**Indoor Holiday Market**

December 7th  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The market will take place in the Rochester Community Room. We have an assortment of vendors including, but not limited to, baked goods, crafts, direct sales & more! Come visit some of your favorite summer vendors and meet some new ones! We will also be accepting donations for the Sojourn Peace Tree.

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**Santa at the Library**

Saturday, December 14th  2:00-3:30

Santa Claus is coming to the library (and he likes to catch the ride over on a firetruck)!

Games, snacks, and crafts will be available while your child waits for their chance to sit on Santa’s lap.

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**NewsGuard**

The library has partnered with NewsGuard. The purpose of NewsGuard is not to limit accessibility in any way, but to provide users with tools to access the reliability of news websites through a browser extension on the library computers. A team of trained journalists monitor news websites and produce "Nutrition Labels" for each site, which serve as reviews of the creditably and transparency of the news provider. The weighted point process will have either a pass or fail rating which is shown with a flag icon displayed on the websites. Patron Privacy is always a library priority - NewsGuard does not track any patron searches or traffic.

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**Roku & Hotspot Kit now available!**

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**Sojourn Peace Tree**

Last day to donate is December 16th

Take a peace sign from one of our Peace Trees and purchase the item listed. Return items (wrapped or unwrapped) to the circulation desk. If you wrap the item, please attach the peace sign to the outside of the package. Donated items will be delivered to Sojourn Shelter and Services in Springfield.

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**The many reasons why we love the Rochester Library**

Look for these speech bubbles throughout this newsletter to see reasons why our Board loves our library.

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**Blind Date with a Book**

January 1st—February 29th

After reading 3 “surprise” books from the display, you will pick which book was your favorite and why. Your name will be entered into a drawing for a $25 gift card!
Have you met...?
Jazmyn Jarrett

Jazmyn has been with our library for a total of three years, and has progressed her position from Page, to Circulation Assistant, to Adult Services Coordinator. Now that she is managing the adult programs, she has realized that in the past few years there are not enough programs specifically for young adults to participate in at the library. Her mission is to not only bring in free educational classes, but fun programs for young emerging adults!

Learning Essential Oils

EO for Winter Wellness
$5/workshop
Register
EO for Winter Wellness
Tuesday, December 10th 6:00 p.m.
This fun, hands-on class will give you the tools you need to keep everyone in your family healthy and happy this winter! Everyone will have the opportunity to make a custom blend of oils to take home to support the immune system during the winter months.

EO for an Active Lifestyle
Register
EO for an Active Lifestyle
Tuesday, January 14th 6:00 p.m.
Join dōTERRA Wellness Advocate, Suzanne Meyer, as she shares the basics of Essential Oils and their usage and delves into oils specifically for pre-workout energy and post-workout recovery as well as general overall wellness for today’s active lifestyle. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a custom blend of oils to take home to support the body pre- or post-exercise.

EO and Pets
Register
EO and Pets
Tuesday, February 4th 6:00 p.m.
Join dōTERRA Wellness Advocate, Suzanne Meyer, as she shares the basics of Essential Oils and their usage and offers suggestions for their safe use on and around your pets. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a custom oil blend to support the health of their dog or cat.

Book-to-Movie Club
3rd Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.
December 18th
The Man Who Invented Christmas (2017)
Based on the book by Les Standiford
Starring: Dan Stevens, Jonathan Pryce & Christopher Plummer
January 15th
A River Runs Through It (1992)
Based on the novel by Norman Maclean
Starring: Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt & Tom Skerritt
February 19th
The Handmaid’s Tale (1990)
Based on the novel by Margaret Atwood
Starring: Natasha Richardson, Faye Dunaway, Elizabeth McGovern & Robert Duvall

Paint Night
December 11th | 6:00 p.m. | $35
Grab a bottle of wine, some snacks, and join us for a fun night in! Lindsay from Painted Love is back to guide you step-by-step as you create your own painting!

Technology Classes
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all technology classes
Join us for a series of technology classes. Identify some of the skills needed to help you master your devices. You’ll have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals and understand the basics. Register for all three or just the ones you need!

