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Library Addicts

-*Rita & Paul LeDuc*

My husband and I have been library addicts all our lives. We have been especially fond of the Rochester Public Library (RPL) because of its plethora of nonfiction resources. RPL has helped us solve horticultural mysteries, repair equipment, complete building projects, and research a wide range of other topics.

During the winter of 2012, while shopping for a new camera and later learning to use it to its maximum potential by visiting the photography shelves of RPL, I (Rita) chanced upon some digital images and visual explanations of planning outstanding compositions before depressing the shutter. One of the books suggested ways to digitally combine images, but stressed the importance of getting complementary perspectives and lighting conditions into the final image. That sent me in the direction of *The Art of Perspective* by Metzinger and *The Artist's Guide to Perspective* by Shearer. From there my journey moved on to drawing technique books.

As I worked through some practice exercises, I began to recall my first art experiences with students in the Rochester Public School's Hospital and Homebound Program, and how much I enjoyed working with them, even though it was outside of my academic degree major. Now the tables were turned and I was the student. I moved

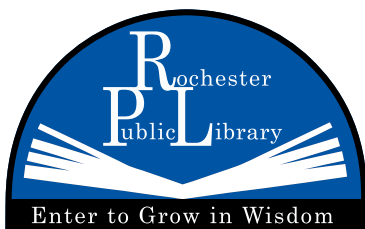
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on to a different rack of library shelves and leafed through several books on painting rocks. Because they were readily available in our farm fields and I regularly picked them up and carried them out so they wouldn't damage farm equipment on a seemingly endless basis, it occurred to me that maybe I could put some of them to another use.

After buying a few acrylic paints and dragging out some old brushes from my sign painting days, I was hooked. I cranked out a lighthouse using



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a candle attached to a rock base which resembled the north shore of Lake Superior, several home and floral designs, and a puppy. When one of my elder brothers came to visit and I proudly presented my finished works, he looked at my puppy and remarked, "Oh, a guinea pig!" My ego quickly deflated and I decided maybe 3-dimensional work was not going to be my forté.

I moved on to new substrates and media. I tried paper with acrylics, then oils on cold-pressed paper, then canvasboard, and ended up selecting oils with clayboard and learned how to prepare hardboard substrates after reading about their archival characteristics. I think I read every book printed by North Light Publications in RPL and then branched out to get advice from other experts on the shelves.

In the meantime I kept practicing and learning new skills. I decided to enter my first juried art show in Lanesboro with hopes of meeting other artists with experience in the community, and ended up with a few of my first works getting chosen. I received helpful advice from Robbie Brokken, director, and her staff at the Lanesboro Arts Center, sold some paintings which were selected for display, and was encouraged to continue developing skills.

It wasn't long afterwards that I began suggesting that my husband (Paul, my beloved art critic) pull out his own brushes and oils again. He had gotten a head start on me, painting before we were married and during our first years together, before laying them aside for long intervals at a time. It did not take too much convincing.

I became his art critic, and we had a great time mentoring one another through techniques and artistic problem solving situations. Before long, the paintings began to increase in numbers and more sales occurred. This prompted us to look for more display venues.

Currently, we have a joint show of some (35-40 pieces) of our artworks on display at the Chatfield Center for the Arts in Chatfield, MN (507-867-2927). At the end of this article are two in-process paintings we are still working to complete.

Libraries across Southeastern Minnesota, and particularly RPL, have added countless hours of interest and enjoyment to our lives and opened our eyes to many new opportunities. We are very grateful.



"Will the Chicken Cross the Road?"
©Rita LeDuc, 2015
Original Oil Painting 20"x16", Hardboard

Making decisions and taking risks is a part of everyday life that one cannot escape. Even with the help of guideposts, there are no guarantees that one's choices will yield the results desired in that split second of mindfulness. In farm country, an open road may beckon a chicken, but 'Will the Chicken Cross the Road?' and still remain a chicken?



"Take Me Home"
©Paul LeDuc, 2015
Original Oil Painting 20"x16", Hardboard

Country roads wind through the hills and valleys of southeastern Minnesota and have always been the way to "Take me home".

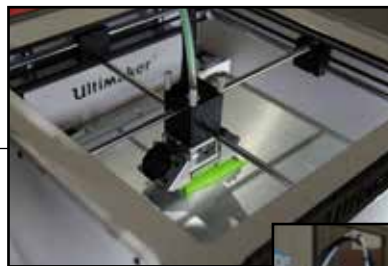
3D Printing @ RPL,

Monday, April 6, 6-7:30PM and

Saturday, April 18, 1-2:30PM

Auditorium - 1st Floor

Have you heard about 3D printing? Come to the library and see a 3D printer in action, find out more about some of the possibilities and potential of 3D printing in this presentation.



