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HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Santa Claus is coming to town! To celebrate the holiday season, the Rochester Public Library is hosting a free holiday party for children and their families in the Rochester Village Community Room. Take pictures with Santa, who is traveling all the way from the North Pole! Make a holiday ornament to take home and decorate delicious sugar cookies! The Library will be collecting new, unwrapped items for Toys for Tots at this event.

CABIN FEVER: BREAKING THE ICE

The Library is frozen in ice! Help free the Library by “breaking the ice” during this year’s Cabin Fever. We ask patrons to “Break the Ice” by reading, watching, or listening to one of each of the following:

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Graphic Novel
- Classic
- Movie based on a book
- An audiobook
- Biography



Stop by the Library starting February 1st to pick up the “tools “ you will need to accomplish this task! Bonus “tools” will be given to those that wish to work extra hard to reach the grand prize frozen in the Ice. The more “tools” each patron uses, the higher their chances of having their name drawn for the grand prize. The grand prize drawing will take place during the Cabin Fever Trivia Night Friday, March 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the library is closed due to inclement weather, we will post our closing on our website, our Facebook page, on the SJ-R website, and the following news outlets— WMAV, WICS, WNNS.



ADULT PROGRAMS - SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Tea: Tuesday, December 9th— 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Rochester Library invites the public to join us for an afternoon of music and fun. Patrons are asked to bring in a treat to share. Tea will be available to go along with the treats. Short activities will be available as well.

Lost Bridge Area Artist Reception: Thursday, January 29th— 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Rochester Public Library and Lost Bridge Area Artists, a group of local artists and art enthusiasts, formally invite you to attend the fourth local artists' reception on January 29th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please join us in a cozy, relaxed environment for a viewing of local works of art and enjoy visiting with the artists who created them. Light refreshments will be served.

Sweethearts of Rochester: Month of February

During the month of February Rochester Public Library will have The Sweethearts Table set up for patrons to come in and take a picture with their "Sweetheart" in observance of Valentines Day. Your "Sweetheart" can be anyone you consider dear to your heart, whether it be a family member, friend or pet. Pictures will then be placed on the Sweetheart's Wall located in the Library. Patrons are welcome to take their pictures home starting March 1st.

Cabin Fever Trivia Night: Friday, March 20th— 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Library's annual Cabin Fever Trivia Night will be held on March 20th. Prize winners for Trivia Night must be in attendance in order to win.

The Library will be hosting its annual Book Sale in March 2015. We are accepting donations at this time. We accept all reading materials **EXCEPT** for the following: VHS, Cassette Tapes, Magazines, Textbooks, Dictionaries, and Encyclopedias.

NEW GADGETS FOR CHECKOUT AT THE LIBRARY

Roku Streaming Player—This device gives you access to Netflix, Hulu, PBS kids and more, all on your T.V. Wireless internet access is required.

Chromecast— The Chromecast allows you to stream online video, music, photos and more to your TV using your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. The Chromecast supports a growing number of apps including Netflix, YouTube, HBO Go, Hulu Plus, Pandora, ESPN, MLB.TV, Google Play Movies and Music, Plex, and VEVO. Wireless high-speed internet is required.

Magellan eXplorist— eXplorist GC is built for a premium geocaching experience. Whether you're a seasoned geocacher with more than a thousand finds or a newbie that's interested in getting in on the action, eXplorist GC provides all the tricks of the trade.

Pico Projector—Play movies, audio and pictures, eliminating the need to pair it with an external device. Inputs on the tiny projector include a mini-HDMI slot, mini-VGA, USB and microSD, allowing full compatibility with a wide range of devices.

Nook— E-Reader that you can hook up to your computer at your home and checkout e-Books on 3M Cloud Library, Library on the Go, Zinio, and One Click Digital all for free, from the Library's website.

Technology Center— Area in the library that has access to Gimp (Photo editing software), Green Screen software, and online video tutorials.

BOOK CLUBS

Day Book Club: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

December 5th, January 2nd, February 6th

Each month the Day Book Club reads one fiction and one non-fiction book. Titles will be announced and given out during the book club. After the book club, the books will be available to check-out at the Circulation counter! Light refreshments will be available.

(The Day Book Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. on December 5th instead of 10:30 a.m.)

Evening Book Club: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Come join the Evening Book Club to discuss the following upcoming books! Discussion questions and a short informational handout about the author will be available for each book. Light refreshments will be available.

