Our goal this year is to bring Sarah’s Garden back to life! We’re inviting people of all ages to come & use your art skills to help brighten the garden! We are providing all the supplies. The Community Room is reserved from 3:00 - 5:00 every Monday night March through October, but feel free to ask to use the supplies whenever you can come in!

This June we are having a community art contest!! Anyone can participate! All art has to be able to hang on a wall in one piece. There will be 3 winners, all of whom will have their art hanging in the library. The attire is semi-formal & food and drink will be provided.

Did you know that we offer...
- 3D printer
- Cricut machine
- Wifi hotspots
- Roku
- GoPros
- Digital camera
- Projector and screen
- iPads for checkout
- Free notary service
- All youth materials are now fine free
- Access to items in a consortium that includes over 500 Illinois libraries.
- Cake pans and cake decorating kits!
- One on one Book-A-Librarian for any Tech help!
- Springfield library card holders can use our library!

and more!

“Each Monday my great granddaughter Tiegan and I go to the library. She reads a book to me, we select several books for her to check out and she then entertains me with a puppet show. Last week she was introduced to ordering a book from another library and being placed on a waiting list for a book currently checked out. Tiegan’s favorite little known feature about our library is that children can check out one of the many puppets owned by the magical place where all the books are kept.”

- Jim Sichlau
The Day Book Club reads one fiction and one non-fiction book each month. Books are handed out at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

- **March 16** *The Orchid House* by Lucinda Riley
- **April 20** *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict
- **May 18** *The Address* by Fiona Davis

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!**

- **How to Use the Card Catalog**
  - **Tuesday, April 21st** at 2:00 p.m.
- **E-Books at Your Library**
  - **Tuesday, March 24th** at 2:00 p.m.
- **Social Media for Beginners**
  - **Tuesday, May 26th** at 2:00 p.m.

### Learning Essential Oils

**EO for Emotional Wellness**
- **Register**
  - **Tuesday, March 24th** at 5:30 p.m.
  - Feeling blue this winter? Need a mood boost? Join doTERRA Wellness Advocate, Suzanne Meyer, for this fun, hands-on class as she shares how Essential Oils are used to support your emotional health. Create a custom oil blend to help beat the winter blues!

**EO for Children’s Health**
- **Register**
  - **Tuesday, April 7th** at 5:30 p.m.
  - This fun, hands-on class will give you the tools you need to keep your kids healthy and happy this year! Everyone will have the opportunity to create a custom blend of oils to take home to support the immune system year round!

**EO for Sleep & Stress**
- **Register**
  - **Tuesday, May 12th** at 5:30 p.m.
  - Too stressed out to sleep? Join doTERRA Wellness Advocate, Suzanne Meyer, for this fun, hands-on class as she shares how Essential Oils are used to mitigate stress and the health problems it can cause, allowing you to fall asleep more easily at bedtime. Create a custom oil blend to help with stress and help you to sleep soundly at night without medication.

### Tai Chi

- **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. March 10th—April 28th** | $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.

### Mommy & Me Paint Night

- **Register**
  - **Thursday, May 7th** at 5:00 p.m. | $35
  - Registration and payment due April 23rd
  - Lindsay from Painted Love is back to guide you step-by-step as you create your own matching painting!

### Book-to-Movie Club

- **3rd Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.**
  - **March 18** *Into the Woods* (2014)
  - Starring: Meryl Streep, James Corden, Emily Blunt & Anna Kendrick.

- **April 15** *Cats* (2019)
  - Based on the book of poetry Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats. By T.S. Eliot
  - Starring: Jennifer Hudson, Idris Elba, Taylor Swift, Reba Wilson, James Corden
  - Judi Dench, & Ian McKellen

- **May 20** *We Were Soldiers* (2002)
  - Based on the book by Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore
  - Starring: Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe, Greg Kinnear, & Sam Elliot.
Adolescent Programs / Outreach Programs

Saturdays March 7th | April 11th | May 9th | 8:30—NOON

Instructor: Cheryl Soerensen
Supply Cost $10/5 Cards, $18/two each design.
To register, call Cheryl at (217) 498-7335 by the Wednesday before each class to reserve your spot. Please bring your own adhesive and scissors.

Throughout this newsletter see why our patrons say they LOVE the Library!
● Cosette, the bunny! ● STORYTIME ● DVDS ●

Coming Soon!

The Rochester Public Library was awarded the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Resolved to Stay Active Grant! The library will have 20 FitBit Inspire HR available for checkout!

Book Donation Policy

The Library is grateful for donations throughout the year. Your donations help us acquire materials that we might otherwise have been unable to purchase and also supply us with materials for our annual Book Sale. However, due to the high volume of donations we will only be able to receive donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Items must not be older than TEN years old and in good condition. Donations should be brought in a disposable container that we can keep-limit two. We also ask that donations are not put in the book drop. We cannot accept Magazines, Textbooks, Encyclopedias, Reader’s Digest Condensed Books, VHS and cassette tapes, and materials with mold, insect, or other natural damage.

Wednesday, April 15th | 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.

Reverse Canvas Farmhouse Sign

Thursday, April 2nd | 6:00—8:00 p.m. | $15 per sign | Registration Required
Learn how to make a reverse canvas sign! These are all the rage right now, this class will show you step-by-step how to create a masterpiece for your home while adding some farmhouse flair!!

Registration & payment due by March 26th.

Emerging Adult Programs

Dear Me, I love you.
March 21st | 1:00 p.m.
Gina Lusardi will be guiding participants on how to love themselves, recognize toxic relationships and how to help others in toxic relationships.

