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Studying for Success @ the Library



Chrispen Behnke studying in the stacks.

Chrispen Behnke is a student at the University of Minnesota Rochester campus downtown and a frequent visitor to the library. The UMR campus offers 4-year undergraduate degrees in medical related fields. They also offer graduate degrees.

Chris came to UMR in a round-about way. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point in 1996 with a degree in Finance. He worked as a financial consultant until 2009, when he was downsized. After giving some thought to his future, he decided to go into occupational therapy, which is a distance from finance.

His research into this showed that he needed to take some additional coursework, 10 prerequisite classes to prepare for a degree in Occupational Therapy. Occupational therapy deals with personal and physical activities using your body from your waist to your neck. The

idea is to make it possible for people to do purposeful activities, their daily actions, if they have injuries or some type of problem.

UMR offers a continuous 22-month accelerated program, which runs four months with three week breaks. The way the classes work is quite different from what he experienced in the 1990's. The world had changed; texting, Facebook, and Wi-Fi were the ways students interacted and learned. He found that many students "lived by i-Phone." Books alone were running between \$500-\$600 per semester while eBooks were 10% of paper to rent or purchase online. He likes the books in his hand.

Because so much is done online he met with his professor only four days a month, otherwise it was via Skype, Facebook and Moodle (a platform to interact online with professors). The next semester it was 8 days with a professor, then 10, then 12 times a month. The face time ramped up as the complexity of the work and the actual working with patients accelerated. Things became harder and more complex. His Rochester group started with 22 students and is presently at 17. He noted the group needed to gel, to work together, to survive.

Due to the fact that the campus is a skyway walk from the library, he spends a fair amount of time here. He finds the staff friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. The library technology is tops. Wi-Fi speed is excellent, cell phone reception in the private study rooms is excellent and there are computers and printers available as needed.

The first floor Audio/Visual area has a large selection of material; he was required to view the video "Marvin's Room" from eight different Occupational Therapy theory perspectives and it was available in VHS format. He uses the quiet study room near the second floor elevator along with the three private study rooms. He and his classmates use

Studying, continued...



One of the private study rooms available on the second floor of the library.

the group tables for both work and discussions.

He loves the hours available to use the library. The UMR library closes at 1:00pm on Saturdays and isn't open on Sundays. So many times he walks over to the library after 1:00 and comes back for study sessions on Sundays. It is an easy walk through the skyways; he never gets wet on rainy days or cold in the winter. The parking opportunities connected to the library and near the library make access easy.

Finally, as a husband and father of two, he and his wife Kelly can bring the kids for story time, use the new children's art room and other programming, to meet others and learn more about the community. He likes the quotes in the skyway to the library and finds the library clean, well laid out with great windows, greenery and fun art.

Art Room Antics

There has been a lot of creative activity going on in the Art Room since it opened. Kids create colorful collages and masks. Three-dimensional paper art will be the focus for November so watch our wall of fame to see what our young budding artists are coming up with!



The Bookmobile

Bookmobile Called Best Way To Boost Library Service

"We must take the books to them," she declared, "and I believe the answer to our problem—that is, how to get more people to take advantage of the library's services—lies in the bookmobile."

The bookmobile, she explained, would supply a regular schedule of book service to the outlying parts of town. In Minneapolis, she said, the bookmobile circulates more books than all the branches put together and at a much lower cost.

The headline and quote at the right is from a Post-Bulletin article dated September 25, 1946, in which librarian Lucille Gottry first brought up the concept of a bookmobile.

It wasn't until 20 years later, October 24, 1966, that the bookmobile became a reality when the first vehicle went into service with a rotating collection of 5,000 volumes selected to appeal to both children and adults. A larger bookmobile replaced the original in 1978 and yet an even larger one replaced that one in 1997.