April 2015

All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public

Wellness Corner Health Screening events are added daily. Check our online calendar to see upcoming events. www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/wellness

Bone Builders, Every Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 4:30-5:30PM Meeting Room C

Strengthen your bones! Improve your balance! Have more energy! This free activity program to prevent osteoporosis is led by RSVP volunteers. Please bring signed medical and consent forms to your first session, if possible.

Homeless Outreach Every Wed & Fri 9:30-10:30AM Wellness Corner

A homeless outreach worker is available to assist in finding housing, food, and other services.

Wednesday, April 1

Telling Your Own Story: CIRCULAR DOCUMENT, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, All Day
Jon Allen and Tom Erickson present an exhibition of their mixed media installation "Circular Document," which previously appeared at the Rochester Art Center.



Science Storytime, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories and fingerplays based on a science theme, with hands-on activities after story time is finished. Ages 3-5.

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

Bring your computer and eBook reader questions to this drop-in class. Get answers to e-mail, internet, digital photos, and library eBooks.

Zine*O*Cide, Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 4-6PM

Collaborate with other Rochester teens to make a zine to share your passions and interests! Bring your ideas and creativity - we'll provide the supplies and snacks.

MyFreeTaxes Clinics, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 5-8PM

Tax coaches will be available to help with tax filing with online software MyFreeTaxes. Individuals & Families who made \$60,000 or less last year can file both federal and state online for free.

Thursday, April 2

Telling Your Own Story: CIRCULAR DOCUMENT, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, All Day
See description to left.

Baby Time, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months).

**Toddler Time,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30&11AM**
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

**Computer & eBook Drop-In,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM**
See description on this page.

Meet the BookBike!, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Check out our new BookBike and enjoy bicycle themed activities. We Bike Rochester will be here to talk bicycle safety and share information about fun bike activities.

q club, Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 4-5:30PM
A safe and welcoming meet-up for LGBTQ teens and allies.... For ages 13-18! Hang out, make friends and have fun at this club just for you. In partnership with GLCS.

Faith Talk Show: Where Religions Meet, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-8PM

Join Fr. Nick Mezacapa of Calvary Episcopal Church and Regina Mustafa for an interfaith dialogue entitled Seeds of Wonder. Presented by CIDI (Community Interfaith Dialogue on Islam).

**English Conversation Group,
Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM**
Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, April 3

Telling Your Own Story: CIRCULAR DOCUMENT, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, All Day
See description on this page.

**Spring Break at the Library: Dance Party!,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11AM**
Celebrate spring with 30 minutes of non-stop dancing fun!

**Spring Break at the Library: Dance Party!,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1:30-2PM**
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Saturday, April 4

**Houray for Saturday!
Marshmallow Building,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11AM**
Marshmallows are not just for eating anymore! Build a skyscraper, a constellation, a car, or anything else you can think of.

Telling Your Own Story with Artist LISA ARNOLD, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1-4PM
In this session, attendees will create their own personal mosaic collages and also collaborate on a 2'-by-3' community collage that will be displayed in Rochester Public Library upon completion. Register online or by calling 507.328.2305.

Sunday, April 5

**Library closed in observance of
Easter Sunday.**



Monday, April 6

**Computer & eBook Drop-In,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM**
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**Homework Help,
Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM**
Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers!

Tuesday, April 7

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup, Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 11AM-12PM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - Claire of the Sea Light by Edwidge Danticat.



Walk This Way: Moving Your Job Search From Slow Motion to Fast Track, Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Redirect your job search so that as a job seeker – you will see how to improve your odds for finding employment. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards

**Drop In for Career Counseling,
Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM**
Need help with an application? Resume? Job Search? A career counselor will be available for one-on-one assistance with employment issues.

**Art Club for Homeschoolers,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM**
Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. Make figures with changing faces out of cardboard tubes. Grades K to 5.

**Art Club,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM**
See description above.

**Homework Help,
Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM**
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**Bedtime Stories,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM**
Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, April 8

**Preschool Storytime,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM**
Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

**Telling Your Own Story: MEMOIR
WRITING with JENNIFER KOSKI,
Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 12-1PM**
Students will participate in writing discussions and generate new work through writing exercises, with take-home assignments. This is a four-part series; please register for all sessions. Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

**Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion,
Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 2-3PM**
The times, they are a'changing. Read When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order, by Martin Jacques.

