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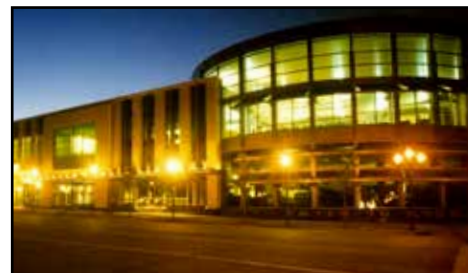
The Transformation of Libraries

- By John Hunziker

The library received a special issue from the American Library Association (ALA) recently and I thought you might be interested in how libraries impact the lives of people throughout the United States. The stories in our newsletter are usually local, but as we anticipate expanding your library, questions surface as to how libraries impact people in this fast-paced "age of technology".

The article and the information that I am sharing with you gives a broader perspective than most people have about libraries. People have a tendency to look at libraries from the point of view of how it affects "them and theirs". This is an expanded view.

Anchor institutions are defined as large, spatially immobile, nonprofit organizations that play an integral role in the local economy. Public libraries serve as proactive, democratic, community anchors that address economic, educational, and health disparities in the community. They offer unlimited possibilities through their educational programs, print and digital books, access to databases, meeting spaces, and instruction on how to use new technologies. More than two-thirds of Americans agree that libraries are important because they improve the quality of life in a community, promote literacy and reading, and provide many people with the chance to succeed.



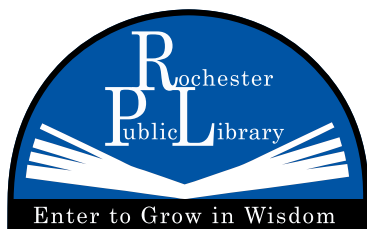
Free library programs provide learning opportunities and entertainment for children as well as adults. Books and digital resources support educational goals from early literacy through lifelong learning. Library collections include books and resources that represent the diversity of people, cultures, and the faraway places that make up the world we live in. Librarians help protect people's rights by proactively supporting equitable access and intellectual freedom.

A major role that your Rochester Public Library plays, as well as other libraries nationwide, as community anchor, is to provide equitable access to technology and digital content. A comprehensive approach to creating digital inclusion will ensure an equal opportunity for all, regardless of geographic location, socioeconomic status, or any other factor.

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The ALA's Digital Inclusion Survey found that public libraries address these disparities by providing free access to broadband, public access technologies, digital content, digital learning opportunities, and a range of programming that helps build digitally inclusive communities. The survey found that nearly all (97.5%) public libraries offer free wireless internet access.

Technology training is offered in nearly all (98.0%) public libraries, and nearly all offer education and learning programs (99.5%).

Traditional library programs, from story times to author talks, have always been popular with patrons. New forms of programming today, from makerspaces to drop – in craft activities reflect our changing world. In 2012, there were 92.6 million attendees at the 4 million programs offered by public libraries. This represents a 10 year increase of 54.4% in program attendance.

In addition to programs, libraries engage our nation's youth, from preschool through the teen years, with books and digital resources. Early literacy materials include books and e-resources that introduce

words and concepts. Children benefit from story time, homework assistance, and diverse books. Many libraries provide space for teens to hang out, read, do homework in groups, and try out new technologies. Young adult collections and teen programs have flourished in libraries in the past decade. Youth learn about various cultures and traditions through library books and programs.

The article goes on to cover a number of other topics, but I felt that this would give you a flavor of what is happening across the nation. Your library is one of the best and the doors are open for you to participate.



TELLING YOUR OWN STORY

Recap: Mosaic Class with Artist Lisa Arnold

On Saturday, April 4th participants created their own personal mosaic collages and also collaborated on a 2'-by-3' community collage.

Participants were invited to bring a special memento to contribute to the community piece -- a broken plate, an old key, a watch, a coin or a rock.

The final community mosaic collage will be displayed in Rochester Public Library upon completion.

This event was part of the Telling Your Own Story Series funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.



