

## Holiday Book & Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 5! Don't miss the second annual Holiday Books & Bake Sale in the Library Auditorium. Doors open 1:30 - 5:00.



Enjoy live entertainment, as John Hulsizer plays festive piano music. The

*Friends'* Cafe will be open, offering coffee or cocoa and a homemade cookie for a dollar. Other home-baked treats will be for sale, as well as gift baskets, bookmarks and, of course, books.

The Sale offers high quality holiday books, non-fiction, and popular novelists in time for holiday gift-giving. Have your purchase wrapped while you wait. This is not a garage sale, but an opportunity to purchase gift quality books at a bargain price.



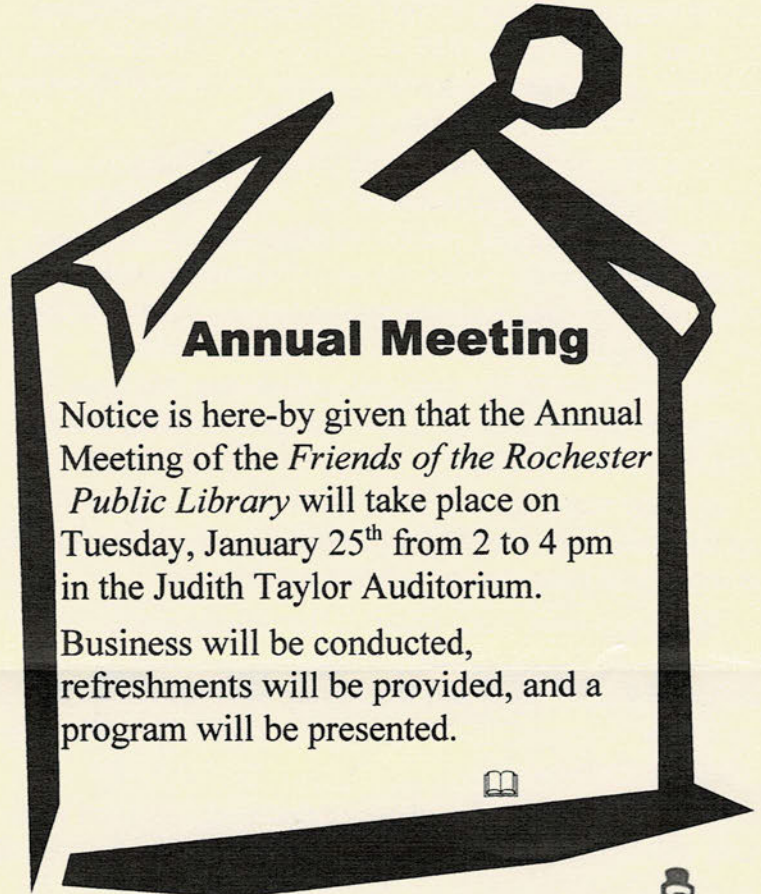
Last year's sale was a great success, raising \$800.

Please join us in making this year's just as successful. If you would like to volunteer to help, or bake,

sign up sheets are posted in the Bookstore.

See you there!

Theresa Friedhoff



## Annual Meeting

Notice is here-by given that the Annual Meeting of the *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* will take place on Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm in the Judith Taylor Auditorium.

Business will be conducted, refreshments will be provided, and a program will be presented.



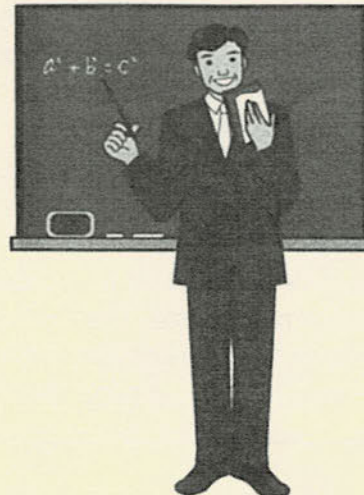
## Wit, Wisdom, and Wine 2005

On Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Rochester Public Library Foundation



presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wit, Wisdom, and Wine event. The cost is \$50 per person. It will feature Topical Speakers, Hors d'oeuvres, Wine & Great Conversation, and a Silent Auction.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will go to the Rochester Public Library Foundation.



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## From the Director

### Storytime Kits are a big hit with area day-care providers



In late September 2004 the Rochester Public Library (RPL) mailed an informational/promotional letter announcing the kick-off of the new RPL Storytime Kits to approximately 500 daycare providers in Olmsted County. The list was provided by Child Care Resource and Referral Inc. In no time at all the RPL Children's Division received more than one-hundred requests to reserve the new Storytime Kits. The reserve list is growing every day.

So what's a Storytime kit and why is RPL promoting it? A Storytime kit is a tool designed for daycare providers to use to introduce their young, preschool children to reading and learning. Kits include books, audio and video tapes/discs, stuffed animals, toys, puppets, activity sheets, and educational tools. Topics cover a wide variety of subjects such as dinosaurs, seasons of the year, hats and music. We have twenty-five different subjects and we're assembling more as funds become available.

In many ways, the Storytime kit is the next logical step after the Read with Me program adopted by the *Friends of the Library*. Both promote early childhood literacy.

These kits were made possible through the generosity of the **Rochester Public Library Foundation**, the **Judy and Jim Sloan Foundation** and **Rochester Wal-Mart North**. Kits can be "checked-out" for a week at a time, free of charge, by daycare providers.

We've all read studies showing that reading to and with young children is vital to making them readers and learners all through life. According to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, "Studies have proven that investing in early childhood programs pays big dividends for businesses and communities. Every dollar spent on quality child development saves \$7 in negative outcomes."