Cut the Cable
Tuesday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.
Register
Streaming Music from Your Phone
Tuesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m.
Register
Get to Know the Basics of the Computer (2hr class)
Tuesday, February 11th at 2:00 p.m.
Register

The Rochester community is very lucky to have such a modern resource center available at their fingertips!

-Diana Fairchild
Summer in the Winter Seashell Crafts

Thursday, February 20th | 2:00 p.m.

Is the gloominess of winter bringing you down? Does summer seem too far away? Join us for a couple hours of making summer seashell crafts! Bring in plain picture frames, vases, empty bottles, or any home decor with you to make it more summery! You will also have the chance to make shell wind chimes and wall hangings. Assorted seashells & supplies will be provided for crafts that will help rid the seasonal depression from your home!

Register

Emerging Adult Programs

“Adulting” 101

Are you too old to attend teen programs, but adult programs don’t quite fit either? Looking to be around young adults your age? Join us for one of our new Emerging Adults Programs!

Financial Independence

Saturday, January 25th | 1:00 p.m. | 18+ | Registration Required

- Making a suitable budget for your income
- Opening a bank account
- Saving while you shop
- Large purchases (phones & cars) & maintaining them

Renting Your First Home

Saturday, February 22nd | 1:00 p.m. | Registration Required

- Figuring out what you can reasonably afford
- How much you should save up before moving (not including rent)
- Important purchases for your home
- Things to always keep well stocked

Monday Romance Matinees

2:00 p.m.

- La La Land (2016) - Jan 6th
- Pretty Woman (1990) - Jan 13th
- Sleepless in Seattle (1993) - Jan 27th
- A Walk to Remember (2002) - Feb 3rd
- Valentine’s Day (2010) - Feb 10th

The library offers a vast array of programs for people for all ages.

-Jim Sichlau, Trustee

Fitness at the Library

Tai Chi

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. January & February | $2/Class
Leave a message for Rhonda at 217-331-8140

A slow gentle form of exercise, Tai Chi has been shown to increase stamina, improve cardiovascular function, help lower blood pressure, reduce stress, improve breathing, decrease anxiety and depression, and improve mood.

There are no complicated movements to learn, just follow along with Rhonda, relax, and enjoy the flowing movements!

Please consult your physician before starting any new workouts.

Chair Yoga

Every other Thursday 7:00 p.m.
December 5th and 19th
January 2nd, 16th, and 30th
February 13th

Have you ever wanted to start working out but was unsure where to start? Do gyms intimidate you? Are you needing extra accountability to reach your goals? Come join us for fun, friends, and fitness every other Thursday evening. It’s open to any and all fitness levels and is a safe space to be yourself all while starting your journey to a better you! Wear workout clothes & tennis shoes.

Welcome to those of all ages! Chair yoga is especially beneficial to those who work in offices, those with knee issues, or other injuries or limited mobility who may shy away from traditional yoga! Chair yoga is a great way to stretch, learn the benefits of the breath, and how to relax (plus a few laughs).

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ADULT PROGRAMS / OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 18th | 3:30—6:00 p.m.
The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be on site with their Bloodmobile. To schedule an appointment please call the Community Blood Center at (217) 241-7550 or register online at www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide helps low-to-moderate income taxpayers have more discretionary income for everyday essentials, such as food and housing, by assisting with tax services and ensuring that they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has helped low-to-moderate income individuals for more than 40 years in every state and the District of Columbia. Tax-Aide is offered in cooperation with the IRS.

Tax Days at the Library, in conjunction with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, are available on select Fridays BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
Call 1-888-OUR-AARP in order to register.

Our library community is exactly that – a COMMUNITY. Both ongoing and newly added opportunities to be involved in the Rochester and surrounding communities are offered such as needs donations, seasonal drives, outreach activities, and other numerous chances to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of others.
- Jessica Ingold, Vice President

AARP Tax-Aide

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Youth Services

**Toddler Time**
Mondays from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m.

This storytime is for kids aged 19-35 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome as well! This energetic storytime is just right for your tot. No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

**Baby Lapsit**
Thursdays from 10:10 -10:30 a.m.

Lapsit storytime is for kids aged 0-18 months. Join us for songs, simple stories, movements, and play. No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

**Morning Storytime**
W ednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Morning Storytime is for children aged 2-5 years old. We have fun listening to stories, singing songs, making simple crafts, and sensory play. No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