SPREADING THE JOY OF READING

Rochester Reading Champions seeks to increase literacy by providing specialized Orton Gillingham training to volunteers. These trained tutors are deployed in partner agencies to provide, free, one on one sessions to either children or adults who struggle to read in Olmsted County.

Volunteer requirements:

- Commitment to Literacy
- Willingness to learn and undertake Orton Gillingham methodology and training
- Ability to engage with people
- High School Diploma

Time Commitment:

- Twice a week tutoring with your student. (36 weeks per year)
- 2 year program commitment

If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity, information sessions will be held at:
Rochester Public Library on Thursday, May 7th at 5:30-6:30PM in Meeting Room B (second floor)
Rochester Public Library on Wednesday, May 13th at 10-11AM in Meeting Room B (second floor).

This program is a partnership between The Reading Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Olmsted County Detention Center and the Rochester Public Library. If you have any questions please call Gail Harris, Rochester Reading Champions Coordinator at 328.2373 or email gharris@rochester.lib.mn.us

Rochester Public Library BookBike: Shifting Gears...It's How We Roll

In April, Rochester Public Library launched the BookBike outreach program. RPL's BookBike, a little library on wheels, will visit locations within a one-mile radius of the downtown library this spring, summer and fall. Pulled by library staff on bicycles, RPL's BookBike will offer library books, library cards, program information, assistance with digital materials, bike trail maps and fun incentives for kids.

The BookBike will visit many area events including Art on the Ave in Slatterly Park on May 16th, Rochester Downtown Farmers Market on May 9th, June 6th and June 20th, and PrideFest at Peace Plaza on July 19th. With partners, We Bike Rochester and Olmsted County Public Health, the BookBike will visit Rochester Honkers games on Sunday, June 14th and Sunday, July 5th from 12 to 1:30PM. Fans who walk or bike to these games and arrive before 1pm will receive free tickets to that day's game. The BookBike will also visit area parks throughout the summer. The BookBike schedule can be found online: <http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/bookbike>

Visit the BookBike to check out some "wheelie" good books or just to say, "Hey, nice bike!" The BookBike project was funded in part with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, through a Community Collaboration grant from Southeast Libraries Cooperating (SELCO).



2015 Summer Reading

Want to become a Super Reader? Join RPL's Summer Reading Program! Children ages birth to 6th grade can participate starting May 23!

Please go to rochesterpubliclibrary.org for more information.



May 2015

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

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.

Homework Help,

**Check our online calendar
for dates and times.**

Get help from our volunteers on school nights. All grades are welcome. Check the RPL online calendar for the most up-to-date schedule.

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 MacDraith will discuss using natural materials to dye fibers, from start to finish. Using indigo blue as an example, participants will dye a silk scarf or bamboo sock to take home.

Origami Club

Maker Space - 2nd Floor, 3-4PM

Interested in the traditional Japanese art of paper folding? Whether you are a beginner or a master folder, all are welcome. The Origami Club meets regularly on the first Sunday of each month.

Wellness Corner Health Screening events are added daily. Check our online calendar to see upcoming events.

www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/wellness

Monday, May 4

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

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

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 by calling 507.328.2303.

Celebrate Dakota! Month:

Elizabeth Digby-Britten

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7:15-8:30PM

Come and learn about Native American history. Let's challenge what we know and what we think we know. Ask questions and find resources.

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. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

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.

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. No appointment needed.

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

See description above.

Bedtime Stories

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

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Wednesday, May 6

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. Science fun for you and your 3 to 5 year-old child!

Melodies, Rhythms &

South Indian Carnatic Music

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 12-1PM

Come, enjoy and experience the fine nuances of a 2000 year old South Indian classical music form in an interactive session with eminent artists Nirmala Rajasekar and Thanjavur Murugaboopathi.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on this page.

Zine*O*Cide

Meeting Room 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.