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| December 15th | <i>Book of Ages</i> by Jill Lepore |
| January 26th | <i>The Memory Palace</i> by Mira Bartok |
| February 23rd | <i>The House of Velvet and Glass</i> by Katherine Howe |

Goodreads Suggested Reading:

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| December 15th - January 24th | <i>I 356</i> by Bernard Cornwell |
| January 26th - February 21st | <i>Second Nature</i> by Jacquelyn Mitchard |
| February 23rd - March 21st | <i>A Long Fatal Love Chase</i> by Louisa May Alcott |

To participate in this book club we ask that you read the suggested book and then give us your written review of the book. Once we receive your reviews, we post them anonymously on the Library's Goodreads page *Rochester Reads*.

Book-to-Movie Club: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Come join the Book-to-Movie Club to watch a different movie based on a book every month. Reading the book ahead of time is optional. Snacks will be provided during the movie.

December 17th: *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)

Starring: Maureen O'Hara, Edmund Gwenn, and Natalie Wood. Based on a story by Valentine Davies.

January 21st: *The Big Sleep* (1946)

Starring: Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Based on the novel by Raymond Chandler.

February 18th: *Ragtime* (1981)

Starring: Elizabeth McGovern, Mary Steenburgen, Howard E. Rollins Jr., and James Cagney. Based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow.

Copies of the books associated with each movie will be available at the circulation desk.

Outreach Book Club: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

1st Wednesday of each month

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month for our Outreach Book Club discussion, held at the Senior Services of Central Illinois (701 W. Mason St. in Springfield). Each month participants will review a book read from the previous month and will leave with a new book for future discussion.

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| December 3rd | <i>The Girls of Atomic City</i> by Denise Kiernan |
| January 7th | <i>The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry</i> by Gabrielle Zevin |
| February 4th | <i>Sullivan's Island</i> by Dorothea Benton Frank |

SOCIAL EVENTS

Blood Drive: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

January 21st The Central Illinois Community Blood Center will be partnering with the Rochester Public Library for a winter blood drive. Please stop by the Library to pick up a book, then head to the Community Room next door to donate. Whether you are a regular or a first time donor, everyone is welcome!

Chess Club: 1:00 p.m.

Meets the 4th Monday of each month Do you enjoy playing chess or want to learn how? The Rochester Public Library is starting a Chess Club! Please sign up by calling 217-498-8454. For questions please ask for Cait or email us at cait.w@rochesterlibrary.org

Project Linus

Would you like to give your time and support to children in hospitals? If so, please stop by the Library at any time that is convenient for you during our open hours. Project Linus is a nonprofit organization that provides handmade blankets for security and comfort to children (infants to teens) in hospitals. No experience is necessary; we'll show you how to make the blankets! The Project Linus Blanket Kit is located in the Library's Craft Station.

Knowledgeable Knitters: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month We encourage both beginner and experienced knitters to come and share your knowledge at Knowledgeable Knitters!

Card Class: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meets the 1st Saturday of each month Come join in the fun of creating your own handmade cards for family and friends! Participants will make five all-occasion cards using rubber stamps and a variety of paper crafting techniques. The cost of supplies is \$10.00 for 5 cards or two of each design for \$18.00. Reserve your spot by calling Cheryl Soerensen at (217) 498-7335 on the Wednesday before each class. Please bring your own adhesive and scissors.

SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Rules of the Road Review Course: Thursday, January 22nd— 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This course is to help drivers keep informed of changes to the rules of the road, and to refresh them on rules that are already in place. **Registration is required.**

AARP Smart Driver Course: Tuesday, March 24th and Wed., March 25th—12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This course consists of two four-hour sessions for experienced drivers age 50 and over. The cost of the course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Attending the course will allow for a discount on most driver's insurance. **Registration is required.**

The Writer's Station:

December- What is Your Winter Holiday Memory?

January- Tell us about a past New Year's resolution that you were successful or unsuccessful with.

February - Pick one of the love stories listed and write your own version of what really happened, from a side character's point of view.