**Computer & eBook Drop-In,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM**
See description on page 3.

**MyFreeTaxes Clinics,
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**Homework Help,
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**iFIlms: International and Independent
Films, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM**
THE DARK VALLEY Directed by Andreas Prochaska. German with English subtitles. Somewhere high in the Alps, a lone rider makes his way along a hidden path and reaches a small village, tucked away between the steep mountains.

**Rochester Spanish Conversation Group,
Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 7-8:30PM**
Want to improve your Spanish conversation skills? Drop in, no matter what your skill level, and learn by doing.

Thursday, April 9

**Baby Time,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25 AM**
Bring in your baby for rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months).

**Toddler Time,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30&11AM**
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

**Computer & eBook Drop-In,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM**
See description on page 3.

**Homework Help,
Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM**
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**Telling Your Own Story: Visiting Author
CATHERINE FRIEND,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7-8PM**

A former 'city girl,' Friend lives on a small farm in southeastern Minnesota, where she and her wife Melissa raise sheep and cattle. She writes adult nonfiction, fiction, and children's books. Presentation will be followed by a book signing.

**English Conversation Group,
Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM**
Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal Setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, April 10



**Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11AM**
Calling all young artists: Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials.

Saturday, April 11

**Northstar Digital Literacy Drop-in,
Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-11:30AM**
The Northstar Digital Literacy Program is designed to help participants develop computer skills that are important for getting jobs, going to college, etc. A volunteer will be available to help those working toward certificates in this program.

**Hooray for Saturday! Springtime
Storytime Fun!,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11AM**
Stories, music, and fun for the entire family!

**Family Health Fair,
Auditorium - 1st Floor, 12-5PM**
Stop by for activities on healthy eating and exercise, information on reducing stress, home safety and more. Blood pressure checks, weight and BMI checks also available. Presented by the Winona State University Nursing Students.

**Artist In Residence Program - Chris
Rackley, Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 2-5PM**
Chris will give lessons in drawing techniques. Participants will be asked to imagine a Rochester of the future. The drawings will be added into a futuristic landscape called Neo-Rochester. The completed piece will be on display for public viewing.

Sunday, April 12

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Master Gardeners Vegetable Gardening, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 2-3:30PM
Both beginner and experienced gardeners will appreciate this basic session which will cover planning, plant choice, crop rotation and more.

Telling Your Own Story: PRESERVING YOUR MEMORIES IN VERSE, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 3-4PM
Members of Southeastern Minnesota Poets will present an interactive workshop on writing biographical poetry. Participants are encouraged to bring photos or mementos for inspiration.

Monday, April 13

Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM
See description on page 3.

TeenScape Crafternoon - Recycled Books, Teenscape - 1st Floor, 4-5PM
Make a book out of recycled office supplies you can scrounge in your locker!

Homework Help, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM
Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers!

Sit Stay Read with Dakota Koda and Riley, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-7PM
Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to practice reading aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog. For a positive reading experience, only the child should attend. Caregivers are asked to remain in the library. Register online or at 507.328.2303.

Tweens Write!, Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 6-7PM
Do you enjoy journaling, writing poetry or stories or even drawing comics? Meet up with other tweens for fun writing activities to spark your imagination and to hang out and create together. Register online or at 507.328.2303.



P-B Dialogues, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7:30-8:45 PM
Post-Bulletin Dialogues are free public events at the library, Jay Furst leading conversations about an issue, and audience members asking questions and giving feedback.

Tuesday, April 14

Library Time, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11AM
This program for disabled adults is an opportunity for participants to enjoy reading books, watching films, making crafts and other fun learning activities.

Decide: How to Make Any Decision , Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM
Decisions... Decisions... Decisions... Denise Bissonnette once said, "If we took the time to write down our dreams, wouldn't they be our goals?" You can certainly choose to direct your energies toward a goal that will make a difference. What are you willing to do today that will change your future? It's a decision. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Drop In for Career Counseling, Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM
See description on page 4.

Chess Club for Homeschoolers, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM
Learn the basics or improve your game! Chess enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome. Grades K to 5.

Chess Club, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM
See description above.

Homework Help, Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM
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Writing Group, Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 6:30-8:30PM
Stuck on your first draft? Not sure about your plot? Let's get together and help each other out. Once a month we will meet to read and critique member's writing. The goal is to improve our writing in a friendly, supportive environment.

Bedtime Stories, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM
Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, April 15

Preschool Storytime, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM
Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Senior Advocate Available , Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 10:30-12:30AM

An Olmsted County Senior Advocate, familiar with the long-term care system, will be available to help complete forms, answer questions on medicare, provide assistance to accessing services, and referrals to other agencies.