**January**
- 8th — *Dinosaurs Galore* | 15th — *Three Little Pigs* | 22nd — *Wind* | 29th — *Clothing*
- 1st — *Oceans* | 8th — *Monsters Love Colors* | 15th — *Hands* | 22nd — *Water*

**February**
- 5th — *Oceans* | 12th — *Monsters Love Colors* | 19th — *Hands* | 26th — *Water*

No Morning Storytime in December
REGISTRATION REQUIRED—NO EXCEPTIONS

There is a ten participant maximum. We will be offering the same program on two different days this year in order to accommodate the high interest in these programs. Please, if you register for a program make sure you follow through and attend the program. If you are unable to attend please give us at least a 24-hour notice so that we can fill your spot with someone else who is interested.

**Ancient Civilization Series**

In this series, we will be using History Pockets to create a portfolio of all of your kids’ projects that will be created while learning about clothing, vocabulary, and geography of three different civilizations.

**Ancient Mesopotamia**
Thursday, December 12th OR Friday, December 13th
1:00—2:00
**Thurs. Register**  **Fri. Register**

**Ancient Egypt**
Thursday, January 9th OR Friday, January 10th
1:00—2:00 p.m.
**Thurs. Register**  **Fri. Register**

**Ancient Greece**
Thursday, February 13th OR Friday February 14th
1:00—2:00 p.m.
**Thurs. Register**  **Fri. Register**

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**STEAM**

Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics
4:30—5:30 P.M. | MAX PER PROGRAM: 10
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STEAM PROGRAMS

**Watercolor Magic** | Tuesday, December 17th
**Register**

**Printmaking** | Tuesday, January 21st
**Register**

**Fabric Collage** | Tuesday, February 18th
**Register**

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**Introducing**
This year's therapy dogs!

Kids can make a choice of reading to Gabbie or Pixie this year! You will register your kids to read for 15-min intervals. **Call to register.**

**Pixie** will be available from 6:00—7:00 p.m. :
Tuesday, December 10th | Tuesday, January 14th
Tuesday, February 11th

**Gabbie** will be available from 6:00—7:00 p.m. :
Monday, December 2nd | Monday December 16th
Monday January 6th | Tuesday, January 21st
Monday, February 3rd | Monday, February 24th

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As a mom and homeschool educator, I can always find the curriculum and resources I need. The inter-library loan program has saved me hundreds of dollars and I am able to find materials online. If I need specific materials and can’t find it at the library, the staff always go the extra mile to find it for me, and can also answer any technology question I have.
- Elaine Honomichl-Lewis, Secretary

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**Bound by Yarn**

Every Tuesday | 6:00 p.m.
Come and relax with us while we knit or crochet. If you need some help figuring out a project, someone is here to help!
Ages: 8 & Up
December Christmas Movies

Wednesday Mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Get comfortable with your favorite pillow and blanket while enjoying some of your favorite Christmas Movies!

December 4th  December 11th  December 18th

The Library is very responsive to community needs. Staff are constantly seeking to fill any gaps they find.
-Sarah Deen, Treasurer

March Marvel Trivia

Saturday, January 11th | 1:00—3:00 p.m.
Register

Prove your might at our family Marvel Trivia event! We will test your knowledge on everyone from the X-Men and Avengers to Luke Cage and even Stan Lee himself. Prizes for highest scores! Superhero T-shirts encouraged!

Minute to Win It Games

Saturday, February 8th | 10:00—11:00 a.m. and 1:00—2:00 p.m.

These fun games will have the whole family laughing and interacting without the use of technology. We hope you’re not too competitive because these games will have everyone invested in the outcome. We will also learn about good sportsmanship and how just playing the game can be fun. We will be stacking, building, catching, and wrapping. Come and join the fun!

Cops for Kids

Saturday, February 29th | 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Teen Programs

(For 13 to 18-year-olds unless otherwise specified)

Writing Type
(Teen Writing Group)

Tuesdays 6:00—7:00 p.m.