Detailed instructions will be given at the Writer's Station located in the Library

Book-A-Librarian: Every Wednesday between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Did you know you can check out **free** electronic books, audiobooks, and magazines on your e-reader from your local library? Did you know if you have web searching abilities on your cell phone, you can access your Library account to renew your books from your current location? Did you also know that you can open your Library account from your home computer? Call the Rochester Library today to book your FREE 30-minute session to learn how!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - FAMILY EVENTS

Disney Trivia Night: Wednesday, December 3rd — 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Test your Disney trivia knowledge at this free family event. Questions are designed for all members of the family. Kids are encouraged to dress up/wear their favorite Disney character. There will be door prizes, and the table with the most correct answers wins a prize basket! Punch and popcorn will be served, but families are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Please call or stop in the library to reserve your family's table. Eight players per table. Seating is limited. **Registration Required.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - WINTER STORY-TIMES

Lapsit: Mondays— 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Lapsit story-time is for infants ages 0-23 months old. Join us for songs, simple stories, movements, and play. **No Registration Required. Drop-ins welcome!**

Morning Story-Time: Wednesdays— 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Morning story-time is for ages 2-5 years old. We have fun listening to stories, singing songs, and making a simple craft. **No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!**

December 3rd —Penguins 10th —Let it Snow! 17th —Happy Holidays

January 7th — Art Appreciation 14th —Bundle Up! 21st —Polar Bears 28th —Rain Forest

February 4th —Oceans 11th Valentine's Day 18th —Chicka Chicka Boom Boom 25th —Let's Dance

Evening Story-Time: Thursdays— 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

For ages 3-8 years old. We do story-time backwards! Arts and crafts come first, then we'll wind down with some stories and songs. Children are invited to wear their PJ's to this cozy story-time.

No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

December 4th —Penguins 11th —Let it Snow! 18th —Happy Holidays

January 8th —Art Appreciation 15th —Bundle Up! 22nd —Polar Bears 29th —Rain Forest

February 5th —Oceans 12th —Valentine's Day 19th —Chicka Chicka Boom Boom 26th —Let's Dance

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chess Club: 1st Tuesday of the Month— 6:30-7:30 p.m.

December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd

Looking for a place to meet other chess players? Want to learn the basics? The library will host a Chess Club for players aged 6-12 years old. Bring your own chess set or use the library's set.

No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

Read to Gabbie the Therapy Dog: 3rd Tuesday of the Month— 5:45-6:45 p.m.

December 16th, January 20th, February 17th

Readers are invited to practice their skills when they read to a REAL, LIVE therapy dog! Don't forget to bring your Read to Gabbie Frequent Reader Card! Call to reserve your fifteen minute time slot today.

Registration required.

LEGO Club: Saturday, December 6th— 1:00-2:00p.m

This month's event includes a FIRST LEGO League Expo! Teams will be on hand to display their LEGO models and present their FIRST CLASS research. Teams will teach adults about the ways that kids want to learn. Get ready for a whole new class—FLL World Class! The robot game will be set up and teams will demonstrate their robots in action. After the expo, stay and play with LEGOS.

No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

Fancy Nancy Party: Saturday, January 17th — 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Calling all fancy kids aged 6-11. You are cordially invited to a Fancy Nancy Soiree! We will read some *Fancy Nancy* stories, make fancy crowns and wands, and roll out the red carpet to model our designs. We will practice our posture and learn proper eating etiquette. Juice and cookies provided. **Registration Required.**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party: Saturday, February 7th — 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Kids ages 8-13 are invited to the Library for this fun event. We will play Diary of a Wimpy Kid Trivia and the Cheese Touch Game, have a Toilet Paper Contest, and show off our stick person drawing skills. **Registration Required.**

MakerLab

Check out the Rochester Public Library's new portable MakerLab during our winter Open House sessions. MakerLab projects build STEAM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math). The lab consists of craft supplies, painting supplies, jewelry making equipment, box o'random, squishy circuits, LEDs, Arduino microcontrollers, and more!

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| <i>Tuesday, January 20th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.</i> | MakerLab Open House for R.I.S.E. Members (Rochester Independent Science Experiments Group) |
| <i>Tuesday, February 17th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.</i> | MakerLab Open House for all High School Students |
| <i>Tuesday, February 17th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.</i> | MakerLab Open House for Rochester Rockets Robotics Club |
| <i>Saturday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.</i> | MakerLab Open House for Kids Grades 4 - 6 |
| <i>Saturday, February 21st, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.</i> | MakerLab Open House for Kids Grades 7 - 8 |

TEEN PROGRAMS**Touch Screen Gloves: Tuesday, December 23rd — 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

For ages 12-18. Can't answer your smartphone when it's cold outside? We will take a pair of ordinary gloves and turn them into touchscreen gloves using AnyGlove and Puffer Paint. **Registration Required.**

Light Painting: Wednesday, January 14th — 3:30-5:00 p.m.