D.I.Y. Clay Plates
May 16th | 1:00 p.m. | $5 per plate
Registration Required by May 2nd
Spruce up your personal space by making some accessory plates & bowls from air dry clay & personalizing it with a little paint. This is the perfect look for minimalists & those who love to keep things organized!

The Rochester Public Library was awarded the National Library Workers Day April 21st.

Come celebrate with us with some sweet treats!

• Knowledgable •

National Library Workers Day

This is us blended and blessed

• Homeschool Programs • Summer Rec • Safe Place •
REGISTRATION REQUIRED—NO EXCEPTIONS

There is a **20 participant maximum**. 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. All parents are expected to help their children to accomplish their projects during the class.

**Erosion Bottles**

**Thursday, March 12th | 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

This experiment will show kids how soil is protected and what happens when it is not. We will run the experiment together and all kids will go home with a set of instructions so they can make their own experiment at home.

**Seedling Pots**

**Thursday, April 9th | 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Let’s learn how to make seedling pots. They are perfect for planting outside in the ground because they will decompose in the soil without causing any harm. You will make one but since they need to dry for 24 hours at least we will have some already made so you can plant some seeds the same day.

**Butterfly Feeder**

**Thursday, May 14th | 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Like bees, butterflies are very important for plants. They pollinate flowers, enabling a plant to produce fruit and seeds. You can attract butterflies to your yard or balcony with this easy-to-make butterfly feeder.

**EDUCODE | Tuesday, March 17th**

We ask that your child bring their own laptop or Chromebook and we will get them signed up for Educode and let them have some fun learning how to code their own computer game.

**Perpetual Calendars | Tuesday, April 21st**

We will be creating a Perpetual calendar that your child will take home and can either keep or give as a gift. By creating this calendar your child will be exploring the cycle of days, months, and years.

**Statistics | Tuesday, May 19th**

Your child will be able to use these fun, colorful shakers to explore probability or for generating random numbers for board games. After completing the shakers we will play a fun probability game!

**THERAPY DOGS**

Register your child to read to one of our best friends! Kids can make a choice of reading to Gabbie, Pixie, or Coal this year! You will register your kid[s] to read for 15-min intervals.

6:00—7:00 p.m. | Call to register.

**Pixie will be here to listen to your reader on:**

- Tuesday, March 31st | Tuesday, April 28th
- Tuesday, May 12th

**Gabbie or Coal will be here to listen to your reader on:**

- Tuesday, March 10th | Monday March 30th
- Tuesday April 14th | Thursday, April 30th
- Tuesday, May 5th | Thursday, May 28th

**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

**Movies in the Summer**
Toddler Time
Mondays from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m.
This storyline is for kids aged 19-35 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome as well! This energetic storyline is just right for your tot. No registration required. Drop-ins welcome!

March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
April: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
May: 4th, 11th, 18th

Morning Storytime
Wednesdays 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!


April Movies- 1st — Peppa Pig Muddy Puddles | 8th — Curious George | 22nd — Paw Patrol: Pups Save the Bunnies | 29th — Peppa Pig: Sun, Sea & Snow

May- 6th — Nurses | 13th — Frog Jumping | 20th — Strawberries | 27th — Hamburgers

NO STORYTIME IN APRIL, JOIN US FOR MOVIES!

Educode the 4th Tuesday of every month | 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Every lesson starts with fun story-based animated videos and gamified projects that not only show students how to code, but also how it works in the real world. This group is for kids ages as follows.

7-9 Programming in Javascript | 10-12 Game Development | 13—15 Web Development | 16—18 Data Science Python

We ask that the kids bring their own laptop or Chromebook. There will be someone available to get the kids signed in and started after which they will be working independently.

Help is always available and questions are always answered ● ● ● ● The play area!
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.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/yyu4sgb)**

**NEW IN 2020**

As of January 1, 2020 we no longer charge overdue fines for any youth materials!

556 children can now use their library card.

- Video Games •  • Summer Reading & Summer Rec •
TEEN PROGRAMS

After Hours Study Cafe
Tuesday, May 19th | 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.

Teen Trivia
Disney’s Many Universes
Friday, March 20th | 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Princesses! And robots! And lightsabers! OH MY! Come test your knowledge of one of the biggest family-content entertainment industries. Dressing like your favorite character? Always encouraged.

Teen Advisory 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!

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.

March 27th | 6:00 p.m.
The Help

April 24th | 6:00 p.m.
Howl’s Moving Castle

May 22nd | 6:00 p.m.
Imitation Game

Teen Homeschool - Environmental Ethics
[Documentary Series]
Registration Required for all Homeschool programs.
10 registration max.
1:00—2:00 p.m.
Join us for a viewing and discussion on some of the environmental ethics topics we face today.

March 12th—Chasing Ice
James Balog and his team on the Extreme Ice Survey assemble a multiyear chronicle of the planet’s rapidly melting glaciers.

April 9th—Bag It
Jeb Berrier, a regular American man, makes a pledge to stop using plastic bags at the grocery store and has his life completely changed.

May 14th—More than Honey
Beekeepers, scientists and others discuss the world’s declining bee population and what it may mean for modern society.

Board Game Night
Friday, April 17th | 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Apples to Apples, Spoons, Forbidden Island, and MORE! Tired of being cooped up in your house? Grab a friend and come have a little friendly competition with our quarterly board game night. We’ll provide snacks and some board games, but feel free to bring your favorite!
## Adult Programs Calendar

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