Introduction to the Transcendental

**Meditation Technique, Meeting Room B -
2nd Floor, 5:30-6:30PM**

Free Introductory talk on the Transcendental Meditation Technique

Faith Talk Show: Where Religions Meet

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7-8PM

A Tale of Two Christians: Round 2. Paul Larson and Wendell Amstutz, the guests from the first FTS, are back for a second round of learning and laughs.

Thursday, May 7

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).

Forests, Farms, and Floods: The History (and Future) of the Zumbro River Valley

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 12-1PM
As early as the 1880s, local governments and settlers began changing the landscape in the Zumbro River Valley. Discover what the Zumbro River looked like when settlers first arrived. This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

Introduction to the Transcendental Meditation Technique

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

Free Introductory talk on the Transcendental Meditation Technique

T'ai Chi Chih - Beginners

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 12:30-1:15PM

A class learning beginning T'ai Chi Chih movements - moving meditation practice, gentle and easy to learn. Benefits may include stress reduction, increased creativity, heightened energy and improved physical and emotional well-being. Taught by certified Tai Chi Chia instructor. Dress comfortably. Each session builds on the previous class.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Chih Continued

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:15PM

See description on this page.

q club @ the movies!

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 4-6PM

Join us for a screening of "Perks of Being a Wallflower". Q club is 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room 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.

Saturday, May 9

BookBike at the Rochester Downtown Farmers Market, Corner of 4th St SE & 3rd Ave SE, 7:30AM-12PM

Visit the BookBike at the Rochester Downtown Farmers Market (corner of 4th St SE & 3rd Ave SE) to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Northstar Digital Literacy Drop-in

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

Receive help with basic computer skills that are important for getting jobs, going to college, etc. A volunteer will be available to assist those who are working toward certificates in this program. Training is funded in part (or whole) with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 45.310, Library Services and Technology Act.

Hooray for Saturday! Bamber Valley World Drumming Group

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

The 2015 Bamber Valley World Drumming Group will present a fun and educational drumming program for all ages! Listen and move to rhythmic sounds from across the world.

Musical Family Event: Famous Violinist Midori and SEMYO!

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 3-4PM

Join us for a musical story hour! World renowned violinist Midori, along with talented young musicians of the Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestra, will present a special event for the entire family. This program was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Monday, May 11

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

BookBike at Kutzky Park, 1-1:30PM

Visit the BookBike at Kutzky Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

BookBike at Cooke Park, 2-2:30PM

Visit the BookBike at Cooke Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

TeenScope Crafternoon - DIY Stamps

Teenscape - 1st Floor, 4-5PM

Carve your own stamps you can use to decorate your stuff!

Sit Stay Read,

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-7PM

See description on page 4.

Tweens Write!

Meeting Room 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 by calling 507.328.2303.

What's New in Mood Disorder Research?

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

DI in this engaging presentation, you will learn about new developments in the treatment of mood disorders and hear from a patient who has participated in clinical trials. Presented by the Mayo Clinic Department of Psychiatry and Psychology.

Tuesday, May 12

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.

BookBike at Peace Plaza

Peace Plaza, 11AM-1PM

Visit the BookBike at the Peace Plaza to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Networking Not Working? Get connected...Get Over It, Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

Sometimes the choice is simple. It's either NETwork or NOT Work. Let's break the idea down to simplify and understand how we can overcome mental roadblocks when approaching others.

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.

Tuesday, May 12

Artist In Residence Program - Duane Barnhart, Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 5:30-8:30PM

Professional cartoonist, Duane Barnhart will demonstrate how animation works. The class will start with drawing your own two part animation, and then it will expand to a scene in a flip board. 2 identical sessions of this class will be offered by the artist. You need not attend all sessions.

Writing Group, Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 6:30-8:30PM

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. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Food Over Medicine Program,

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

Presentation by Rochester Clinic Staff on how foods can be a natural way to deal with disease and health.

Wednesday, May 13

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!