TEENS: Looking for feedback on writing or have questions about career skills (i.e. resumes, cover letters, interviews, etc.)? Use our book-a-librarian resource to schedule a session with Ayla (youth services assistant) on a Tuesday evening before or after Writing Type.
https://tinyurl.com/yyu4sgb

Looking to explore and/or share an interest in creative writing? Join us as we begin to develop a new circle of fellow writers! With this group we will discover a place to create, share, collaborate, and encourage the writing of each other and ourselves. Feel free to bring something to work on or share, but we will also play around with a multitude of writing activities.
P.S. Bring your favorite pen and notebook or a hard copy of your work, we’re going to start this out pretty old school.
P.P.S. Paper and writing utensils can be provided if forgotten or needed.

After Hours Study Cafe

Tuesday, January 14th | 7:00—9:00 p.m.

You bring the books and laptops, we’ll bring the caffeine and snacks! We’ll create a relaxed, cafe-style atmosphere for your evening study session before finals begin. Snacks will include hot and cold beverages as well as some brain-stimulating and comfort foods.

Career Assessment

Friday, February 21st | 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Grab your laptop and a friend, and get a “reality check”! The library has been introduced to a new resource from the Illinois Department of Employee Security that helps match your skills, interests, and future lifestyle choices into suggestions for careers. Discover what you need to help become the best future you! Snacks will be provided while you take and discuss your personality evaluations.
Teen Holiday Party

Friday, December 20th | 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Don’t be a Grinch; come celebrate with us! We’ll have Whoville ornament making and Whoville snacks. Plus, we’ll have an interactive showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas starring Jim Carrey!

Book-To-Movie-Club

Join us for this book club designed specifically for teens! Each month we’ll watch a movie based on a book. Before watching the movie, stop in and grab a copy of the book upon which the movie was based. Then, come and join us for a free film and free popcorn. Extra points for dressing like your favorite character! Too busy to commit to both aspects of the club? Feel free to just read the book or just join us for the movie. Then, after watching the movie, discuss what you think about the book vs. the movie with your fellow teens. No registration required.

*December movie showing during holiday party*

January 24th | 6:00 p.m.
To Kill a Mockingbird

February 28th | 6:00 p.m.
The Outsiders

Teen Advisories Board
First Friday of every month @ 5:00 pm
Looking for something to do outside of school? Have some great ideas with your friends for projects or activities you’d like to share with the community? Look no further than your local library! We are looking for any voice ages 13-18 to help us help you make those involvements come true! Please join us for discussion on how the library can provide services for what you want to do. We look forward to having you here!

Teen Homeschool - Poetry Out Loud

The Rochester Public Library District would like to serve as a facilitator for any homeschool students 9-12th grades who would like to participate in the Poetry Out Loud arts education program! Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, and the state and jurisdictional arts agencies (Poetry Out Loud - About Us). Our youth services department would be available to assist in reserving rehearsal space, looking over suggested curriculum, and serving as a test audience for performance practice. For more information about the contest please visit: https://www.poetryoutloud.org/

IL Regional Contest, February 13th @ 4:00 p.m.
State Contest, March 2nd @ 10:00 a.m.
Both held at Hoodland Center, public Welcome.
If interested, please contact the youth services director.

It is the place to be for the children offering everything from story time to puppets. Where else can kids get a basic knowledge of how money works, a sense of adventure found in books, and a way to get information to help them succeed in school?
- Fred Roese, President

Teen Homeschool - Art Series

Registration Required for all Homeschool programs.
10 registration max.

1:00—2:00 p.m.
December 12th—Printmaking  Register
Looking for a new way to send your holiday greetings? Try printmaking! We’ll discuss the history of technical and artistic printmaking, then show you how to make prints of your own even at home!

January 9th—Positive & Negative Space  Register
Negative and positive space are both important in the world of art. Let’s examine the difference and then use a yin-yang approach to make your own No-tan expansion of the square project.

February 13th—Hand building Pottery  Register
$5 fee required for this program*
We will discuss and test the three different methods of pottery hand building. After exploring these methods you will have time to create a small vessel of your own to take home.

*Register
# Adult Programs Calendar

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Food for Fines 1st - 22nd

Blind Date w/ a Book 1/1 - 2/29

Seed library volunteers needed 2/6
# Youth Programs Calendar

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Monday: 10a.m.—8 p.m.
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

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January 20th—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17th—President’s Day

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