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Computer & eBook Drop-In, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM
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Thursday, April 16

Baby Time, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25 AM
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Toddler Time, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30&11AM
Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

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Consider the Conversation - Advance Care Planning , Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM
Learn how to talk with loved ones and healthcare providers about your, and their, wishes for advance care planning for the end of life. View parts of the Emmy-nominated film, "Consider the Conversation 2". Presented by Mayo Clinic, Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester Public Library and Sisters of Saint Francis Assisi.

Thursday, April 16

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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English Conversation Group,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal Setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

Friday, April 17

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11AM

Calling all young artists: Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials.

Citizenship Legal Assistance

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor,

10:30AM-2:30PM

Drop in to see if you qualify for free citizenship legal services.

Saturday, April 18

Social Sew-In: Your Project, Our Place,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 9:30AM-5:30PM

Bring a project of your choice and your equipment for a day of uninterrupted knitting, crocheting, embroidering, or sewing. Register online or at 507.328.2305 for our first-ever Social Sew-In so we can reserve space for you and your project.

Hooray for Saturday! Build a mini vehicle racetrack, Auditorium - 1st Floor,

10:30-11AM

Using your imagination build a racetrack using cardboard tubes and supplies provided. Little cars will be available to use during this session.

3D Printing @ RPL,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1-2:30PM

Have you heard about 3D printing? Come to the library and see a 3D printer in action, find out more about some of the possibilities and potential of 3D printing in this presentation.



Master Gardeners How I Learned to Love

Hostas, Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 2-3:30PM

Hostas or hostas? Which should I plant Boring! Learn about hosta shapes, colors, sizes and textures. will talk about how I'm designing my shade garden, and all the other shade-loving plants that are great companions to hostas.

Sunday, April 19

Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2-3PM

Most insects have a positive impact in our landscapes. Native plants can be selected to attract specific bees and beneficial insects. Learn about the predator-prey relationships of flower-visiting beneficial insects and how they help keep problem insect populations in balance.

Monday, April 20

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers!

Sit Stay Read with Bonnie Cree and

Shiner, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-7PM

See description on page 5.

Tuesday, April 21

Plain Readers,

Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 12-1PM

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier.

Visualizing, Preparing and Practicing for Your Next Interview ,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 1:30PM-2:30PM

Paying attention to detail and preparing your answers to key interview questions ahead of time will help you develop the confidence you need. Come ready to learn how this topic can work for you.

Drop In for Career Counseling,

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 4.

LEGO® Fun for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

Do you like to build with LEGOs®? Build your own LEGO® creations using our challenge idea or your imagination. Share your great ideas! LEGOs® are provided by the library. Grades K to 5.

LEGO® Fun,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

See description above.

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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Bedtime Stories,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Night Owl Book Group,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8PM

This monthly book group will be reading page turning books you just can't put down. Book to be discussed - Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.

Wednesday, April 22

Preschool Storytime,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on page 3.

TeenScope Crafternoon - Earth Day

Flower Paper, Teenscape - 1st Floor, 4-5PM

Make your own paper from recycled books & flower seeds you can use to plant a garden!

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers!

Henna for Tweens with Mehndi Moon,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM

Learn about the ancient art of Henna and get a work of high quality body art to take home. This program is for tweens ages 9-12. Register online or at 507.328.2303.

Thursday, April 23

Baby Time,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time,

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Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 3.

Sate of Using Documentary Screening,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4-5:30PM

This documentary aims to tell the stories of young people across Minnesota and how substance abuse has impacted their lives. The film highlights the voices of Noah, Matt, Leon, Alex and Kanasha and their experiences.

Thursday, April 23

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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English Conversation Group,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

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The ABC's of Bees,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7-8:30PM

Chris Schad, co-owner of the Bee Shed, will provide a flyover of honey bee biology and management. For more information about Christ Schad and the Bee Shed: www.thebeeshed.com.

Friday, April 24

Petite Picasso: Preschool Art!,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-11AM

Calling all young artists: Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials.



BookBike at Arbor Day Event,

Thre Links Shelter at Silver Lake, 11-1PM

Visit the BookBike for the Arbor Day Event at the Three Links Shelter at Silver Lake Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Saturday, April 25

Northstar Digital Literacy Drop-in,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-11:30AM

The Northstar Digital Literacy Program is designed to help participants develop basic computer skills that are important for getting jobs, going to college, etc. A volunteer will be available at this time to assist those who are working toward certificates in this program.