BookBike at Silver Lake Park

Three Links Shelter by Silver Lake Park, 11:30AM-12PM

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

BookBike at Mayo Park, 12:30-1PM

Visit the BookBike at Mayo Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Nonfiction Readers Book Discussion Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 2-3PM

Let's talk about nonfiction books at the library.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

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iFilms: International and Independent Films, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8PM

TRAITORS, 2013, Arabic, French & English with English subtitles. Malika, leader of an all-female punk rock band, needs money to save her family from eviction and to realize her dreams for the band. Malika agrees to a fast cash proposition: a smuggling run over the mountains for a dangerous drug dealer. The iFilm series is intended for mature adults.

Rochester Spanish Conversation Group Meeting Room 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, May 14

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).

BookBike at Rochester People's Food Coop, 519 1st Ave SW, 11AM-1PM

Visit the BookBike at the Rochester People's Food Co-op to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

T'ai Chi Chih - Beginners

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 12:30-1:15PM

See description on page 4.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Easy

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 1:30-2:15PM

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Chih - Continued

Meeting Room C - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:15PM

See description on page 4.

Naloxone, Steve's Law and What you need to know.

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 4-5PM

Naloxone is a medication used to counter the effects of opioid especially in overdose. It will usually reverse the depression of the central nervous system, respiratory system, and hypotension. "Steve's Law", named after Steve Rummmler, who died of opioid overdose in 2011, is MN's Good Samaritan+ Naloxone legislation, which follows 19 other states and the District of Columbia in establishing Good Samaritan laws and/or access to naloxone. Presented by staff of Recovery is Happening.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room 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.

Michael Keller: Hand-Made Guitars

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 7-8PM

Michael L. Keller began building guitars in 1975 under the guidance of Jeffrey Elliot. His focus as a builder over the past 40 years has been to create guitars that players really enjoy. He will bring two examples of his guitars, and samples of the materials used to create them.

Friday, May 15

Dance Party!

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

Put on your dancing shoes for 30 minutes of non-stop dance madness.

BookBike at Slatterly Park, 10-10:30AM

Visit the BookBike at Slatterly Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Citizenship Legal Assistance

Wellness Corner - 2nd Floor, 10:30AM-2:30PM

See description on page 4.

BookBike at Soldier's Field Park, 11-11:30AM

Visit the BookBike at Soldier's Field Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Saturday, May 16

Art on the Ave: BookBike, Slatterly Park, 9:30-4PM

Visit the BookBike at Art on the Ave in Slatterly Park (400 Block of 11th Avenue SE) and add to a sidewalk chalk mural.

Houray for Saturday! Dance Party

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

Get ready for 30 minutes of non-stop dance madness!

Celebrate Dakota!: Woodrow Wilson Keeble, WWII & Korean War Veteran

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2-3PM

Dakota/Sioux Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" on October 20, 1951, in the Korean War. He is North and South Dakota's most highly decorated war hero and the only full blooded Dakota/Lakota to ever receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sunday, May 17

Visiting Author: JAMES LONGHURST

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 3-4:30PM

What can history tell us about the politics of bike paths in the present? Uncovering Minnesota's forgotten sidepath movement of the 1890s helps us understand the present, according to James Longhurst, author of *Bike Battles: A History of Sharing the American Road*. Co-Sponsored by the We.Bike.Rochester, Rochester's Bicycle Coalition and Olmsted County Public Health Services.

Monday, May 18

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

Mystery Book Group

Meeting Room A - 1st Floor, 1-2PM

Join us at the Mystery Book Group. Today we will be discussing - *New Mystery Writers*.

BookBike at Kutzky Park, 1-1:30PM

Visit the BookBike at Kutzky Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

BookBike at Cooke Park, 2-2:30PM

Visit the BookBike at Cooke Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

OutFront Minnesota: Transgender Ally Training, Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 5-8PM

This training, presented by OutFront Minnesota in partnership with Gay/Lesbian Community Services and the Rochester Public Library, is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and allied folks who want to be learn more about transgender people, issues that impact the community, and how as allies we can provide support and move trans justice forward.

Tuesday, May 19

BookBike at the Peace Plaza, 11AM-1PM

Visit the BookBike at the Peace Plaza to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Plain Readers

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

Join us to read books set in the Midwest or by Midwestern authors. Book to be discussed - *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.