For ages 12-18. We will create unique photographs experimenting with light and exposure settings. Please bring anything that emits light (flashlight, glow sticks, light up toys, etc.)

Hot Pepper Challenge: Wednesday, February 18th — 3:30-5:00 p.m.

For ages 12-18. Can you handle the heat? Come to the Library and test your taste buds to see if you have what it takes to try various types of hot peppers on the Scoville scale. Milk will be provided.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

The Teen Book Club meets on selected Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Copies of these books will be available for checkout at the Library.

December 17th *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman

January 28th *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

February 25th *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Meets the first Wednesday of each month — 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Ages 12-18 are welcome to attend. Teen Advisory Board members provide advice on book purchases for the library and teen programming. If you would like to contribute your ideas, please join us!

Bunco and Bagels : December 8th, January 12th, February 9th—10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun game of BUNCO during the fall on the second Monday of each month! Wyndcrest Assisted Living has graciously offered to host this fun dice game at their facility, located at 4817 Oak Hill Rd in Rochester. Bagels and coffee will be provided. Please contact the library to reserve your spot.

Wish List

Have you been looking for a way to help the Library but don't have the time to volunteer? New to the Library is our Wish List of items that we would like to have purchased to add to our library collection. It's simple to do! Simply visit our Wish List center located near the Circulation Desk, pick out the item you would like to purchase, and pay for it at the Circulation Desk. Donors who purchase an item through our Wish List will be individually recognized with a bookplate attached to the item.

Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa has launched at the library! Stop in any time to make a dress, if you are an experienced sewer. If you are looking for assistance or if you are interested in making a pillow case dress with your group or organization, we can help you with that as well! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month between 6:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. for dress making! For this project, Rochester Library is now accepting donations of new/used pillowcases. Please drop off your donation at the Community Donation Center.

Community Donation Center

Rochester Public Library is continuously updating our Community Donation Center and adding new donation collections. If you have an organization that you would like to suggest we work with, please call our Outreach Coordinator, Susan, at the Library. Please remember to stop by the Donation Center before leaving the Library to see the different organizations we are collecting for!

December: National Tie Month, Toys for Tots, and Sojourn Dove Trees

December is National Tie Month, which means it's time to donate your ugly ties or the ones that you no longer want. Ties of all sizes and colors will be accepted during the month of December and donated to local housing shelters.

Toys for Tots will also be running through December 12th. Drop off any new and unwrapped toys inside the Library for the children this holiday season!

Sojourn Dove Trees— Help adult and child victims of domestic violence this holiday season. Take a Dove from one of our Dove Trees and purchase the item on the back. Return the purchased item, unwrapped or wrapped to Circulation Desk. If you wrap the item, please attach the Dove to the outside of the package. All items **must** be returned to the library by December 10, 2014. Donated items will then be delivered to Sojourn Shelter and Services, located in Springfield.

January: National Soup Month

In honor of National Soup Month, the Library will be collecting cans of soup during the month of January! All donations will be distributed to the Central Illinois Food Bank.

February: National Children's Dental Health Month

During this month, we will be collecting new (must be packaged) toothbrushes to be distributed to a local charity for those in need.

Ongoing Collections

Allison's Angel Gowns: Donations of clean and gently used wedding gowns are being collected to transform into beautiful gowns for angel babies. Angel gowns are offered free of charge to anyone who loses a child and would like one.

Big Brother / Big Sister & Boys and Girls Club of Springfield: Collecting board games

Sangamon County Juvenile Detention Center: Collecting juvenile and young adult books

Rochester Lion's Club: Collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids

Rochester School District 3A: Box Tops for Education

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Tuesday: 10a.m.—8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10a.m.—8 p.m.
Thursday: 10a.m.—8 p.m.
Friday: 10a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday: 10a.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Wednesday and Thursday, December 24th and 25th—Christmas

Wednesday and Thursday, December 31st and January 1st—New Years Eve and Day

Monday, January 19th —Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 16th— President's Day

BOOK DONORS

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| Cathleen Kelly | Forrest Holsapple |
| Polly Jamison | John "The Schwans Man" |
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