Healthy Kids Day: Rochester Area Family YMCA, 709 1st Ave, Rochester, MN, 10AM-12PM

Visit the BookBike at Healthy Kids Day at the Rochester Area Family YMCA, 709 1st Ave, Rochester, MN 55902, to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".



Hooray for Saturday! Minecraft Adventures!,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11:30AM

Can't get enough Minecraft®? Join us for an hour long session of playing Minecraft® and other Minecraft® related activities.

Master Gardeners Mystery of the Unknown Hosta,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 2-3:30PM

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Sunday, April 26

Master Gardeners Mystery of the Unknown Hosta,

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Monday, April 27

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 3.

Mystery Book Group,

Mtg Rm A - 1st Floor, 1-2PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - Serial Killers (true crime or fiction)

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

Homework got you down? Don't stress--get help from our volunteers!

Sit Stay Read,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-7PM

Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to practice reading aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog. For a positive reading experience, only the child should attend. Caregivers are asked to remain in the library. Register online or at 507.328.2303.

Tuesday, April 28

Literature into Film Bookgroup,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 1:30-3PM

Join us to read the book and/or watch the film of classic works of literature. Book and film to be discussed - Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland and the film "Brush with Fate".

Quitting or Giving Up - It's NOT an Option, Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Consider some innovative strategies that will keep you motivated in your job search and help you eliminate fear. Action cancels fear every time and will help you build confidence and self-esteem. Don't give up.

Drop In for Career Counseling,

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 4.

Science Club for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

Join us for Science Club at the library! Grades K to 5.



Teen Makerday,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4-6PM

Have you ever seen a 3-D printer in action? Would you like to use one? Join us to get an introduction to 3-D printing and a chance to use the library's new 3-D printer. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

Science Club,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

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Homework Help,

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Bedtime Stories,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7PM

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams.

Wednesday, April 29

Preschool Storytime,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:30AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, fingerplays, early literacy activities, and fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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Thursday, April 30

Baby Time,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10-10:25 AM

Bring in your baby for rhymes, songs and stories just right for little ones (birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30&11AM

Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 1-2:30PM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help,

Mtg Rm C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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Sensory Science,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6:30-7:30PM

Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges or those on the Autism spectrum. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

English Conversation Group,

Mtg Rm B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting. The group is free and open to all non-native English speaking adults.

May 2015

All events at Rochester Public Library are free and open to the public

Friday, May 1

Citizenship Legal Assistance

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor,

10:30AM-2:30PM

Drop in to see if you qualify for free citizenship legal services.

Saturday, May 2

Hooray for Saturday! Meet the BookBike, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 10:30-11:30AM

Check out our new BookBike and enjoy bicycle themed activities. We Bike Rochester will be here to talk bicycle safety and share information about fun bike activities.

Sunday, May 3

Let's Explore Dyeing Fibers with Natural Dyes, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2-4PM

Our speakers, Leslie Hall and Norrie MacIraith will discuss using natural materials to dye fibers, from start to finish. Participants will dye a silk scarf to take home. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library. A MakerSpace Program

Origami Club,

Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 3-4PM

Interested in the traditional Japanese art of paper folding? You are invited to meet for 1 hour each month. Whether you are a beginner or a master folder, all are welcome.

Monday, May 4

Computer & eBook Drop-In,

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 9:30-10:30AM

See description on page 3.

Homework Help,

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

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Sit Stay Read with Bonnie, Dakota, and Shiner, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-7PM

Kids in grades K to 5 are invited to practice reading aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog. For a positive reading experience, only the child should attend. Caregivers are asked to remain in the library.



Celebrate Dakota!,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7:30-8:30PM

Sponsored by the Celebrate Dakota! Mayo Employee Resource Group (MERG), Mayo Clinic Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters (GRADS).

Tuesday, May 5

Armchair Traveler Bookgroup,

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 11AM-12PM

Pick up a best-selling book that will take you to a different place or time. Book to be discussed - Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Connor.

Top 10 List on Job Search Techniques, Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Here are some common sense ideas for discussion: RELAX... let them find you in your eyes and in your heart. Tell stories... Effectively communicate to hold the employers attention. Identify the needs of the employer... you are the solution. We will start from there. A career counselor will be available for one-on-one sessions afterwards.

Drop In for Career Counseling, Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

See description on page 4.

Art Club for Homeschoolers,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:30PM

Like the Art Room? Then you'll love Art Club! Dress to get messy as you explore art techniques and materials. In this session we will experiment with some different print-making techniques. Grades K to 5.

Art Club,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4:30-5:30PM

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