A coloring and activity book has been uniquely designed for our Rochester Public Library and is now available in the Children's Department to reinforce educational programs for preschool and kindergarten groups who visit for special programs.

Billie Hunt illustrated this booklet which was developed by Vicki Ernester and the Children's Department staff with the format by Marilyn Campbell. Each page follows the tour of the children's area with a picture of the bookmobile on the centerfold. The inside back cover includes helpful information for parents when selecting books for children ages one through five.

This delightful and educational booklet is also available for purchase in the *Friends' Bookstore*.

The *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* sponsored this project. *Elaine Schmidt*

## Annual Membership Drive

September is the month to become a member of the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, renew your membership, or encourage friends to join.



## From the Director

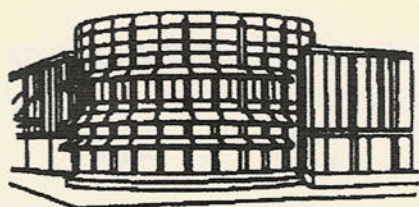
It is hard to believe that we have been in our 'new' building now for ten years this October. It has been a wonderful ten years full of changes and expanded services. October will be a time of celebrating the past and looking forward to a bright future. The success that we have enjoyed and the possibilities as we look ahead would not be possible without the support and generosity of the *Friends*. I know that the *Friends* have some exciting plans to mark the 10 year anniversary, and I want to share with you some plans that the library has for the 10 year celebration.

The **Children's Division** will start off the month with celebrity readers. There will be some "local celebrity Readers" posters hung around the library and our local celebrities will read to children during a special Story Time on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. The **Readers Services Division** is planning a panel discussion for the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup>. The panel will present a library history that walks through the building of the new library from conception to construction. We will be serving birthday cake and enjoying the memories, so please join us. Staff Picks for October will be "Friends Favorites" and the Readers Services Division is also organizing a "ten for ten" drawing for prizes. Patrons will be encouraged to read ten books between September 18<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> to commemorate ten years in the new building. Entry forms will be available at the FM&M Desk, and those who read 10 books within the time frame can complete a form and drop it into a drawing box to be eligible for prizes. The drawing will be held in November. Join the fun and read one book for every year that we have been at 101 2<sup>nd</sup> ST SE.



Audrey Betcher

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## Friends' Bookstore News

The bookstore sales continue to be strong and for this we owe a huge thank you to all our store clerks, sorters, pricers, and to everyone who continues to donate all the great books.



The bookstore is back to fall and winter hours as of Labor Day. The store is open Monday 10:00 am to 8:30 pm, Tues, Wed., Fri. 10:00 am to 4 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday noon to 4 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The bookstore committee is contemplating additional evening hours. If you or someone you know would like to be a volunteer in the bookstore (especially evening hours), please contact Gail Harris, Volunteer Coordinator, Rochester Public Library, 507-287-2627.

We plan to continue our support of the Library author visit events by selling the authors' books in the bookstore, and in the auditorium on the day of the authors' visit.

Don't forget when you start your holiday shopping list that gift certificates are available in the bookstore.

Enjoy the lovely change of seasons and we hope you will visit the bookstore during our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

*Bev Reid, Bookstore Co-Manager*

## News from Friends

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## Silent Auction



The rare and collectible book silent auction, held on Wednesday during Rochesterfest, was a success again this year. Each year the committee has attempted to select books, and other items, that appeal to many interests and all ages. This year we received compliments on the items up for bids and on our new feature, "Buy It Now", a selection of books for five dollars apiece including Nancy Drew, Harry Potter and classics. A total of 55 registered bidders donated \$1,659.50 for the books offered. The committee is working to improve the auction each year. It welcomes suggestions.