We also acknowledge that childcare providers are an essential element in modeling reading behavior to children and their parents, promoting literacy, and encouraging library use. With high transportation insurance costs and lack of staff it is difficult or sometimes impossible for many childcare providers to bring children to the library. Storytime kits provide a link to the library and its materials when library visits are not possible.

I am on the First Steps Advisory, part of the Rochester Area Foundation's effort to bring partners together to increase school readiness and success of all young people. The *Friends* were years ahead of the community in funding creative ways to get books into the hands of babies!

*Audrey Betcher*

## Friends' Bookstore News



Here we are again with cold in the air, heavy frost on the ground and another year spinning to a close. The older we get the faster the years go by! This probably means I've got even less time than I thought to read all those books I've got stockpiled in my study, my bedroom, beside my chair by the fireplace, and even in my car.

Worse yet, I have pushed this problem off onto to my family members and friends. Books at the *Friends' Bookstore* are so affordable, you don't have to think twice about giving one as that extra gift. And what a treasure hunt searching for just the right one!

Years ago, I made it a tradition to give everyone on my list the gift of a book from the *Friends' Bookstore*. At first, it was meant as a bit of a joke when I bought my daughter a book on plumbing and my son, who at the time was on the fence about his major in college, a copy of *Cool Careers for Dummies*. Something appropriate has always presented itself, but if all else fails there are gift certificates so they can come in and have their own treasure hunt.

And then before we know it, the holidays are over and winter gets long, doesn't it? I hope you'll join us in the store as you add to your own stockpile of winter fun, where you can manage any kind of getaway—right from your own cozy armchair.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful new year brimming with good books and good friends!

*Sue McMillan, Bookstore Manager*

## Classes at the Library

Class sizes are limited. Call 285-8002 for more information and/or to pre-register. Classes are one hour unless otherwise noted and are held in Meeting Room B.


**Tue Nov 23: Intermediate Internet** A reference librarian will provide search tips and cover various internet search engines. Registration required. 3 pm to 4:30 pm Mtg Rm B

**Mon Nov 29: Magazines & Newspapers** Save yourself a trip to the library! This class will cover how to find articles online. Registration required. 4 pm Mtg Rm B

**Wed Dec 8: Online Catalog** Learn to search for titles, authors, subjects plus how to renew and reserve library items online. Registration required. 4 pm Mtg Rm B

**Mon Dec 13: On-line Catalog Class for Kids and Parents** Learn how to search the library's on-line catalog for a favorite author, title, or a subject for your homework assignment. Discover how to reserve library materials and how to check your library account with the library's on-line public access catalog! 6:30 pm Mtg Rm A Registration required, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. To register, stop by the Children's desk or call 285-8012.

**Wed Dec 15: Intermediate Internet** A reference librarian will provide search tips and cover various internet search engines. Registration required. 1 pm to 2:30 pm Mtg Rm B


**Mon Dec 20: Internet** Basic class for the beginner. Practice time is included. Registration required. 3 pm - 4 pm mtg rm B 



## Barnes & Noble

If you are starting your holiday shopping the weekend after Thanksgiving, consider supporting another fundraising event for friends of the Friends.


Volunteers will be wrapping purchases in holiday paper at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Apache Mall. All tip donations will go to the Friends during shopping hours those two days.

Last year over \$240 was contributed to the Friends by those having their purchases wrapped. It's a fun and easy way to contribute to the library. 



## Education



"I find television very educating," says Groucho. "Every time somebody turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book." 



## News from Friends

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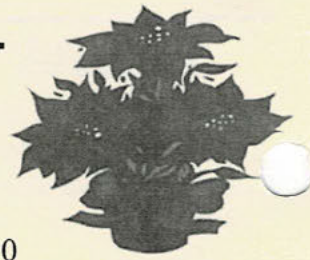
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## Holiday Calendar – 2004



**Fri Nov 27** Barnes & Noble Fundraiser - Have your purchases wrapped by *Friends* at Barnes & Noble, Apache Mall

**Sat Nov 28** Barnes & Noble Fundraiser - Have your purchases wrapped by *Friends* at Barnes & Noble, Apache Mall

**Sat Nov 28** Yaggy Colby History Lecture: Richard Klobuchar on "Pearl Harbor: Fact and Fiction" 2:30 pm in Auditorium

**Tue Nov 30** The Professional AIDS Network & RPL are hosting a public viewing of the documentary, "Bloodlines". Refreshments. Every half hour from 6 pm to 8:30 pm in the Auditorium

**Sat Dec 4** Family Funfest 10:30 am in the Auditorium

**Sun Dec 5** *Friends*' Holiday Book & Bake Sale featuring gift quality books and a bake sale; live Christmas music, treats and coffee available. 1:30 pm to 5 pm in the Auditorium

**Wed Dec 8** iFilm: Scott Smith Falling Angels - English Comedy. Free admission. For mature audiences. 6 pm in the Auditorium

**Sat Dec 11** Family Funfest 10:30 am in the Auditorium

**Sat Dec 18** Family Funfest 10:30 am in the Auditorium

**Wed Dec 29** Young Adult Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean - The Curse of the Black Pearl. 6 pm in the Auditorium

**Mon Jan 10** Articles for Winter issue of the *Friends*' Newsletter due.

**Sat Jan 15** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wit, Wisdom & Wine 2005 Topical speakers, Hors d'oeuvres, Wine & Great conversation, Silent Auction. Cost \$50.00 Call 287-2626 for more information. 7:30 pm in the Auditorium

**Tue Jan 18** Winter issue of the *Friends*' Newsletter in the mail!

**Tue Jan 25** Annual meeting of the *Friends of the Rochester Public Library* – program - refreshments 2-4 pm in the auditorium



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