The newest bookmobile arrived in Rochester in September and went into service on Saturday, September 15th. It is larger than the last and

features green technology. It has a hybrid drive train. That means that when the bookmobile is traveling less than 30 mph, it is going exclusively on battery power. That saves us a significant amount of diesel fuel every year. In addition we have solar panels on top. They allow us to power the lights, computers and the daily operations. This saves us 1-2 gallons of diesel fuel every hour. At 9 hours a day, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year, that really adds up. There are LED lights both inside and out; not only are they nice bright lights, but they also use less energy. Recycled rubber material was used for the flooring and all the finishes have low a VOC (volatile organic compound). That means that they are less likely to induce allergic reactions or release toxic fumes into the bookmobile.

The graphics on all sides of the new bookmobile were designed by local artist Blair Harrington. Upon his first viewing of the completed bookmobile he was impressed on how it turned out. "I love it. I think it's just the neatest thing. I'm really proud to have been part of this project."

Mayor Ardel Brede attended the open house that was held at the library on Monday, September 17th. "We're so pleased to be able to have this bookmobile be available to the

whole community. It is very important to keep these resources available as people move toward higher education. There are just so many things that point out the value of being able to read."



Bookmobile Continued

Currently the Rochester Public Library bookmobile has the highest circulation of any other bookmobile in Minnesota. It visits over 77 different neighborhoods in the City of Rochester and Olmsted County targeting areas in the community where there are geographic, transportation, economic and other barriers to using the main library. The bookmobile regularly carries more than 4,500 items, including adult and children's books, audiobooks, magazines and DVDs. In addition to visiting neighborhoods and schools within the city limits, it also makes weekly visits to Byron, Oronoco and other locations in Olmsted County. The bookmobile is handicapped accessible and has a wheelchair lift. You may pick up a bookmobile schedule at the library, or find one online.



Top Left: The First Bookmobile (1966-1978)

Top Right: The Second Bookmobile (1978-1989)

Bottom Right: The third Bookmobile (1989-2012)



Resources for Job Seekers

Did you know that libraries have great resources to help job seekers? More and more companies are requiring online applications. We have computers with Internet access. We also have computers with word processing software for you to prepare your resume. We have books and other resources to help you prepare for your interview. Ask any of our librarians for help finding our resources for job seekers and see what kind of job you can find.

Calling All Artists!



Altered Book Art



Book Lamps



Book Purse

To register for Wit, Wisdom and Wine, attendees may call the Rochester Public Library at 507-328-2343, or visit: <http://www.rochesterpubliclibraryfoundation.org/witwine.html>.

When is a book more than a book? When it becomes an even greater art—and helps raise money for the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

For RPL Foundation's upcoming Wit, Wisdom & Wine fundraising event, we are inviting area artists and craftspeople to create items made from books. Much like the Boys & Girls Club's popular "Chair Affair" fundraising event, these creations would then be auctioned off (in a silent auction) to raise money for the Rochester Public Library Foundation.

Here are the details:

Rochester Public Library will provide the books. Just contact John Hunziker (507.328.2343 or jhunziker@rochester.lib.mn.us) to arrange a time to choose volumes from RPL's large collection of donated books.

Then, you create your art—whether that means re-imagining the cover by painting over it, building a bookshelf, or hollowing out pages for a unique pencil case. Truly, your imagination and creativity is the only limit. Lamps? Side tables? Centerpieces? Serving platters? What can't you make from a good book? Last year there was a donation of a gorgeous altered book.

Bring your completed project to the Rochester Public Library by the week of January 7, 2013, so that we can prepare it for the silent auction.

The Rochester Public Library Foundation invites all participating artists and craftspeople to include business cards, brochures, or other hand-outs with their donations. Wit, Wisdom & Wine brings together about 200 attendees each year who would love to learn about your artwork!

About Wit, Wisdom & Wine:

Rochester Public Library Foundation's longest-running fundraising event is in its 12th year and will be held on January 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person (early bird registration), or \$85 after January 10. The event is held at Rochester Public Library (101 2nd St. SE in Rochester) and includes:

- entertaining and informative speakers
- each attendee can choose two breakout sessions with speakers ranging from Tim Penny to Father Nick Mezacapa
- silent auction
- wine & hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening
- special wine tasting and refreshments after sessions
- jewelry raffle

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