That's the Ticket. Solutions & Strategies to Re-Energize Your Job Search,

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

The discussion here will be to move forward, beat discouragement, and generate results. Give your job search a boost and punch your ticket to attend.

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.

Introduction to Skype

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 4:30-6PM

Learn how to make Skype video/audio calls using your computer and internet connection (or use the Library's free "Skype Lounge"). Register online or by calling 507.328.2309.

Bedtime Stories

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

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Night Owl Book Group

Meeting Room 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 - *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

TeenScape Open Mic

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

Calling all teen poets, story tellers, musicians and other creative types! We need you for TeenScape's spring open mic! Bring your own original work, read a favorite poem, or just come to check out some great new talent!

Wednesday, May 20

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, and referrals to other agencies.

BookBike at Silver Lake Park

Three Links Shelter by Silver Lake Park, 11:30AM-12PM

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BookBike at Mayo Park

Mayo Park, 12:30-1PM

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Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

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Zine*O*Cide

Meeting Room 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.

Alliance Francaise Cine Club: Free French Films, Auditorium - 1st Floor, 6-8:30PM

Amitiés Sincères 104 min | Comedy | 2013
Directed by Stephan Archinard and François Prévôt-Leygonie. Provided in Partnership with the Alliance Francaise.

Thursday, May 21

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).

BookBike at BookBike at Rochester

People's Food Co-Op, 519 1st Ave SW, 11AM-1PM

Visit the BookBike at the Peace Plaza to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

T'ai Chi Chih - Beginners

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 12:30-1:15PM

See description on page 4.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

Thursday, May 21

T'ai Chi Easy

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1:30-2:15PM

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Chih Continued

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:15PM

See description on page 4.

q club

Meeting Room 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.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room 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, May 22

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 Slatterly Park

Slatterly Park, 10-10:30AM

Visit the BookBike at Slatterly Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

BookBike at Soldier's Field Park

Soldier's Field Park, 11-11:30AM

Visit the BookBike at Soldier's Field Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Saturday, May 23

Northstar Digital Literacy Drop-in

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

Receive help with basic computer skills that are important for getting jobs, going to college, etc. A volunteer will be available to assist those who are working toward certificates in this program. Training is funded in part (or whole) with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 45.310, Library Services and Technology Act.

Monday, May 25

Library Closed - Memorial Day

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26

Reinventing YOU in the Job Search

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 1:30-2:30PM

There are many ingredients for success. Attitude... Initiative... Concentration... and there is no substitute for the proper use of knowledge. Take control of your job search. Choose to direct your energies toward a goal that will make a difference.

Literature into Film Bookgroup,

Meeting Room C, 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 - The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham.

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.

Science Club

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

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

Bedtime Stories

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

Puppets, stories, songs, and rhymes to give you sweet dreams. Caregivers are asked to remain with their children.

Wednesday, May 27

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!

BookBike at Three Links Shelter/Silver

Lake Park, 11:30AM-12PM

Visit the BookBike 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!".

BookBike at Mayo Park

Mayo Park, 12:30-1PM

Visit the BookBike at Mayo Park to check out books, get a library card, learn about library events or just to say "Hey, nice bike!".

Computer & eBook Drop-In

Computer Lab - 2nd Floor, 3-5PM

See description on page 4.

Medicare Questions? SEMN Area on Aging has the answers

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 5:30-8PM

Going into the Medicare years? Staff from the Area Agency on Aging will guide you through the process and answer questions.

Thursday, May 28

Baby Time

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See description on page 4.

Computer & eBook Drop-In

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

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Easy

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 1:30-2:15PM

See description on page 4.

T'ai Chi Chih Continued

Auditorium - 1st Floor, 2:30-3:15PM

See description on page 4.

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. Children must attend with a caregiver. Register online or by calling 507.328.2303.

English Conversation Group

Meeting Room B - 2nd Floor, 7-8:30PM

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Friday, May 29

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11-11:30AM

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