*Carol Smyrk, Sylvie Nichol, Randy Brown*

## 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.*

**Wed Sep 7 or Wed Sep 14** Computer FUNDamentals for seniors (anyone over 50), a hands-on beginner course, will be taught by a volunteer from the senior Center. 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

**Wed Sep 28 Beginning Internet** A reference librarian will cover the basics. Practice time included. Noon - 1:30 pm.


**Tue Oct 4: Online Catalog Class** 3 pm

**Wed Oct 5: Resources for Returning Students** taught by reference librarian & doctoral student. 6:30 pm

**Thur Oct 6 Online Business Resources at the Public Library** Discover & explore on-line data bases. 5 pm

**Mon Oct 10 History Made Clear** Demonstration of the library's digital microfilm scanner. Learn how to use articles from local paper to assist genealogy or history research. 7 pm

**Wed Oct 12 Magazines & Newspapers** How to find articles online. 4 pm

**Mon Oct 17 Online Catalog Class** 6:30 pm 

## Successful Garage Sale

The Friends of the Library held another fun and successful Garage Sale during Rochesterfest this year. The set-up on Tuesday showed us that we indeed had enough books, thanks to the efforts of all our sorters, particularly Ed Praiseworthy who headed this year-long project.

Wednesday, June 22 was dry and warm (well, maybe hot) when we opened the doors to Library staff and Friends' members at 8:30. Brisk business commenced.

Thursday the 23rd was nearly as busy (and nearly as hot), confirming our decision to continue making it a 2-day event. Several hotels and organizations availed themselves of our left-overs after closing, decreasing our contribution to the dumpster.

At the end of the event, we had a profit of \$4,266.09, the second highest total for a garage sale. 26 volunteers logged in 212 hours. This is a significant change from previous years. In 2004, 33 volunteers worked 229 hours. In 2003, 45 people worked 243 hours. We have fewer people working much longer hours - this year's workers averaged 8.2 hours during this 3-day period.

Some of us were there all 3 days, thanks especially to Steve Kereakos and Gil Brown who took on the co-chairmanship, and Al Dollerschell

who spent the days finding lost treasures to sell on Amazon. Please think of making room in your schedule next year for a 3-hour shift! We're also actively seeking a chairman for next year, so please contact any Board member if you're interested! We need all the help we can get.

*Theresa Friedhoff*



# Fall Calendar – 2005



(all events will take place in the **Library Auditorium** unless otherwise noted)

**Sat Sep 10** Family Funfest Films: **Beady Bear & Ira Sleeps Over** 10:30 am

**Wed Sep 14** Stories for Toddlers & Twos **Spinning Our Wheels** 10 am

**Wed Sep 14** iFilms **Agata and the Storm** *Romantic Comedy/Italy* PG 6 pm

**Sat Sep 17** Family Funfest Spanglish Story Time 10:30

**Sun Sep 18** Coffee House Author Program - Jenna Blum, author of **Those Who Saved Us** 2 pm

**Wed Sep 21** Stories for Toddlers & Twos **All About Me** 10 am

**Sat Sep 24** Family Funfest Special Program **The Magic of the Rainforest** with Magician Alan Skogerbo 10:30 am

**Sun Sep 25** Yaggy Colby History Lecture: Paul Koeller will present **The Heileman Brewery of Lacrosse, Wisconsin.** 2:30 pm

**Wed Sep 28** Stories for Toddlers & Twos **Colorful Fall** 10 am

**Sat Oct 1 - Mon Oct 31** - The library will celebrate 10 years in our "new" building

**Sat Oct 1** - Story Time -10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration - local celebrities will read to the children 10:30 am

**Sun Oct 2 - Sun Oct 9** Bookstore Birthday Party with gifts, balloons, etc. in the Bookstore!

**Sun Oct 2** - Author Mary Logue will present the latest installment of **Widow's Weeds.** 2 pm

**Tue Oct 4** - Armchair Traveler Bookgroup: Call 285-8006 for more info. 11 am

Bedtime stories **World of Color** 6:30 pm

**Wed Oct 5** - 10 year Anniversary Celebration: A panel discussion- library history, conception to construction. Birthday cake. 7 pm

**Sat Oct 8** Old-time Country Music for kids 10:30 am

**Tue Oct 11** Bedtime Stories: **Autumn Has Arrived** 6:30 pm

**Wed Oct 12** iFilm **Road to Kektebel** Russian Drama 6 pm

**Sat Oct 15** Spanglish Story Time 10:30 am

**Tue Oct 18** Plain Reader Bookgroup 12 noon

**Sat Oct 22** Film: **Rip Van Winkle** 10:30 am

**Mon Nov 7** Articles for Holiday Issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* due.

**Wed Nov 15** Holiday Issue of the *Friends' Newsletter* in the mail

**Sun Dec 4** Holiday Book Sale - Time to be announced



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